

## Universidad de Concepción, Chile

Dr. Anibal Pauchard, Associate Professor, Faculty of Forest Sciences

On July 30-31, 2009 Dr. Anibal Pauchard visited NC State to explore opportunities to expand collaboration between Universidad de Concepcion and NC State, with particular interest in forest ecology, biotechnology, tree breeding and conservation. The Chile Forest Resources Exchange Program (<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop/Chile/>) facilitated the visit. He met with faculty and administrators from the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources and gave a seminar entitled, "Invasive plants in Chile: Patterns, mechanisms and impacts." The visit also included a discussion with Dr. Bailian Li, Vice Provost for International Affairs and other OIA staff regarding how to advance the ongoing collaborations between the two institutions.

The student exchange program has been very successful, though it has not included any students from forestry. Language proficiency and living expenses can be a challenge for student exchanges. Some of the opportunities to expand our collaboration include development of new faculty-led exchange programs, short-term courses with global content, joint research proposals to help fund such exchanges, and utilizing technologies for distance education and co-teaching various courses. Dr. Pauchard's visit provided the opportunity to establish new connections with faculty in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources as well as set out meaningful opportunities to expand collaboration between NC State and the Universidad de Concepción.

Dr. Anibal Pauchard's web page: <http://www2.udec.cl/~pauchard/>

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