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**PREFACE****About the Symposium**

The symposium on Montane Mainland Southeast Asia in Transition was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on November 12-16, 1995. It was attended by 155 participants from 22 countries. The symposium was organised by the CMU-consortium, a collection of research groups within Chiang Mai University, in collaboration with a number of national institutions, namely, the Chinese Academy of Sciences/Kunming, Kunming Institute of Botany, Institute of Rural Economy of the Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences and the Vietnam Upland Management Working Group, Thailand Development Research Institute, CARE International - Thailand, and international institutions, which included Ford Foundation, East-West Centre, Institute on Environment and Development, Southeast Asian Universities Agroecosystems Network, Centre for International Forestry Research, International Centre for Research on Agroforestry and SAMUTE.

In the beginning: only a small meeting, provided for by a line item in a grant from the Ford Foundation to Chiang Mai University, had been planned to give an opportunity for CMU researchers to interact with colleagues working on similar problems of upland resource use in other countries in the Montane Mainland Southeast Asian (MMSEA) region. The interest from researchers and organisations from outside as well as inside the MMSEA had widened the circle of involvement in the planning and participation and led to the metamorphosis that resulted in this symposium. It is clear that the symposium was timely in responding to a growing concern about sustainable development of mainland Southeast Asia's mountain land.

**About this limited edition of proceedings**

This limited edition of the proceedings has been produced, with no editing, in order that the papers presented during the symposium are made available to registered participants as soon as possible. An editorial board has been appointed to oversee the publication of a book from selected chapters.

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