**Division IV Business Session**

The session started at 18:30.

1 – Poster award

The prize for the poster award was given to a colleague of the author because the author couldn’t be present. It was stated that for the next poster award, posters need to be sent before the deadline established by IUFRO, otherwise they won’t be eligible for voting like it happened this year (only 6 out of all division 4 posters were evaluated).

2 – Division 4 current structure and future changes

2.1 - It was proposed to merge two working parties: “remote sensing” and the “fire” groups. The merger was announced and everyone agreed with it.

2.2 – It was proposed that the subdivision coordinated by Jean-Luc Peyron: “Managerial Economics and Accounting” should move to Division 9. No one disagreed.

2.3 - It was proposed to create a new working party on risk analysis, and everyone agreed. In the coordinator’s point of view this should be a research group instead of a party. It was agreed then to insert the new group in 4.04.07 and that it would be coordinated by David Gray. It’s the coordinators wish, to have information on the deputies as soon as possible.

2.4 – A new working party was proposed: “adaptation to climate change”. The idea was presented by Rod Keenan and feedback was requested from the audience. It was discussed if it should go under Division 1 or 4 and it was agreed to keep it on 4 under a slightly different name:”…”. To officialize it, the new working party’s leader is supposed to send the Division’s coordinator a description of this recent created group.

2.5 – Some parties haven’t worked much in the past 5 years, but the Division’s coordinator suggests not closing them and trying to encourage them (now that they have new leaders) to work more instead. The Division’s coordinator expects to receive in one month time information on the leaders and their respective deputies.

2.6 – The new leaderships of the subdivisions will be initialized today (and not by the end of the year as it used to be)

2.6.1 – Valery LeMay will step down and research unit 4.01.00 will now be leaded by Temesgen Hailemariam

2.6.2 – Marco Marchetti will hold the leadership of research unit 4.02.00 for another term

2.6.3 – Biing will step down from research unit 4.03.00 and Ron McRoberts will take his place

3 – The “Meeting” report was discussed through the presentation of a summary

3.1 – The number of meetings held is OK

3.2- The number of publications is the problem. It is extremely difficult to follow all the published items. For this reason, research unit leaders will be asked about it by email and they will have to contact and gather information concerning all of those working under their leadership.

3.3 – There is the need to acknowledge and carefully account for from now on the participation of smaller groups in bigger groups meetings, otherwise in terms of statistics they will appear as unproductive.

3.4 – The fact that little feedback was received concerning a draft version of a document on harmonization symbols that had been circulated was brought up and Andreas Zing said he had never received it. He said he had prepared a paper on this a few years ago and that he is willing to revise it and complete it in order to publish an article with the symbols. The Division leader proposed the creation of a small group from this Division who shows interest in signing up to work on this topic together with a small group from Division 1, who has shown interest in this topic as well.

3.5 – Relationship with Cost Actions. Under the scope of Cost Action FP0603 a database with a list of models and their descriptions created is being updated. It’s the Division coordinator’s opinion that it would be useful to have IUFRO modeler completing it with their models. It was agreed that as soon as the database is updated, the website address will be circulated.

Following the harmonization topic and this one, Ron McRoberts mentioned the Cost Action E43 and a possible interest in using its results

3.6. – Concerning Division’s IV website

The site is not updated, so there should be someone responsible for updating the site. Everyone was invited to go there and make suggestions on how to improve and solve the updating issue

4 – Division IV conference in 2012

4.1 - This will be a scientific conference for around 200-400 people. Hubert Heisienhour, who was not present, had mentioned to someone he wouldn’t mind offering to organize it. Tomasz Zawila-Niedzwiecki who was present also offered to do it as well as India (Vindhaya Tewari). It was the coordinators decision to take Poland’s offer and leave India’s offer for the next meeting.

4.2 – Costs and logistics were mentioned. With accompanying persons the number of participants might raise up to 400 and the last meeting in Taipe took 2 years to be prepared, which means that 2012 meeting should start being prepared as soon as possible. Conference fee should be accessible so that students can attend it.

4.3 – The conference name should embrace the topics covered by all subdivisions:

*“Linking global and regional assessment for sustainable forest management”*

5 – Final advertisement

There will be held in Poland September next year the “CarboForest” conference.

The session was closed at 19:30, but before leaving the room some people provided their names and emails and others left their cards, so they can start be integrated in the Divisions mailing list.