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17th International Symposium
on
Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development

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First Announcement and Call for Papers

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The 17th International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development will be held in the Czech Republic in May 18 – 20, 2016. For the second time, the symposium will be organized as a cross-border meeting hosted jointly by the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Czech Republic) together with the Technical University in Zvolen (Slovak Republic)

Background

The 1st International Symposium on "Experiences with new forest and environmental laws in European countries with economies in transition" was held in Ossiach, Austria in June 1998, followed by another such meeting, again in Ossiach, in September/October 1999. The 3rd International Symposium was held in Jundola, Bulgaria in the mid-June, 2001, followed by the IUFRO 6.13.00 group meetings in Jaunmokas, Latvia 8 - 10 August, 2002, then in Zidlochovice, Czech Republic in 28 – 31 May 2003, and after that follow-up symposia took place in Poiana Brasov, Romania, in 16 – 20 June 2004; in Zlatibor Mt., Serbia, in 11 – 15 May 2005; in Istanbul, Turkey, in 10 – 14 May, 2006; in Zikatar, Armenia, in 19 – 23 June 2007; in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 7 – 9 May, 2008; in Zvolen, Slovakia, in May 13 – 15, 2009; in Larnaca, Cyprus, in 30 May – 2 June, 2010; in Kaunas, Lithuania, in May 18 – 20, 2011; in Minsk, Republic of Belarus, in September 19 – 21, 2012; in Tirana, Republic of Albania, in May 14 – 17, 2013 as well as in Brasov, Romania, in May 20 – 22, 2015.

IUFRO 9.06.00 (former 6.13.00), the forest law and environmental legislation working group, aims to promote exchange of information amongst researchers and practitioners active in forest law and environmental legislation all over the world and to permanently review the state of the subject, thereby setting priorities concerning research and practice.

Objectives of the Symposium

One of the group's foremost objectives and challenges is to stimulate and facilitate communications among researchers and practitioners responsible for forest law and environmental legislation in European countries, not only, but in particular those with economies in transition. In order to accomplish this target, this IUFRO International Symposium will be held:

- to create the opportunity for specialists from different countries, to get acquainted, involved and familiar with the new legal situation in European forests;
- to provide a forum to everyone from the European CIT involved in forest law and environmental legislation, intended to exchange experiences in formulation, implementation and administration of their new forest and forest related laws;
- to make possible a comparison between the new EU and CIT legislation in the field mentioned;
- to encourage and support an overall discussion on open questions and impending problems to be identified during this meeting.

Topics of papers

There is a quite traditional milieu of this Working Group interests:

1. Translation of political ideas referring to forest and environmental laws into action since 1990 – realisation, enforcement measures, incentives and others legal provisions.
2. Balance between forestry and nature conservation at public and/or private property level.
3. Collision between regulations in forest laws and environment related legislation.
4. Interventions in and statutory restrictions on property – preconditions, extent.

Under the umbrella of these four topics mentioned, we would like to discuss in 2015 particularly latest items related to forestry and nature protection legislation, which concerns:

1. Legal conditions of public access to forests.
2. Public-private partnerships in forestry and the forest sector as a whole.
3. Different models of public forest administration and non-state forest administration.
4. Trends in the development of the forest sector and forest policy in the present conditions in Europe.
5. Forests as an important object of environmental law as a public law, taking into account the property rights in the case of forest resources.
6. Legal issues of administration and management of forests in protected areas.
7. Negotiating processes on legally binding agreement on forests in Europe.

Participants

The symposium will be limited to 40 participants. In order to exchange updated information and enable fruitful discussions, one person representing policy makers (Forest Administration, State Civil Service) and one scientist or stakeholder per each country should be ideal. Representatives from South-Eastern European as well as Central Asian countries are particularly encouraged to participate.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICS

Venue

The symposium will be held at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences (CULS).

Travel schedule, transport (Arrival / Departure)

Participants are requested to arrive on **Tuesday, 17 May 2016**. The shuttle service to the venue from Prague Airport will be offered by the hotel Galaxie.

The symposium working sessions will start on **Wednesday, 18 May 2016** and will conclude on **Friday, 20 May 2016** (field trip).

Accommodation

The accommodation will be reserved at the Hotel Galaxie (www.hotelgalaxie.cz/en/), within a walking distance from the University Campus (approx. 10 min) and/or in dormitory guest rooms within the CULS campus. For more details, please contact the organisers of the symposium.

Grants

The Organising Committee is seeking possibilities to provide travel grants, to cover part of the travelling expenses and accommodation costs of participants from non-EU Countries with economies in transition (especially SEE Countries). Please contact the organisers for more information!

Language

English will be the working language.

Presentations of papers / posters

A laptop for Power Point presentations and beamer will be available. Abstracts should bear the title to be used in the final paper, and have to include name(s) of authors, address and e-mail contacts. Detailed instructions will be provided later.

Registration and registration fees

Participants intending to attend the symposium are invited to fill in the preliminary registration form **by 15 March 2016**. Definitive registration form and further information will be distributed to those registered via e-mail.

Registration fee is **300,- EUR**, which includes accommodation (4 nights), meals (from Wednesday through Saturday), symposium papers, provision of symposium facilities, excursion, welcome dinner and farewell party. The fee will be paid cash during the registration in Prague.

As mentioned above, organisers are currently trying to find a way how to financially support participants from CIT (especially SEE Countries).

Deadlines

Pre-registration form to be submitted by **March 15, 2016**;

One page abstract of the proposed paper to be submitted by **March 15, 2016**;

Submit data for those needing visas by **March 15, 2016**;

Final registration: **April 15, 2016**;

Full text of papers: **April 15, 2016** (at the latest, in Word/Windows format + hard copy – of course, earlier submission via e-mail is appreciated).

Visa

Those who need invitations or other confirmation for obtaining a visa for entering into the Czech Republic, please submit the following information:

First name - Last name - Citizenship - Date of birth - Place of birth - Address - Duration of stay – Passport number – Date of Passport issue – Date of Passport expire – The Country/Institution issued the Passport - Address for sending the invitation (if different from the mentioned above).

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