



IUFRO Division 9: Forest Policy and Economics
Research Group 9.06.00 (former 6.13.00): Forest Law and Environmental Legislation
International Symposium, Republic of Albania

15th International Symposium
on
Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development

Tirana, Republic of Albania
May 14-17, 2013

First Announcement and Call for Papers

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The 15th International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development will be held **in Republic of Albania in May 14-17, 2013**. The symposium will kindly be hosted by the CNVP (SNV's Connecting Natural Values & People Foundation, cf. <http://www.cnvp-eu.org/>) in partnership with Faculty of Forest Sciences and REC Albania and supported by the Ministry of Environment Forestry and Water Administration and Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania.

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 13-15 May 2009; in Larnaca, Cyprus, in 30 May - 2 June 2010, in Kaunas, Lithuania, in May 2011, as well as in Belarus Minsk on 19-21 September 2012.

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 with the general focus of:

Adapting legislation and regulations for Sustainable Forest Management in a change environment

In relation to this the Symposium specific objectives are:

- to create the opportunity for specialists from different countries, to get acquainted with and discuss the latest developments in the legal and policy fields, with the similarities and differences especially in the contest of the integral role of forest science, not only in research as such but also in the harmonization of the traditional knowledge, specific use of small scale forestry and coppice forestry issues, related to the traditions and needs of Balkan rural populations, their social and environmental impact
- to provide a forum for discussion on (foremost) European CIT developments related to law and environmental legislation, and exchange experiences in formulation, implementation and administration of their new forest and forest related laws and facilitate their comparison;
- to encourage and support an overall discussion on open questions, impending problems and possible solutions to be identified during this meeting.

Topics of papers

In 2013, we would like to focus discussions particularly on the following themes:

1. Translation of political ideas referring to forest and environmental laws into action since 1990 - realisation, enforcement measures, incentives and others legal provisions.
2. Policies and management options, with respect to possible conflicts between small scale and/or coppice forestry / industrial forests as well as conversion/short rotation, timber/bio-energy, rural people/industry needs
3. Balance between forestry and nature conservation at public and/or private property level, specifics regarding ownership/user rights, statutory restrictions on property, illegal logging and coppice forest degradations
4. Public-private partnerships in forestry, including specifics of CEE and Balkan countries with respect to relations of forest administrations with public/private forest owners, and the forest sector as a whole
5. Models of public forest administration.
6. Trends in the development of the forest sector and forest policy in the present conditions in Europe

Participants

The symposium will be limited to 50 participants. In order to exchange updated information and enable fruitful discussions, based on the content and quality of papers submitted by interested persons representing (i) policy makers (related Ministries, Forest Administration, State Civil Service), (ii) forest science (Universities, Research Institutes) and/or (iii) civil society - stakeholders (including forest holders associations, environmental NGOs) we intend to accept 2 participants per country. 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 in Tirana, at the Albanian Academy of Sciences, and the premises of Chateau Linza Resort.

Travel schedule, transport (Arrival / Departure)

Participants are requested to arrive on **Tuesday, 14 May 2013**, since the symposium will start in the morning of 15 May 2013. A free shuttle service from Tirana International Airport to the venue (and back) will be offered by the Organizers.

The symposium working sessions will be held on **Wednesday, 15 May 2013** and **Thursday, 16 May 2013**.

It will conclude with a field trip visiting nice landscapes and different management systems in middle Albania State, communal forest and National Park on the east Albania in the Macedonian border on **Friday, 17 May 2013**.

Accommodation

Chateau Linza Resort, situated in the outskirts of Tirana providing a nice retreat, set near Dajti Mountain with the beautiful view where one can see the city of Tirana, while in the freshness of mountainous breeze - is one of the alternatives.

Grants

The Organising Committee is seeking possibilities to provide travel grants, to cover (parts 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 seminar are invited to fill in the preliminary registration form **by 31 January 2013**. Definitive registration form and further information will be distributed to those registered via e-mail.

Registration fee is **250 EUR**, which includes accommodation (4 nights), meals (Tuesday dinner – Saturday breakfast), hand out of symposium papers, provision of symposium facilities, excursion, welcome dinner and farewell party. The fee will be paid cash during the registration in Albania.

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

Deadlines

Pre-registration form to be submitted by **31 January 2013**;

One page **abstract of the proposed paper** to be submitted by **15 February 2013**;

Submit data for those needing **visas** by **15 February 2013**;

Final registration: 15 April 2013;

Full text of **papers: 15 April 2013** (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 Republic of Albania, 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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Pre-Registration Form

Please complete and return to Haki Kola (haki.kola@cnpv-eu.org), and Peter Herbst (HP@net4you.at) by **January 31, 2013**.

Last name:		First name:				
Organisation:						
Address:						
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Postal/Zip code:			Country:			
Phone:			Fax:			
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I plan to travel by: plane <input type="checkbox"/> ; bus <input type="checkbox"/> ; train <input type="checkbox"/> ; other (please specify) and arrive at (PLS specify airport/station)						
Travel arrangements ¹	Arrival date:	Time:	Flight/Train No:	Departure date:	Time:	Flight/Train No:
I will be accompanied by:					I will not be accompanied: <input type="checkbox"/>	
I would like to have a special programme for accompanying persons: yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; no <input type="checkbox"/>						
I will participate on field trip: yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; no <input type="checkbox"/>					Number of persons:	
I would like to apply for a travel grant (<i>if available</i>): <input type="checkbox"/>						
I would like to apply for an overall financial support (<i>if available</i>): <input type="checkbox"/>						
My travel expenses will be approximately:..... EUR <i>If yes, please check box <input type="checkbox"/></i>						
I intend to present a paper yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; no <input type="checkbox"/>						
or poster yes <input type="checkbox"/> ; no <input type="checkbox"/> ; (circle or cross what is appropriate) on one of the proposed topics (specify):						
Preliminary title:						
Comments, proposals, limitations:						

¹ A detailed travel schedule can be indicated later – local organisers will contact you again.