

UNECE/FAO launches Joint Wood Energy Enquiry

The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section is launching the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry for the UNECE region for the reference year 2009. Wood energy statistics are often scattered among different entities and concealed within statistics on energy from renewables and waste. The Enquiry aims to shed light on the real role of wood energy within the region by promoting cross-sectoral communication and cooperation between the energy and forestry sectors in the member States. The Enquiry offers a unique framework for assessing wood energy flows in member States. It provides specific information on the origin (fresh fibres, co-product and wood waste) and amount of wood energy used by different clients (households, commercial power and heat generation, forest-based industries and services). This knowledge allows decision makers to enhance socio-economic welfare by reducing conflicts between energy and material use at an early stage. The third of its kind, the Enquiry is a reference source of information on wood energy, drawing responses from an increasing number of countries. National correspondents acting as focal points are coordinating a complete response for their countries by January 2011. Past enquiries conducted for the reference years 2005 and 2007 confirmed the position of wood as the principal source of renewable energy in the UNECE region, accounting for over half of all renewable energy consumption. Between 2005 and 2007, wood energy use in responding countries grew annually by 3.5%. Private households are the biggest users of wood energy – a situation that is expected to continue. In addition, the use of wood for commercial power and heat generation has developed strongly, showing annual growth of more than 18% between 2005 and 2007. There has also been a marked change in the types of fuel used by private households, particularly in EU/European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries, with “traditional” fuels, such as round and split logs losing market share to “modern” wood fuel such as wood chips, wood pellets and briquettes. The Enquiry has been developed in close collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the European Commission (EC). It is fully compatible with international energy and forestry statistics. For further information, please visit www.unece.org/timber Or contact: Mr David Ellul UNECE/FAO Forestry & Timber Section phone: +41 (0)22 - 917 1390 email: david.ellul@unece.org

Conference “Technology and Ergonomics in the Service of Modern Forestry” in Krakow, Poland, in June 26 – 29, 2011

The Honorary Patronage of the Conference will be held by the Rector of the Hugo Kołłątaj Agricultural University of Krakow, Prof. Dr hab. Janusz Żmija

Aim of the Conference

The aim of the Conference is presentation and discussion of the current scientific and practical achievements in the technological and ergonomic optimization of forest utilization conducted under the conditions of stable and sustainable forest management.

Conference Themes

The exchange of the current scientific achievements and practical applications between scientific centers in many countries of Europe and around the world should contribute to the improvement of forest utilization quality, intensification of international co-operation in research and student education and increase in international scientific exchange. The Conference theme panels will include: 1) Modern techniques and technologies of timber harvesting in sustainable forestry; 2) Ergonomics in the execution of technology and project applications in forestry; 3) Modern trends of technical and technological solutions in forest utilization in the world; 4) Academic teaching of forest utilization and ergonomics in sustainable forestry.

General information

The Conference is going to take place for 3 days. The first day is held in the Congress Center of the Agricultural University of Krakow, in the building of the Faculty of Forestry while the other two days at the Didactic Center of the Experimental Forestry Unit in Krynica.

The Conference program includes visits to unique forest objects related to problems discussed during the Conference. The areas are situated in the surroundings of Krynica.

After their review, papers and poster summaries will be published in the Scientific Papers of Publishing House of the Agricultural University in Krakow (ISBN).

Conference dates: June, 26-29th* 2011

Conference language: English; Polish-English interpreting provided

Online registration dates (on the Conference website): Dec. 14th 2010 – Jan. 31st 2011

Registration dates during the Conference: June. 26-27th 2011

Deadline for paper submission (by e-mail): March 1st 2011

Conference fee transfer due to: April 30th 2011

Preliminary costs: (Prices subject to current exchange rates of Euro): Fees	PLN	EUR (€)
Conference fee **	1200,-	300,-
Conference sightseeing tours in Krakow (dinner, bus, entrance tickets, guide)	220,-	55,-