



**IUFRO Division 6: Social, Economic, Information and Policy Sciences,
Research Group 6.13.00: Forest Law and Environmental Legislation
International Symposium, Slovakia 2009**

**11th International Symposium
on
Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development**

Zvolen, Slovakia
May 13-15, 2009

First Announcement and Call for Papers

Organising Committee	
Július NOVOTNÝ	Director General, Forestry Section, Ministry of Agriculture of the SR
Mikuláš ŠUPÍN	Ministry of Education of the SR
Jozef KONÔPKA	Director General, National Forest Centre
Jozef MINĎÁŠ	CEO, Forests of the SR, state enterprise
Peter HERBST	IUFRO Unit Coordinator, Austria
Franz SCHMITHÜSEN	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Switzerland
Ján TUČEK	Rector, Technical University in Zvolen
Rastislav ŠULEK	Vice-Rector, Technical University in Zvolen
Rudolf KROPIL	Dean, Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen
Jaroslav ŠÁLKA	Vice-Dean, Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen
Iveta HAJDÚCHOVÁ	Head of Department, Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen
Marek TRENČIANSKY	Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen
Ján LICHÝ	Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen
Blanka GIERTLIOVÁ	Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen
Hubert PALUŠ	Faculty of Wood Technology, Technical University in Zvolen
Ján MALKO	Secretary General, Association of Municipal Forests

The 11th International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development will be held in Slovakia in May 13-15, 2009. The symposium will kindly be hosted by the Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen and supported by the respective governmental agencies of the Slovak Republic, forest management companies in Slovakia as well as the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland.

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. This meeting was followed by the 2nd symposium on the same topic, again in Ossiach, Austria from 29 September to 3 October 1999 (with presentation of its main results during the XXIst IUFRO World Congress in Kuala Lumpur,

Malaysia, in 2000). 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 as well as in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 7-9 May, 2008.

IUFRO 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 all 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 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 2009 particularly latest items related to forestry and nature protection legislation, which concerns:

1. Legal aspects of different types of forest ownership at national level
2. Legal regulations of forest management plans as a tool for sustainable forest management
3. Legal and institutional framework of different forest certification schemes
4. The status of compensation of forest owners for restrictions due to public interests

Participants

The symposium will be limited to 50 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.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICS

Venue

The venue will be arranged soon. It will be the hotel in the Zvolen area.

Travel schedule, transport (Arrival / Departure)

Participants are requested to arrive on **Tuesday, 12 May afternoon/evening**. The shuttle service from both the Vienna International Airport and Airport Bratislava as well as shuttle service from the Bratislava railway station to the venue will be offered.

The symposium working sessions will start on **Wednesday, 13 May** and will conclude on **Friday, 15 May** (field trip). Return flights should be booked for **Saturday, 16 May**.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be reserved at the meeting venue.

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. 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 2009**. 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), symposium papers, provision of symposium facilities, excursion, welcome dinner and farewell party. The fee will be paid cash during the registration in Sarajevo.

As mentioned above, organisers currently are trying to find a way, how to financially support participants from CIT.

Deadlines

Pre-registration form to be submitted by **January 31, 2009**;

One page abstract of the proposed paper to be submitted by **March 15, 2009**;

Submit data for those needing visas by **March 15, 2009**;

Final registration: **March 15, 2009**;

Full text of papers: **April 15, 2009** (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 Slovakia, 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).

For additional information, please contact:

Peter **HERBST**

Wulfenstr. 15
A-9500 Villach
Austria

mobile: + 43 676 5483095
fax: +43 4242 26 40 48
e-mail: HP@net4you.at

Rastislav **ŠULEK**

Faculty of Forestry, Technical University in Zvolen
Masaryka 24, 960 53 Zvolen, Slovak Republic

mobile: + 421 905 219 614
tel: + 421 45 5206 325
fax: + 421 45 5206 485
e-mail: sulek@vsld.tuzvo.sk

Mariana **KRIVOŠÍKOVÁ**

Technical University in Zvolen
Masaryka 24, 960 53 Zvolen, Slovak Republic

mobile: + 421 918 357 901
tel: + 421 45 5206 108
fax: + 421 45 5330 027
e-mail: krivosikova@vsld.tuzvo.sk

11th International Symposium
on

Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development

Zvolen, Slovakia
May 13-15, 2009

Pre-Registration Form

Please complete and return to Rastislav Šulek (sulek@vsld.tuzvo.sk), Mariana Krivošíková (krivosikova@vsld.tuzvo.sk) and Peter Herbst (HP@net4you.at) by **January 31, 2009**.

Last name:				First name:			
Organisation:							
Address:							
City:				Province/state:			
Postal/Zip code:				Country:			
Phone:				Fax:			
E-mail:							
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 <div style="text-align: right;"><i>If yes, please check box</i> <input type="checkbox"/>;</div>							
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.