



6.13.00 Forest Law and Environmental Legislation

9th International Symposium on "Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development"

Zikatar (Armenia), June 18 - 23, 2007

The 9th IUFRO RG 6.13.00 International Symposium on "Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development", in 2007 was held Armenia, in the newly re-established Caucasian Regional Forest Training Centre at Zikatar (rehabilitated under the World Bank NRMPPR Armenia) as well as in Tsaghadzor. This meeting was hosted by the Armenian Forest Research Experimental Centre (FREC), under the auspices of the Republic of Armenia Ministry of Nature Protection as well as RA Ministry of Agriculture, and supported by the host organisations as well as FAO and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Switzerland. It was organized by Dr. Andranik Ghulijanyan (who was assisted by Nelli Sargsyan and other staff at FREC), First Dept. Min. Dr. Simon Papyan (RA MoNP), as well as Peter Herbst (IUFRO 6.13.00).



Main emphasis again was on recent developments in Central and Eastern European as well as Caucasian countries, where the majority of the 77 participants representing 28 countries originated from.

Following eight previous meetings, in Austria (1998 and 1999), Bulgaria (2001), Latvia (2002), Czech Republic (2003), Romania (2004), Serbia (2005) and Turkey (2006), the main objective of this meeting again was to promote the exchange of information amongst researchers and practitioners active in forest law and environmental legislation in Eastern and Central European as well as Caucasian countries. It provided a forum for the exchange of experiences concerning the formulation, implementation and administration of newly adopted forest and forest related laws, created an opportunity for participants from various countries,

to get familiar with the new legal situation in other European and Caucasian countries, and to contribute to the discussions from their experiences.

The high relevance of this meeting was emphasised by the presence of the both Armenian Ministers, of Nature Protection, Aram Harutyunyan, as well as Agriculture, David Loqyan.

The proceedings of this meeting, including a compilation of the results of the questionnaire, will be published as a special edition of the scientific periodical "Bulletin of the State Agrarian University of Armenia", by the Director of FREC, Dr. Andranik Ghulijanyan. Their availability will also be announced on the IUFRO RG 6.13.00 home page.

The 2007 Symposium was a success and everybody felt there was a high demand to continue that process. I am therefore very glad to invite you to

a) organize your Caucasus regional meetings in the Regional Forest Training Centre at Zikatar, and

b) apply for participation in the IUFRO 6.13.00's 10th International Symposium on "Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development", to be held in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), 7-9 May 2008.

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