



**IUFRO Division 9: Forest Policy and Economics**  
**Research Group 9.06.00 (former 6.13.00): Forest Law and Environmental Legislation**  
**International Symposium, Lithuania 2011**

**13th International Symposium**  
**on**  
**Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development**

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May 18-20, 2011

**First Announcement and Call for Papers**

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The 13th International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development will be held in Lithuania in May 18-20, 2011. The symposium will kindly be hosted by the Faculty of Forestry and Ecology, Lithuanian University of Agriculture in Kaunas and supported by the respective governmental agencies of the Lithuanian Republic, forest management companies in Lithuania 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, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 7-9 May, 2008, in Zvolen, Slovakia, in May 13-15 2009 as well as in Nicosia, Cyprus, in 31 May – 2 June, 2010.

IUFRO 6.13.00 (and from now onwards: 9.06.00), 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. 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 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 European countries 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 2011 particularly latest items related to forestry and nature protection legislation, which concerns:

1. Services of public forestry sector for private forestry.
2. Models of public forest administration.

### **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 symposium will take place at the premises of Lithuanian University of Agriculture, Kaunas, Lithuania.

### **Travel schedule, transport** (Arrival / Departure)

Participants are requested to arrive on **Tuesday, 17 May**. The shuttle service from both the Vilnius International Airport and Kaunas International Airport as well as shuttle service from the Kaunas railway station to the venue will be offered.

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

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation will be reserved at hostels of Lithuanian University of Agriculture and/or at hotels in Kaunas. Please contact the organisers for more information!

### **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 2011**. 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 and field trip, welcome dinner and farewell party. The fee will be paid in cash during the registration in Kaunas.

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, 2011**;

One page abstract of the proposed paper to be submitted by **March 15, 2011**;

Submit data for those needing visas by **March 15, 2011**;

Final registration: **March 15, 2011**;

Full text of papers: **April 15, 2011** (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 Lithuania, 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) - - name and address of representing organisation and position at organisation, copy of passport page with photo and personal data.*

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**Pre-Registration Form**

Please complete and return to Peter Herbst (HP@net4you.at), Gintautas Činga (gintautas.cinga@lzuu.lt) and Marius Kavaliauskas (marius.kavaliauskas@gmail.com) by **January 31, 2011**.

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Comments, proposals, limitations:						

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