



EFICEEC - EFISEE News

This is the EFICEEC-EFISEE News, an electronic newsletter devoted to the EFICEEC-EFISEE network. The intent is to provide update information every third month and call attention to our latest

news and accomplishments. EFICEEC-EFISEE News will be distributed via email as well as posted on the joint [EFICEEC-EFISEE website](#).

EFICEEC-EFISEE Annual meeting 2015 in Vienna

EFICEEC-EFISEE held its 2015 Annual Meeting on February 12 and 13 at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna, Austria. The meeting brought together **30 participants from 14 partner institutions** to discuss the past and future challenges for the network. The one and a half day meeting was opened by Dr. Marc Palahí –Director of EFI – and Dr. Bernhard Wolfslehner, Head of EFICEEC-EFISEE.

The meeting addressed the new concept for EFI's Regional Offices, recent EFICEEC-EFISEE activities as well as emerging opportunities for increased collaboration on research in the region. In addition to these activities, the meeting presented and discussed a strategy and workplan for the coming years, including a workshop on how the EFICEEC-EFISEE network can be improved and strengthened. The new

Regional Advisory Group was also introduced to the partners.



Photo: Luiz Casimiro

Regional Advisory Group members appointed

The new **Regional Advisory Group (RAG) of EFICEEC-EFISEE** convened for its constitutional meeting in Vienna on February 12. The RAG shall provide advice and support in identifying emerging scientific and policy-relevant issues to be addressed within the activities and competences of the Regional Office. The members of the RAG are:

- Prof. Laura Bouriaud (USV Suceava), RAG Chair
- Prof. Daniela Kleinschmit (University of Freiburg)

- Dr. Dijana Vuletić (Croatian Forest Research Institute)
- Prof. Bas Arts (Wageningen University)
- Prof. Mersudin Avdibegović (University of Sarajevo)
- Prof. Hubert Hasenauer (BOKU Vienna)
- Prof. Bo Jellesmark Thorsen (University of Copenhagen, EFI SAB)
- Dr. Nibert Winkler-Ráthonyi (FAO)

Special issue in the “Forest Policy & Economics”

Preparations for a Special Issue in the journal “Forest Policy & Economics” started during the Annual Meeting. The issue shall entitle “Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in the focus – emerging developments in forest management and policy”.

We identified key topics such as governance principles, restitution and privatisation, private forest owners, evolution of property rights, development of state forests, illegal logging, or innovation in NWFP

with a regional scope. For more information, please access our website [here](#).

[For potential contributions to existing papers](#), please contact the respective lead author. For new proposals, please contact Bernhard Wolfslehner (bernhard.wolfslehner@efi.int), who acts as guest editor.





COST Action TN1401 CAPABAL events and call for STSM

The first joint Core Group and Work Group meeting within the COST Action TN1401 **Capacity Building in Forest Policy and Governance in Western Balkan Region (CAPABAL)** was held in Belgrade on 2-4 February 2015. The event was attended by **34 participants from 16 COST countries** involved in this Action. The main activity of the action is divided into 3 Working Groups (I: Sustainable forest management; II: Forest/Natural Resources Governance, III: Forest/Natural Resources Policy). Main outcome of the meeting is work plan for the first two years of the Action.

Following the meeting, on 4-6 February, the first CAPABAL Training School on the topic of National Forest Programmes was attended by 16 representatives of science, practice and policy makers from Southeast Europe.

The next deadline for applications for Short-Term Scientific Missions (**STSM**) is **1 June**. The aim of STSM is to contribute to the scientific objectives of

the Action and to foster collaboration of Early Stage Researchers.

[Facebook page](#) has been established for the Action and the webpage of the Action is currently under construction. For additional information you can contact Action Chair [Dr. Diana Vuletić](#).



Photo: CABAPAL team

5th MC&WG meeting of the FACESMAP COST Action

5th Management Committee and Working Group (MC&WG) meeting of the FACESMAP COST Action will be held from 8-10 June 2015 in Zagreb (Croatia). Local organiser of the meeting is Croatian Forest Institute. Meeting will be dedicated to the continuing work of the subgroups and production of the Action deliverables. At the meeting participants will have opportunity to listen the presentation of the [training school](#) participants.

Tuesday will be dedicated to the Travellab activities, field trip and stakeholder workshop. Travellab field trip will be organized in northern part of Croatia close to the town Varaždin. This is one of the most populated rural regions in Croatia with long tradition

in private forestry, which was significantly changed over past twenty years mainly due to the restitution process.

On Wednesday (10 June), **the joint session with the Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)** is planned, where the status of private forest ownership will be presented by national PFO associations, as well as the activities of FACESMAP and CEPF.

More information on the Action you can find at [FACESMAP webpage](#) or contact Action Chair [Dr. Gerhard Weiss](#).

Intern @ EFICEEC

A new intern has joined the EFICEEC team in Vienna. **Mr. Luiz Casimiro**, from Brazil, is currently attending the [Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in European Forestry program](#), which is coordinated by the University of Eastern Finland. At EFICEEC his main task is to help the team with the update of the [Forest Policy and Innovation Database](#). This on-line database provides access to relevant policies regarding the European forest-based sector, and also information on innovation cases related to forestry. About Vienna Luiz says: "The city is very international and full of different activities. I have discovered opportunities to go salsa dancing, participate in role

playing games, and play beach volleyball". His stay at EFICEEC is from February to April 2015.





Regional Journal presentation: SEEFOR

The **South-East European forestry (SEEFOR)** is an **open access, peer-reviewed, international journal of forest science** established in 2009 by eight Institutions from the South-East European Region (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia, Hungary).

SEEFOR provides a forum for publication of works covering all aspects of forest research. The journal is open for publishing research from all geographical zones and study locations, whether conducted in natural forests, plantations or urban environments, as long as the research results are of high interest for forestry science and practice.

SEEFOR is published in both **printed** and **online** versions. The journal publishes original scientific

papers, preliminary communications, review papers and professional papers.

SEEFOR is continuously inviting quality papers for publication. As far as accepted and prepared in the final format, the papers are published online and may be assessed within the **Early View section**. Papers are therefore available as soon as they are ready, rather than having to wait for the next scheduled print issue. Every six months, the online published papers will be page-numbered and published within the new, upcoming SEEFOR issue.

No papers processing charge is applied.

For more information please visit the SEEFOR website at www.seefor.eu.



Publications

Krajter Ostoić, S., Konijnendijk van den Bosch, C.C., 2015. **Exploring global scientific discourses on urban forestry**. *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening* 14(1): 129-138 (review article)

6th CASEE Conference: "Latest trends in Bioeconomy in the Danube Region"

Registration for the **6th CASEE Conference: "Latest trends in Bioeconomy in the Danube Region", May 24 – 26, 2015, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra** has started on 1 March. **Deadline for registration: 15 April 2015.**

98 abstracts have been submitted for the conference. The Scientific Committee and the Board accepted 47 abstracts for oral presentation and 51 abstracts for poster presentations. One from the primary goal of

the conference is to promote research and developmental activities in Nutrition and Food Sciences. Another goal is to promote scientific information interchange between researchers, developers, engineers, students, and practitioners working in the Danube region and other European countries.

Conference website: <http://casee2015.uniag.sk/>

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- Bio-economy Symposium: Sowing Innovation – Reaping Sustainability: Forests' Crucial Role in a Green Economy, 13 – 14 April 2015, Vienna, Austria
- ThinkForest event "Assessing the impact of the EU Timber Regulation and FLEGT Action Plan", 21 April 2015, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium (room JAN 4Q2)
- International IUFRO Symposium: Cross-sectoral policy impacts on managerial economics and accounting in forestry, 4 – 6 May 2015, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- International Conference "Forestry: Bridge to the Future", 6 – 9 May 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Conference "Mountain Forest Management in a Changing World", 7 – 9 July 2015, Smokovce, High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia

