



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: <http://www.eficeec.efi.int>

Regional Advisory Group to be built

This year, EFI is renewing and harmonizing the modalities of the Advisory Groups of its Regional Offices, and there are vacancies to be filled in the Regional Advisory Boards (RAGs) of all our five Regional Offices. We are now inviting our member organizations to propose candidates to serve in the EFICEEC-EFISEE RAG by the deadline of 25 May 2014.

Read more: <http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/>

EFISEE staff change

Marko Lovric will leave EFISEE and join the Research Programme of Forest for Society in EFI HQ from 1 April 2014. As an interim coordinator of EFISEE activities, Dr. Silviya Krajter Ostoić will be appointed. We thank Marko for his commitment and contribution to the establishment of the EFISEE office.

Awards for EFICEEC Staff

The "**Jubilee Fund of the City of Vienna for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences**" was established on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) in 2012.

The aim of the fund is: (i) to enhance science - based cooperation of the city of Vienna and the BOKU, (ii) to strengthen cooperation between science and industry in the BOKU fields of competence; (iii) to encourage the combination of economy with sustainable development, and thus at the same time strengthening the economy and quality of life in Vienna; and (iv) to promote young scientists of the BOKU.

In 2013, EFICEEC staff won prizes in two categories:

- ✓ **City of Vienna-BOKU Research Funding** - for the project "Indicator Research for Sustainable Development" (REABLE) (read more in REABLE on the next page)

- ✓ **BOKU Talent Award** - for the best Master thesis in 2013 of Ivana Zivojionvic.

The Award Ceremony was organized at the Vienna City Hall, on 28 January 2014.



(photo by EFICEEC. From left to right: Gerhard Weiss; BOKU Rektor Martin H. GERZABEK; Dr Helga Pülzl; Bernhard Wolfslehner; Ivana Zivojionvic)



New project - REABLE

Indicator REsearch for SustainABLE Development (REABLE) – new project won

Project content: The issue of participation in sustainability indicator processes has been pointed out as crucial aspect as norm creation and knowledge production is done. The non-involvement of citizens and layman limits the value of the sustainability indicators as local knowledge and practices cannot be accounted for. Knowledge gets lost.

We assume that the opening up of such processes to citizens and lay persons does not only increase legitimacy and accuracy of indicators, but also enhances public awareness for the sustainability topic.

The proposed research project aims at improving the sustainability indicator selection, definition and evaluation through the involvement of lay persons and concerned citizen by the application multi-criteria analysis. This is done in an experimental setting simulating a sustainability indicator process during two research seminars designed for students at BOKU.

The project will be financed by "Jubilee Fund of the City of Vienna for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences" and will last from March 2014 to November 2015.

*If you have specific questions please contact [Helga Pülzl](#).

New EFICEEC Staff Member

Dr. Stefanie Linser joined the EFICEEC team as a Senior Researcher in January 2014.

Stefanie Linser holds a PhD in natural sciences and a MSc in forest sciences. She has been working for over 10 years in national and international forest policy issues and is a recognised expert on indicators for sustainable forest management.

She has compiled data and provided input to national and international organisations such as Forest Europe, EUROSTAT, EEA and focused in various earth observation projects on forest related data needs which could not be fulfilled via in situ measurements.

Her present focus of work within EFICEEC is on the further development of criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.



New Intern @ EFICEEC

Since February 2014 EFICEEC host new intern, Vladislav Vejnovic, who is student at Erasmus Mundus master programme "European Forestry". He will do three-month internship at EFICEEC.

Mr. Vejnovic holds a bachelor degree in Forestry, which he got at the Faculty of Forestry in Belgrade (Serbia). He is interested in forest governance and forest economics, particularly the EU FLEGT and EU Timber Regulation. The topic and main focus of his internship will actually be on the "Genesis of the EUTR". Through the internship at EFICEEC Mr. Vejnovic hope to gain more knowledge in these fields and to experience how is it to work for one of the Regional Offices of EFI.

Mr. Vejnovic is active member of International Forestry Student's Association (IFSA), this year as Liaison Officer for EFI.





FACESMAP: European Level Stakeholder Workshop, Rovaniemi 2013

Within COST Action FP1201 (FACESMAP), a stakeholder workshop on **“Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Policy and Practice Issues”** was organized on 11 December 2013 in Rovaniemi, Finland, as a side event of the European Forest Week (Metsä2013).

Participants from European forest-related organizations discussed trends of changing forest ownership and what is their understanding of the phenomenon of “new forest owners”.

The main trend that was indicated in the workshop was that forest owners increasingly do not manage their forests for income any more. They start to see their forests as a hobby, keep them only as a capital, and have no knowledge about or no time for forest management.

It was also said that tradition is important and forest owners still feel a relation and commitment to their forests but that does not necessarily imply that they have an interest in managing them in the traditional forester's sense and for wood production. The growing age of forest owners was also mentioned: both traditional and new forest owners are often over 50 when they get (most often inherit, more rarely buy) a forest. Differences between Western and Eastern European countries was also mentioned (restitution in Eastern Europe).

*Read more about the results of the workshop at [here](#). If you have specific questions please contact [Gerhard Weiss](#).

Cooperation agreement on data collection signed between COST Action FACESMAP and UNECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section

The preparation of a study on forest ownership in Europe was endorsed as one of the activities of the UNECE-FAO Integrated Programme of Work 2014-2017 at the joint meeting of ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and FAO European Forestry Commission (Metsä2013) in Rovaniemi, Finland, 9 - 13 December 2013.

The COST Action FP1201: Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Significance for Management and Policy” (COST Action FACESMAP) is a project to be implemented from 2013 to 2016 through establishment of a voluntary research network, and focuses on forest ownership in Europe. The work programme of the COST Action FACESMAP includes the production of a database and a map of forest ownership in Europe.

With the aim of saving resources, avoiding overlap and to encourage the active participation of and cooperation - among member States, the research community and other stakeholders - the UNECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section (FTS) and the COST Action FACESMAP will work together on data collection of forest ownership in the UNECE region.

The collection will cover quantitative and qualitative data related to forest ownership in countries of the UNECE region, similar to the previous **“Private Forest Ownership in Europe”** study by UNECE-FAO. EFI, CEPF and other European interest groups also joined the cooperation. Data collection will start in 2014.

*If you have specific questions please contact [Gerhard Weiss](#).

IUFRO Student Award for Excellence in Forest Science (ISA)

Ivana Zivojinovic was named a recipient of the IUFRO ISA Student Award for her master's thesis **“Perception of decision-makers to climate change adaptation in urban and peri-urban forests of Belgrade”**. This award was one of the six from a global field of nominations in this category, and Mrs. Zivojinovic will likewise attend the XXIV IUFRO Congress, 5-11 October 2014 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to take part in a panel discussion with other ISA and IUFRO Outstanding Doctoral Research nominees. More can be read [here](#).





4th StarTree General Assembly – Neuberg (Styria, Austria)

The fourth StarTree General Assembly will take place in Neuberg (Styria, Austria), **from 02 - 04 April 2014**. StarTree is an FP7 project studying the production and marketing of non-wood forest products in Europe.

The meeting will include working groups for each of the StarTree work packages, a session on Regional Case Studies data collection, and work on the state of the sector report. Further sessions will include dissemination activities, administration

and financial issues and upcoming plans and deadlines.

A field trip and Knowledge Exchange Event with stakeholders from the Styria RSG is planned for 03 April, with visits to Christmas tree plantation and event called Nature Park "Grassland Cooking". Furthermore, a marketplace will be organised in which many of stakeholders and NWFP companies from Styria will take part.

EFICEEC members have been busy with organizing this meeting.

Call for Presentations - EFI Young Scientists Session: "Building the future"

Networking session in connection with the [EFI 2014 Annual Conference](#) will be held on Wednesday, 10 September 2014, at 17:15-19:00.

Networking and international experience are important components in the development of career of early stage researcher, and EFI network offers a good platform to connect young European forest scientists among themselves as well as with senior scientists. EFI's Strategy and Business plans recognise capacity building as one of its strategic goals. More information find [here](#).

Publications

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- Pülzl, H.; Kleinschmit, D.; Arts, B. (2014): [Bio-economy - an emerging meta-discourse affecting forest discourses?](#) In: Roos, A.; Kleinschmit, D.; Toppinen, A.; Baardsen, S.; Lindstad, B.H.; Jellesmark Thorsen, B. (Hrsg.), Nordic Workshop: The Forest Sector in the Biobased Economy-perspectives from policy and economic sciences. Conference Proceedings, SLU Forest Products - Proceedings 2014:1, p. 27-28 (ISBN: 978-91-981682-0-4)

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- International IUFRO Symposium: Adaptation in Forest Management under Changing Framework Conditions, 19 – 23 May 2014, Sopron, Hungary
- International Conference on Economic Evaluation of Forest Management Sustainability, 29 – 30 May 2014, Kaunas, Lithuania
- 17th European Forum on Urban Forestry, 3 – 7 June 2014, Lausanne, Switzerland
- Forest Landscape Mosaics: Disturbance, Restoration and Management at Times of Global Change, 11 – 14 August 2014, Tartu, Estonia
- XXIV IUFRO World Congress 2014, 5 -11 October 2014, Salt Lake City, UT, United States

