



EFICEEC News

This is the EFICEEC News, an electronic newsletter devoted to the EFICEEC network. The intent is to provide update information every second month and

call attention to our latest news and accomplishments. EFICEEC News will be distributed via email as well as posted on the EFICEEC website: <http://www.eficeec.efi.int>.

New staff member at EFICEEC

In February 2012, Dr. Alice Ludvig and Mr. Patrick Huber have become members of EFICEEC team.

Dr. Alice Ludvig holds a Doctoral degree in political sciences and up to now has been working as a researcher and a lecturer at the Department of Methods in the Social Sciences, University of Vienna. Her main interests are located in European policies, qualitative methods, research design and migration. At EFICEEC she will work with Gerhard Weiss in the projects Rok-For (Sustainable forest management providing renewable energy, sustainable construction and bio-based products) and €CO2 (Wood in Carbon Efficient Construction).



Mr. Patrick Huber holds a bachelor degree in resources management and has finished master programme “Material and energetic utilization of renewable resources” at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) with distinction. He has been working as a freelancer for the Institute of Silviculture for the last three years, where he gained experience in different national and international projects. In the EFICEEC team he will be mainly responsible for the research activities. Currently he is involved in the ARANGE (Advanced multifunctional forest management in European mountain ranges) project.



ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe (CASEE) Conference “Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production”, 3 - 5 May 2012, USAMV Cluj-Napoca

The CASEE Conference 2012 aims at providing a forum to disseminate knowledge and new insights on the sustainability of agriculture and food production in the Danube region, in a complex context: from agrifood chain production, to animal nutrition and health, as well their ability to reach the needs of future generations living in this region.

The online registration form and further information (e.g. conference programme, venue and accommodations) can be found at: <http://www.ica-ls.com/casee/>.

The deadline for registration and booking of accommodation is April 1, 2012.





Advanced multifunctional forest management in European mountain ranges (ARANGE) Kick-off meeting, 15 -17 February 2012, Vienna

During the kick-off meeting the foundation was laid for the three-year long FP7 ARANGE project. The main objective of the project is to evaluate current and develop possible future strategies for multifunctional management of different forest types in major mountain regions in Europe under changing climate and socio-economic conditions. The project includes seven case study regions: Iberian Mountains (Spain), the Western Alps (France), The Eastern Alps (Austria), The Dinaric Mountains (Slovenia), The Western Rhodopes (Bulgaria), The Western Carpathians (Slovakia) and Vilhelmina (Sweden).

The EFICEEC Regional Office and its partners National Forest Centre, Zvolen and Forest Research Institute, Sofia are participating in the project.



European Forestry MSc student at EFICEEC

Ms. Senka Škundrić is enrolled in the Erasmus Mundus European Forestry Masters Programme (2011-2013) and is currently engaged into her 3-month internship at EFICEEC Regional Office. She obtained BSc degree at the Faculty of Forestry in Belgrade, Serbia. Her interest is mainly focusing on protective function of forests, especially the influence on soil through prevention of erosion processes and torrents.

During her internship she will be involved in ARANGE project, with the task of giving an overview of the soil/site type models which are used in different case study regions.



EFI Winter-Summer-School 2013

EFI Winter-Summer-School (WSS) on "Making Values Work" will continue in 2013. WSS is a doctoral school, taking place in two parts when students work together intensively for a week each. The theme of this second WSS is "sustaining multiple values in managed forests"

and it will take place in France (March 2013) and Austria (September 2013). The two weeks will be hosted by EFI's Regional Offices EFIATLANTIC and EFICEEC and a specific call for application of students will be announced separately.

FACESMAP presented to COST FPS Domain Committee

The COST Action proposal "Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Significance for Management and Policy" (FACESMAP) was submitted to the COST Office in January 2012. On March 8, 2012 in

Copenhagen, FACESMAP was presented to the COST FPS Domain Committee. This presentation is the last step in the selection procedure of new COST Actions. The final decision will be taken in June.





New book have been published: Spruce Forest Decline in the Beskids

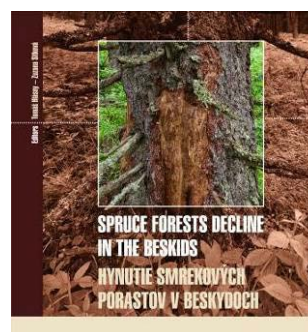
In recent years, the unfavourable status of spruce stands in several European regions has called for huge investments into research as well as into measures for mitigating the impacts of this process. The Beskids mountain range, straddling the borders of Slovakia, Poland and the Czech Republic, is among the most heavily damaged. This publication summarizes the history, present status, as well as causes and prospects of spruce decline in the Beskids. In addition to the principal topics, such as air pollution impacts and the activity of fungal pathogens and insect pests, the authors also address silviculture measures, prospects for forest conversion, and utilisation of forest trees' genetic potential.

This book is a product of teamwork involving scientists from national research agencies and academia in Slovakia, Poland and the Czech Republic.

The authors aspired to construct an appealing and

valuable set of readings about the current status of, and prospects for, spruce forest in the unique environment of the Beskids.

If you are interested in free copy please contact: Dr. Tomáš Hlásny, National Forest Centre – Forest Research Institute in Zvolen, Slovakia, T.G. Masaryka 22, email: hlasny@nlcsk.org.



THINKFOREST Policy Project

ThinkForest is the latest initiative of the EFI Policy Advice function. It shall serve as a high-level discussion and information-sharing forum on forest topics between the scientific community and policy-makers and stakeholders at European level.

As one of the igniting elements, a study on policies affecting forests in Europe will be conducted by EFICEEC.

The project will (i) improve the understanding of policy

makers on the current policy environment affecting European forests and the forest-based sector, and (ii) analyse new policy approaches and institutional innovations for improved forest policy cohesion and effectiveness in Europe.

For the preparation of a report in the EFI series “What Science Can Tell Us”, a group of policy research experts met for kick-off in Vienna on March 15.

EFICEEC @ Forum Carpaticum 2012

EFICEEC will be present in the Forum Carpaticum 2012. There will be a workshop held on “International collaboration in mountain forest research”.

The activities shall be connected to the ARANGE

project and to the field of expertise on mountain research within the EFICEEC network. For more information please visit: http://uke.sav.sk/fc/fc_2012/.

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- Joensuu Forestry Networking Week, 20-25 May 2012, Joensuu, Finland
- Conference “Bioenergy from Forest”, 27 August - 1 September, 2012, Jyväskylä and Jämsä, Finland
- 2nd Forum Carpaticum, 30 May – 2 June 2012, Stara Lesna, Slovakia
- Polish Bioenergy Market BioPol 2012, 2-3 October 2012, Warsaw.

