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EFICEEC News

This is the first issue of 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 is also an opportunity to call for partners' future contributions. The Newsletter includes information on publications, presentations, new staff members, upcoming conferences and training courses. A request for input will be raised in the editorial phase of each issue.

EFICEEC News will be distributed via email as well as posted at the EFICEEC website.

Appointment of EFICEEC Head of Office

Dr. Bernhard Wolfslehner, PhD (Forestry) was appointed as Head of Office of the Central-East European Regional Office of the European Forest Institute (EFI) by 1st of May 2010.

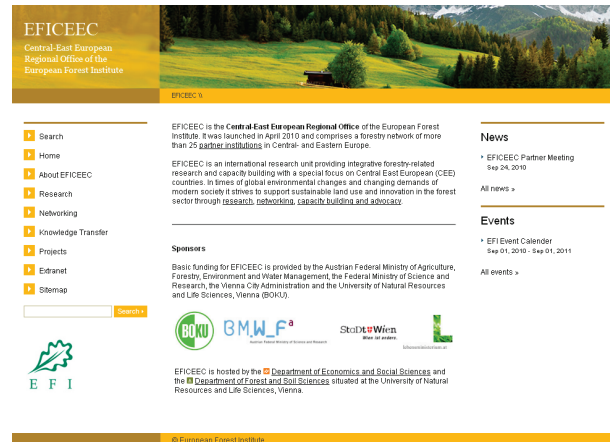
Website Launched

The EFICEEC website went online in late September this year and is now accessible via: <http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/>.

The site will first and foremost act as a conduit for all EFICEEC-related activities to partners and the public in general. It will include sections on the all the central pillars of EFICEEC as concerning forest research, networking, capacity building and advocacy.

It shall be a portal for making EFICEEC activities and researchers visible, and facilitate EFI associate members in the CEE region to promote their activities. In this regard, we kindly ask you to

create links to the website from your homebase sites. We will provide you with the EFICEEC logo by request. Please be reminded that the use of the EFI logo requires authorization.



Core partner agreements progressing

The formal establishment of the EFICEEC core partner panel is currently being supported by bilateral meetings. Up to now, four agreements are signed and three more prepared for signature. Core partner agreements are foreseen to be completed by the end of 2010.

COST Action E51 successfully finished

The COST Action on “*Integrating Innovation and Development Policies for the Forest Sector*”, chaired by Gerhard Weiss, was completed with the Final Conference, 31 May-1 June 2010, in Brussels. The book “*Innovation and European Forestries: territorial and value chain approaches*” is ready for publishing at CABI.

EFI Annual Conference 2010

This year the EFI Annual Conference was held 15 September in Dresden, Germany. Topics discussed



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in the conference included the mid-term report of the ongoing external evaluation of EFI. Some important points in the report referred to the future identity of EFI as a member organization, research institute, or international organization.

The EFI Regional Offices (RO) are seen to provide significant opportunities to increase the capacities, competences and visibility of EFI. The report includes recommendations for supporting the functioning of RO within the EFI structure.

The next EFI Annual Conference will be held in September 2011 in Uppsala, Sweden. The participation in the conference is a valuable opportunity to receive a first-hand update on developments within EFI and to connect to EFI Head Quarters and other ROs and associate members from across Europe.

EFICEEC Project Spotlight - Beech forests for the future

The 3-years project “*Beech Forests for the Future*” is funded through the ERA-net BiodivERsA. Having started on 1st May 2010, the project is implemented by six partners, namely the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (DE), the University of Stirling (UK), Wageningen University (NL), Paris Institute of Technology for Life, Food and Environmental Sciences (FR), Technische Universität München (DE) and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (AT). The interdisciplinary project covers ecological and governance aspects. The Austrian part focuses on new market based instruments for biodiversity conservation.

Forum Carpathicum

The first Forum Carpathicum took place in Krakow, September 15-17, 2010 organized by the Science for the Carpathians (S4C) initiative. S4C is a regional science network targeting at supporting and streamlining mountain research in the Carpathians. With networks and topics overlapping, a stronger involvement of EFICEEC in forest-related issues is to be considered.

Further information available on <http://www.forumcarpathicum.org/>

EUFGIS Final meeting

The final project meeting of EUFGIS was carried out in Vienna, September 13-15, 2010, supported by EFICEEC. The EUFGIS project provides a novel online information system and a documentation platform for forest genetic resources inventories in

Europe. In this context, EFICEEC activities are planned to foster science-policy transfer and capacity building in forest genetics.

Further information available on <http://www.eufgis.org/>

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- 1st RoK-FOR Conference in Biarritz, France, 13-15 October 2010.
- First Serbian Forestry Congress: Future with Forests, Belgrade, Serbia, Forestry Faculty of Belgrade University, 11-13 November 2010.
- 2nd EFICEEC Partner Meeting in Bulgaria, 30 November-2 December 2010.

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