



## EFICEEC News

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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>.

## EFI member grant holder Mr Stefano Mundula at EFICEEC

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EFICEEC is glad to announce that it will host an EFI member grant holder for the next three months. Mr Stefano Mundula obtained a degree in Natural Sciences at the University of Cagliari with *110 cum laude*, then achieved an MSc in Environmental Economics and Management at the Bocconi University in Milan. He is currently a PhD student at the University of Padua. The main topics of his interests are social capital and governance in protected areas. He is interested in participatory processes aimed at creating greater awareness about nature conservation. At the end of his stay he will write a literature review report on his subject of interest.



## The first EFI Winter-Summer-School successful

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EFI organised a two-week intensive course for doctoral students this year. The Winter-Summer-School (WSS) focuses on social sciences in order to support the further development of this research field in forestry.

The WSS was held over two separate weeks, one in March in Freiburg (DE) and in cooperation with EFI-CENT, the second in September in Varaždin (HR) in cooperation with the FOPER programme. EFICEEC contributed particularly to the innovation topic. The

participants came from many European countries but also from overseas. My (Gerhard Weiss) impression was of a very creative organising group as well as highly motivated students.

It was a great learning environment and I would recommend it to every PhD student in the field of forest policy and economics. The next WSS will be co-organised with EFICEEC and EFIATLANTIC. Further information will be sent out at the end of this year.

## Young researchers paper online

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At the 2011 EFICEEC annual meeting in Brno, a workshop was held on the current situation of young researchers in forestry in Central-East European countries. Suggestions for actions were formulated for the young researchers themselves, policy makers, research institutions and EFICEEC. International exchange is experienced as the most important factor for supporting young researchers, which includes the

improvement of English language and international cooperation as well as exchange programmes.

The paper is available to download from the library section of the EFICEEC website: <http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/library/publications/reports/>.





## New staff member at EFICEEC

Ms Ivana Guduric finished her bachelor's degree at the Faculty of Forestry in Belgrade, Serbia, and is currently a master's student on the Erasmus Mundus European Forestry programme. Ms Guduric will spend her second year of studies at BOKU University. She will write her master's thesis in the framework of the EFICEEC project "*Climate change effects on the green space of the city of Vienna*". Along with her studies, Ms Guduric will be part of the EFICEEC team as student assistant, and will be mainly responsible for communication issues.



## EFICEEC @ EFI Annual Conference 2011

EFI's 2011 Annual Conference took place 28-30 September in Uppsala, Sweden, hosted by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). The Annual Conference involves members in decision-making, and provides a platform for networking. For the latter purpose, a novel instrument – the EFI market – was arranged, giving the opportunity to present EFI Units and Regional Offices to the EFI family.

To be continued with a broader EFICEEC team!



## International Conference on Ecosystem Services and Summer School in Wageningen and Amsterdam, the Netherlands, October 2011

From 4-7 October 2011, the 4th international Conference of the Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP) took place in Wageningen, the Netherlands. Filip Aggestam and Maria Geitzenauer, were part of the close to 300 participants. The programme provided a very good overview on the state of the art knowledge on the ES approach. The presentations will be available online by 21 October at [http://www.fsd.nl/esp\\_conference\\_2011](http://www.fsd.nl/esp_conference_2011).

Next year, the conference will take place in Portland, USA.

The conference was also an integral part of a post-graduate course on the "Integrated assessment of ecosystem services" from 3-9 October 2011. 38 mainly PhD students from various fields of knowledge participated, one of them Maria. In the course the participants acquired knowledge from the various fields which are affected by the ES approach, namely ecology, mapping, economy, governance and policy. For more information see

<http://www.sense.nl/?module=courses&func=displayplanned&planningid=1231>.

## Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- PhD course: Motivation and behaviour in relation to climate change, University of Copenhagen, Department of Forest & Landscape, 14-18 November 2011.
- SilvaNet – WoodNet Conference, Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic, 25 November 2011.
- 2nd Forum Carpaticum in Stará Lesná, Slovakia, 30 May – 2 June, 2012.

