



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>

Forest Ownership Changes in EUrope: ConSequences for Management And Policy (FOCUS-MAP)

EFICEEC is glad to inform you that our pre-proposal for a new COST Action on Forest Ownership Changes in EUrope: ConSequences for Management And Policy (FOCUS-MAP) was positively evaluated and that we are invited to submit a full proposal. The project proposer is Dr. Gerhard Weiss. The deadline is 27 January 2012 17:00.

Comments and contributions are welcome (gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at).

*We will inform you about the progress of the FOCUS-MAP project.

EFICEEC @ International Conference on Environmental Diplomacy and Security

EFICEEC was present at the International Conference on Environmental Diplomacy and Security in Burlington/Vermont. Bernhard Wolfslehner was invited as a speaker on the panel "Bridging Eurasia: Energy Infrastructure, Conservation and Culture". Together with Mersudin Avdibegovic (University of Sarajevo, Bosnia; FOPER) emerging SEE and CEE issues were presented to a wider audience and discussed in the context of transboundary collaboration. A report can be found here:

<http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/news/?bid=315>

There was also some time left to visit experimental plots on natural dynamics with Bill Keeton and Yuri Bihun of Vermont.



INNO NATOUR: Innovation in Nature Based Tourism Services

Stefan cel Mare University in Suceava, Romania, in collaboration with five other university partners from our network, will for the third time carry out the Intensive Programme INNO NATOUR, an EU Erasmus Socrates course. It is designed for undergraduate and postgraduate students in the field of business, tourism, and environmental sciences and related

disciplines. The course will bring together students from six European countries: Finland, Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania. The intensive course will be held at the Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania 06 – 19 May, 2012.

For more information visit: www.innonatour.usv.ro





EFICEEC Project Spotlight: Review of the Forest Owner Associations in Selected Eastern European Countries

EFICEEC has carried out a short project for FAO, focusing on forest owner associations and cooperatives in Eastern Europe. The aims of the study were to: better understand the origin, evolution and current situation of forest owner associations and cooperatives in selected Eastern European countries; assess their effectiveness; and analyze lessons learned from their experience with regards to legislation, policies, strategies, institutional support and economic aspects. The study covered the following six countries: Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, and Slovakia. The final report is under review and should shortly be publicly available. Requests should be addressed to: Gerhard Weiss (gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at).

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- CASEE Conference 2012 - "Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production in the Danube Region", 03 - 05 May, 2012, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- The XIII World Congress of Rural Sociology - "The New Rural World: From Crisis to Opportunities", 29 July – 4 August, 2012, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2nd Forum Carpathicum "From data to knowledge, from knowledge to action", 30 May – 2 June 2012, Stará Lesná, Slovakia.

Recent Publications

- Duduman, G. (2011): Forest management planning tool to create highly diverse uneven-aged stands. *Forestry* 84 (3), 301-314.
- Weiss, G., Ramcilovic, S., Mavsar, R. (2011): Financing mechanisms for forest ecosystem services in Europe and their implications for forest governance. *Allgemeine Forst- und Jagdzeitschrift* 182, 5/6, 61-69.



**Season's Greetings
and
Best wishes for a
successful year 2012 !!!**

The EFICEEC TEAM