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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 accom-

Visitors from EFI Headquarters' at EFICEEC

The EFICEEC office hosted a communications meeting in their premises on FEB 7-8 2011.

Responding to extra-ordinary communication needs within EFI and to partners, donors, stake-holders, and the scientific communities has been identified as on the key tasks of the EFICEEC network.

In strategic and operational support of communication means, Ms. Anu Ruusila, Head of Communications, Ms. Minna Korhonen, Managing Editor, and Mr Petri Hukka, IT Support Officer from the EFI Headquarters visited the EFICEEC office in Vienna.

During their stays issues concerning information exchange, management and communication in the EFICEEC network were discussed. plishments. EFICEEC News will be distributed via email as well as posted at the EFICEEC website:

http://www.eficeec.efi.int



From left to right: Maria Geitzenauer, Bernhard Wolfslehner, Saana Tykkä, Minna Korhonen, Filip Aggestam, Petri Hukka, Anu Ruusila

European Forestry Msc. students in EFICEEC office in Spring 2011

In JAN 2011, Ms Ivana Guduric from Serbia, and Ms. Yulia Yanko from Russia, two master students of the Master of Science in European Forestry Erasmus Mundus (MSc EF) programme, started their practical training at the EFICEEC office.

Ms Yulia Yanko and Ms Ivana Guduric both enrolled to the European Forestry Master's program in 2010 and are now doing their internship in EFICEEC. In the context of EFICEEC Ms Yanko and Ms Guduric are involved in the project "Climate change effects on green space of the city of Vienna". The main task in the project is an overview of climate change influence on ecosystem goods and services in green belts of main Eastern European cities. (For more information, please see the project spotlight.)

Ms Yulia Yanko was awarded with Erasmus Mundus Scholarship and enrolled to the European Forestry Master's program (course 2010-2012) in 2010. On her first study year, she is completing her internship at the EFICEEC office, where she is involved in the project "Climate change effects on green space of the city of Vienna". According to Ms Yanko, the project corresponds to her interests; she studied related topic during her bachelor studies.



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Ms Ivana Guduric graduated from the Faculty of Forestry in Serbia on 2008. Her diploma work's topic was "Comparative analysis of management of urban forestry in Belgrade and Freiburg". Since then she has been interested in different aspects of urban green areas and forests in and around cities. In addition, she participated in a regional project that studied the importance of green areas in the cities Banjaluka and Belgrade. Currently she is involved in a project that aims to define behavioural patterns of citizens towards the urban forests in the SEE region's capital cities.

Ms Yanko's and Ms Guduric's main task in the project is to give an overview of the present situation of climate change influence on ecosystem goods and services of green belts and other green areas in the main Eastern European cities.

For more information: http://www.europeanforestry.net/

EFICEEC project spotlight:

Climate change effects on green space of the city of Vienna (2009-2013)

The project aims at the analysis of expected climate change effects on the forests and agriculture of the City of Vienna and is divided in three parts. Part I assesses the possible effects of climate change on the urban and suburban green space of the city, the so-called "Green Belt". Part II studies the consequences of these effects on the provision of societal goods and services. Part III is an international comparison of the state-of-the-art of climate change and urban forests in Central Eastern Europe.

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Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- Winter-summer school: Making values work

 exploring multiple perspectives in understanding the valuation of forest ecosystems, Freiburg, Germany, MAR 20-26, 2011
- The EU Strategy for the Danube region with specific emphasis on Land and Water Management and the Environment, St. Istvan University. Gödöllö. Hungary, APR 28– 29, 2011
- Joensuu Forestry Networking Week 2011: Forests and Energy, Joensuu, Finland, MAY 22-27, 2011

EFICEEC Annual Meeting 2011

The joint Annual Meeting and the 3rd Partner Meeting of the European Forest Institute Central East-European Regional Office (EFICEEC), hosted by the Mendel University in Brno, the Czech Republic. The Meeting will take place in **Křtiny Castle, near Brno**, in the Czech Republic on 4-6 May, 2011.

For more details, and regular updates please have a look at http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/events/eficee c annual meeting/