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The President words

As this Presidency letter shows, we have been active on all sectors of UEF, meaning work with forest matters, student activities, promoting and contacts to member candidates. I hope we will be able to present more new members of UEF soon.

The bio energy discussion is very active in Europe. It is a positive thing for the foresters that we find new ways of using our forests in a sustainable way. Our hope is that the increasing need of wood, also for bio energy and bio fuel use, can be met successfully and in a balanced way on the wood market. Last week the item was discussed at the Round Table Meeting arranged by UEF in Brussels.

The Advisory groups (Forestry/Cork in DG Agri and Forest-Based Industries in DG Enterprise) are very important for us. There our voice is heard in a more official way and in the same time we keep us up to date with the forest matters.

The Forest Action Plan is now in a stage when things will be put into practice, specially on the nations level, where we all can be active. Among the priorities in the plan is the promoting of the use of wood, for different purposes, from sustainable managed forests. Another area with high priority is caring about the biodiversity. In EU the strengthening of the coordination between policy areas in forest-related matters has high priority.

It is important that we have time to present the UEF activities at the Governing Council Meetings. When we all meet in Denmark (29.8-2.9 2007) the reserved time for the official GCM makes it possible to have a meeting with time for discussions about how to fulfil the strategy decided about at the Congress 2005 in Germany.

See you all in Denmark!

H.N.

Presidency news

What about your needs in UEF communication?

UEF makes important efforts to offer you new opportunities and dynamic help for a better communication and visibility for our common organization.

We realized new UEF pin's and UEF sticker last year.

During the next Governing Council Meeting in Denmark, this summer, The Presidency will present you new tools elaborated during the past months:

- a new 2 pages brochure, presenting UEF
- a new short 1 page brochure, presenting UEF
- a new 4 pages brochure "foresters advanced, did you update your mind about them?"

We want to ask you if you need something else to help you, for a better communication about UEF, in your own country.

Please, ask your needs and remarks to our Assistant Secretary, Hervé Némoz-Rajot, in charge of this matter in the Presidency. You can contact him in his E-mail: h.nr@wanadoo.fr

We will answer you during our next Governing Council Meeting.

All these new tools will be available in our homepage after our Danish Governing Council Meeting. It'll be possible to download them easily soon.

H.N.-R.

XI International Forestry Work camp with UEF support

The XI. International Forestry Work camp will be held from the 7th of July to the 5th of August in the forest district of Kastellaun in Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany). It is the first time that the Work camp is organized by Landesforsten Rhineland-Palatinate in cooperation with UEF and SDW.

The International Forest Work camp has been established 10 years ago. It is held annually in summer and is bringing together forest students from all over the world. Up to now students from 25 different nations took part in this project.

(please, see next page to follow)

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Our activities

XI International Forestry Work camp with UEF support (next)

UEF supports at least two participants by a travel expenses subsidy. Requests for a travel expenses subsidy are to be submitted to the UEF Presidency over the member organizations. Interested students can get more detailed and pictured information about the Work camp and the location, as well as the registration forms under <http://www.wald-rlp.de/index.php?id=397&L=2> and <http://www.wald-rlp.de/index.php?id=375>)

M.D.

An eternal and fruitful job to update our homepage

Twice during the last months all members of the UEF have been asked by mail to do some very necessary updating of their national information on the UEF homepage. The results are not positive indeed. 14 out of 22 organizations have done no updating what so ever. 4 organizations have done parts of their compulsory updating but 4 organizations have done a complete updating.

It is difficult to maintain a homepage and make it lively and look relevant when a great deal of the information on the homepage is several years old. For external use, the homepage looses in respect when it is not updated. For internal use in our own organization, it is also causing delays and errors when the information of the national parts are not all usable any longer. Contact persons are for instance regularly being changed in every organisation and it ought to be simple to place the name of the new person in charge on the homepage.

Soon we will start the advertising of the next GCM and it would have been very nice to know, that the many persons using our homepage in that connection could find a homepage, which showed a steady updating of the pages.

Please can you help us in this way. All the organisations who have not completed their updating by now are kindly asked to do that soon. If any assistance is needed, please contact the webmaster Mr. Steffen Brysting, who will help you immediately. He can be contacted by mail on the following address: steffen@crowwebdesign.dk.

It's not so difficult to update our common homepage and Steffen is ready to help you.

Thank you very much for your fruitful help.

N.C.

UEF activities in IFSA

UEF will be represented officially during the next meeting of IFSA (International Forest Students Association) in France. This meeting will take place in Nancy, 10-12 of may 2007.

Our Vice President, Michael Diemer, will represent UEF and be an official speaker in this meeting, offering a good visibility for our association. It's also a good occasion to connect us with next foresters, from whole Europe.

You can find more information in the homepage: <http://ifsa-meeting-2007.neuf.fr/>

M.D.

UEF in U.E. Advisory Groups about forest

UEF has permanent seats in these important advisory groups under DG Agri and DG Enterprise in the European Union. Niels Christiansen is the UEF representative in the "Forestry & Cork" group. Håkan Nystrand has the seat in the "F-BI" group, but he tries to be present in both groups when it is possible.

The groups usually meet 1-3 times per year. The biggest items under discussion in the groups just now are the implementation of the new Forest Action plan and the development of the use of bio energy and bio fuel in the EU. Ask for further information about the work in the group from Håkan or Niels.

H.N.

Don't forget our Governing Council Meeting in Denmark



The Danish foresters organization is proud to invite you to discover Denmark this summer. It will be a great opportunity to learn about the theme of this meeting: "management and planning aspects of urban forestry & urban greening".

It's also an annual occasion to discuss our UEF affairs and to meet foresters friends from all our organization members. So, see you soon in Herning, 29 august - 2 Sept. 2007.

H.N.-R.