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The President words

The 17th Congress of UEF gave us all great memories. Sitlid made the work carefully and the arrangements were in all ways successful. A warm thank you to Sitlid, President Piotr Paschalis and the staff for all what we were able to experience, and also to our Vice President Piotr Grygier, for the important work for a successful Congress.

The Congress made clear decisions about the action plan for the period 2009-2013. UEF will still focus on the most important issues for the foresters in Europe and EU. We will also lift up the new possibilities and the importance of the foresters in the work for bringing the sector forward.

The new Presidency has already decided about the responsibilities of the members. A special welcome to the new member of the Presidency, Thomas Baschny, from Austria. He will be a fresh new resource as an Assistant Secretary. Also Marian Stoicescu as Vice-President and Hervé Némóz-Rajot as Secretary are at new positions in the Presidency. The rest of the current Presidency members were re-elected to their former positions. From the homepage of UEF www.european-foresters.eu all the details about the new Presidency can be checked up under the file Management.

Niels Christiansen from our Danish DSL ended his long period as Vice President and Presidency member. Once more a warm thank you to Niels for all the work you did. The delegations from the different member organisations expressed in many ways how thankful we all are for the work done. I hope Niels will still be a member of the UEF group .

The next Presidency meeting 22–25 of October will be hosted by one of our new members, Albanian Foresters Specialists Association. We have big question marks in front of us. The global economy is still weak and together with the situation in the forest industry means that the foresters have challenging times.

Finally I want to express my personal thank you to you all for the possibility to manage the work for the foresters in Europe also the coming four years. **HN.**

Presidency news

A busy autumn 2009 !

Björn Karlsson, treasurer, take part to a seminar and a reception arranged by Sweden in connection to the Presidency of EU. The invitation was directed to the President of UEF and Björn represented UEF in this meeting on the 9th of September in Brussels. Both the Prime Minister Reinfeldt and HRH Crown Princess Victoria participated.

Håkan Nystrand, President and **Hervé Némóz-Rajot, Secretary** were invited and participated in the festivities connected to the 100 years jubilee of UBF in Bulgaria. They arrived in Sofia on the 17th of September and went back on Sunday. This was a big occasion, good for promoting UEF in Bulgaria. It was also a way to take part in an important event, in connection with UBF, active and important member of the UEF, fully member of the European family of foresters.

The next Presidency meeting will be in Tirana, Albania, as we have planned in Jedlnia. It will start on the evening of 22nd of October. The departure will be early in the morning 25th of October. Mr Arsen Proko, President of the Albanian foresters specialists organization will organize a nice PM, promoting his country and the Albanian forests and foresters. It's a good way to show our Albanian colleagues, new members of UEF from a couple of years, that they are now fully in our family.

The Economic and Social Committee of EU will have a meeting in Joensuu, Finland.

On the 23rd of September, **Håkan Nystrand, President**, have been asked to have a presentation there about the challenges of the forest sector in Europe the coming years. He has once before had a presentation for the ESC and it will be nice to be there again after some years!

HN and HNR.

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Our activities :

XIII International Forestry Work camp

In July 2009, the International work camp was held the third time with the support of UEF.

10 students from 7 nations took the opportunity to spent 4 weeks in the German forests, to get more knowledge about forestry by practical works, excursions and also international student networking.

Meanwhile the yearly held forestry work camp is more and more establishing as a fix component of international forestal student exchange. It seems to be the time to have a first resume of the cooperation project founded in 2006.



Until now all cooperation partners (state forest, SDW and UEF) are still satisfied with the agreement and the division of tasks. The agreed conditions are still accepted by all partners.

On the other hand the results are really positive. During the last 3 years forest students from 12 nations met in the work camp and there was a real positive feedback from all participants. Many of them are still in contact to each other. Many educational authorities all over the Europe, but also in South Korea, accept the work camp participation as an official part of the students studies and meanwhile some are sending students yearly.

To sum it up shortly: the project is running very well and should be followed in the next years. In difficult times, with a big shortening of the forest staff, the project gives a clear sign, that we feel responsible for the youth in forestry and that we are standing for a sustainable staff renewing.

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	2007	2008	2009
Australia	X		
Belgium	X	X	
Canada			X
Denmark		X	
France		X	
Greece	X		
Hungaria	X		X
Ireland		X	X
Macedonia			X
Poland	X	X	X
Portugal	X	X	X
Serbia		X	
Spain	X	X	
South Korea	X	X	X

