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TIMBER COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS SIXTIETH SESSION  
(24-27 September 2002)**

Highlights of the Session

- The Committee commemorated its sixtieth session in two ways: a formal agenda item during the Committee session and a mini-seminar and excursion to the Swiss national exhibition Expo.02 in Neuchatel on the theme “Innovative uses of wood”. (paras. 14-16);
- The Committee took note of the results of the Commission session and the Executive Secretary’s proposals for strengthening the organisation. It endorsed the comments of its bureau, in particular stressing its commitment to promoting sustainable development, the need for a holistic and cross-sectoral approach, the potential to expand policy work and the need to raise the Committee’s visibility. (paras. 7-11);
- The Committee welcomed the attention given by ECE to cross-sectoral issues and stressed the importance of taking a cross sectoral approach to forest sector issues, citing the approach of the EFSOS policy study as an example. (paras. 20-22);
- The Committee endorsed the general direction of ECE/FAO’s activities in support to the international dialogue on forests, global and regional processes (paras. 17-19);
- The Committee reviewed the markets for forest products in 2002 and prospects for 2003 and approved a statement (paras. 12-13);
- The Committee reviewed and adopted its programme of work, the allocation of secretariat resources, the mandates of teams of specialists and the tentative list of meetings for 2003 and 2004 (para. 23 and annexes).

## **Introduction**

1. The ECE Timber Committee held its sixtieth session at Geneva from 24 to 27 September 2002. The session was attended by representatives of Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Yugoslavia.
2. A representative of the European Commission attended the session. The Vienna Liaison Unit of the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe was also represented.
3. The following United Nations bodies and intergovernmental organization agencies were represented: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); International Labour Office (ILO); International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO; and International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO).
4. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: European Forest Institute (EFI); European Panel Federation (EPF); Organization of European Sawmilling Industries (OES); and Shake and Shingle Association the Silviculture Union of Southern Europe (USSE); and the Swiss Forest Owners Association.
5. Mr. J. Serveau (Canada), Chairman, opened the session. Ms. C. Cosgrove-Sacks, Director of the UNECE Trade Development and Timber Division, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Executive Secretary.

### **Adoption of the agenda (Item 1)**

6. The provisional agenda (ECE/TIM/98) was adopted.

### **Strengthening of ECE; Matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to the Committee (Item 2) (TIM/2002/1)**

7. The Committee took note of the results of the Commission session and the Executive Secretary's proposals for strengthening the organisation. It endorsed the comments of its bureau (TIM/2002/1, para 10), in particular stressing its commitment to promoting sustainable development, the need for a holistic and cross-sectoral approach, the potential to expand policy work and the need to raise the Committee's visibility. It agreed that cross-sectoral work should be expanded, notably in the field of the interaction between trade, environment and timber, provided that supplementary resources could be mobilised, from inside or outside ECE: this work should not be undertaken at the expense of the core work.

8. It approved the prioritisation *pro forma* for the timber sub-programme, submitted after consultation with the bureau and in accordance with the discussions at the strategic review as required by the ECE Group of Experts on the Programme of Work.

9. It was informed of the secretariat's draft proposals for the UN programme budget 2004-2005, and endorsed the broad lines. It reviewed and endorsed the short brief on the Committee's priorities for the next biennium.

10. The Committee reaffirmed that it had no particular comparative advantage in the field of technical assistance and operational activities. For this reason, its present contribution should remain centred on monitoring and analysis of forestry assistance to countries in transition. It strongly endorsed the Commission's statement that there was a need of support for participation of experts from low and middle income transition countries in PSBs and their related activities.

11. The Committee asked its bureau to consider how it could contribute to the World Summit for Sustainable Development (WSSD) Plan of Implementation, notably paragraph 43 on forest issues and took note of some preliminary suggestions by the secretariat (see also para. 19).

#### **Market developments in 2002 and prospects for 2003 (Item 3)**

(TIM/2002/3; ECE/TIM/BULL/55/3)

12. The Committee reviewed the markets on the basis of the *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2001-2002*, country statements and national forecasts for 2002 and 2001. It approved a statement for subsequent publication and wide distribution.

13. The Committee suggested to the bureau that the special topic at its session in 2003 should consider wood energy in the context of energy and other policies. As prices of wood energy and other forms of energy play a key role in this debate, the ECE Committee on Renewable Energy, which is working on energy pricing issues, with the Committee on Environmental Policies, should be invited to participate. The competition for wood supplies between raw material and energy uses should also be covered. This topic is already under consideration in EFSOS and should be taken up in the FPAMR.

#### **Commemoration of the sixtieth session of the Timber Committee and seminar on the theme "Innovative uses of wood" (Item 4) (TIM/2002/3)**

14. The sixtieth session of the Timber Committee since its foundation in 1948 was marked in two ways: a formal agenda item during the Committee session and an optional mini-seminar and excursion to the Swiss national exhibition Expo.02 on the theme "Innovative uses of wood".

#### **- Formal Commemoration**

15. Mr. P. Garonna, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECE addressed the Committee and Mr. T. Peck, former Director of the ECE/FAO Agriculture and Timber Division, presented the achievements of the Committee since its foundation. Commemorative certificates were presented to former bureau members and long serving former delegates (see list in annex III).

**- Seminar And Excursion**

16. The Committee held a mini-seminar, jointly with the *Forum forestier lémanique*, and at the invitation of the Swiss Government, on the theme “Innovative uses of wood”, at Neuchatel. Prof. J-L Sandoz (Switzerland) and Dr. A. Schuler (United States) made presentations, followed by discussion. Delegates visited the Swiss national exhibition Expo.02, and saw examples of innovative wood use. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Swiss Government, the FFL, and CEDOTEC Lignum, the organisers, for a most interesting visit.

**International dialogue on forests, support to the global and regional processes (Item 5)**  
(TIM/2002/4)

17. The Committee was informed of the ECE/FAO contribution to the global and regional forest dialogues, and reaffirmed the high priority it attached to this aspect of the work. It welcomed the continuing close and mutually beneficial cooperation between ECE/FAO and the MCPFE in many areas, including indicators of sustainable forest management, social issues, protected forest areas etc. Representatives of MCPFE expressed the hope that ECE/FAO would continue to play an active role in the process, notably as regards implementing the decisions of the Ministerial Conference in Vienna. EFSOS, through its policy relevant analysis, could play a useful role in informing the process of drawing up the MCPFE work plan.

18. The Committee noted that ECE/FAO contributed to the global dialogue, through FAO and by implementing, at the regional level, and in its own areas of comparative advantage, the recommendations of the IPF/IFF Plan of Action, although it was acknowledged that communication between the global and regional level could be improved. It asked the secretariat, with the MCPFE Vienna Liaison Unit, to approach the UNFF secretariat to arrange for a briefing of UNFF3 (May 2003, Geneva) on regional cooperation in Europe on sustainable forest management. It would be preferable for this briefing to be on the formal agenda of UNFF3, to avoid poor attendance due to conflicting schedules, but a side event was another possibility.

19. The Committee took note of some preliminary proposals by the secretariat for following the decisions of WSSD in the field of forests (paragraph 43 of the plan of implementation). It noted that the Timber Committee reviews its programme every year in the light of the IPF/IFF proposals for action this plan of action and most of its activities address issues identified in it. With regard to the WSSD commitment to “take immediate action at the national and international levels to promote and facilitate the means to achieve sustainable timber harvesting”, the Committee noted that “sustainable timber harvesting” is a main topic for the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee which regularly holds seminars and workshops on different aspects of this topic, generating information and guidelines as to best practice, taking account of ecological, social and economic factors. It requested its bureau and the Joint Committee Steering Committee to consider whether this activity could be intensified and possibly made more normative. With regard to the commitment to “intensify efforts on reporting to the UNFF to contribute to an assessment of progress in 2005”, the Committee noted that monitoring and assessment is one of its areas of comparative advantage and that when the process for reporting for 2005 is agreed by UNFF, it is to be expected that ECE/FAO would be able to make a major contribution.

**Timber Committee contribution to ECE cross-sectoral work (Item 6) (TIM/2002/5)**

20. The Committee stressed the importance of taking a cross sectoral approach to forest sector issues, citing the approach of the EFSOS policy study as an example, and welcomed the attention given by ECE to cross-sectoral issues. It recalled its own past work in the field of trade and environment, and welcomed the improved communication with other ECE PSBs. This mutual briefing should be continued. It also welcomed the project proposals for a workshop on “options for certification systems to certify sustainable forest management in countries in transition” (under joint auspices of Timber Committee and CTIED Working Party on Technical Harmonisation and Standardisation Policy), and requested countries and agencies to consider whether they could fund this proposal.

21. The Committee urged its secretariat, with other parts of the ECE secretariat, to continue to develop and implement proposals for cross sectoral work in the field of trade, environment and timber/forestry issues, building on ECE’s comparative advantage, and developing partnerships as appropriate (also see para. 13). It endorsed the note in the prioritisation pro forma that if an extra post were to be made available for the timber subprogramme it should be devoted to cross-sectoral issues. However it also strongly endorsed the view of the bureau that cross sectoral work should not be developed at the expense of the core activities, to which member countries attributed the highest priority, where the committee’s comparative advantage lies, and which have been defined after wide ranging discussion with partners and stakeholders.

22. The Committee was briefed on the extra budgetary project on sustainable development of the forest and timber sector in north-West Russia, which had taken a consistently cross-sectoral approach to the issues it addressed.

**Review of activities since the fifty-ninth session and programme of work for 2003 to 2006 (Item 7) (TIM/2002/6 and TIM/2002/7)**

23. Under this item the Committee was informed on the implementation of the ECE/FAO integrated programme since the last year, according to the modalities agreed at the strategic review, and endorsed the proposals agreed by the bureau. The Committee adopted its programme of work as set out in TIM/2002/7, the allocation of secretariat resources, the mandates of teams of specialists and the tentative list of meetings for 2003 and 2004 (annex II).

24. The Committee thanked all those countries which had contributed to the work in the past year, through hosting meetings, seminars or workshops, technical excursions or by providing support to the secretariat team through contributing funds, loan of experts, interns or in other ways.

- **Work area 1: Markets and Statistics**

25. The accomplishments under this work area were presented, as well as proposals for the programme of work 2003-2006. The Swedish delegation asked about the development of the Committee’s market information systems website (MIS). Development continues on the MIS to better serve needs to market information of different client groups (governments, research institutes,

universities and industry associations). Future developments will be in line with current resource levels, building on synergies, experience and information of FAO, ITTO and other cooperators.

- **Work area 2: Forest Resources Assessment**

26. The Timber Committee was informed on the activities and accomplishments under this work area, including the outcome of the ECE/FAO ToS on Forest Resources Assessment meeting (Krakow, Poland, June 2002), the Global FRA Expert Consultation "Kotka-IV" (Finland, July 2002), co-operation with MCPFE and contribution to the EFSOS Programme. In particular, the participants highly appreciated the FRA contribution to the preparation of the MCPFE-2003. The Committee endorsed the Work Plan for Forest Resources Assessment as it was approved by the last session of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics. The Committee highly appreciated the support to FRA work provided by Finland, Norway, Poland and other countries.

27. The Committee took note of the successful technical excursion held in Germany in June 2002, and the international workshop on the "Changing Role of State Forests: Benchmarking in Forestry, its Role and Potential" held in Bunratty (Ireland) in September 2002. The workshop was the third in a series of workshops on the theme, which has gained a strong support of the participants. The Committee took note that the next "State Forests Conference" was to be held in France, in June 2003. The Committee extended its highest appreciation to Germany, Ireland and France for their support to the UNECE/FAO activities.

- **Work area 3: European Forest Sector Outlook Studies**

28. The Timber Committee was briefed about work area 3, European forest sector outlook studies (EFSOS) activities, outcomes and plans. The secretariat requested comments about and contributions to the work. It welcomed the fact that EFSOS is dealing increasingly with policy issues, notably policy and market developments in CEEC and CIS. Another important part of EFSOS activities is to further the relationship between the forest sector and society. EFSOS addresses cross-sectoral policy issues, considering the importance of external policies (e.g. environmental, agriculture, trade energy policy issues) for the forest sector. The meeting expressed the feeling that the policy orientation of EFSOS would improve the visibility of the Timber Committee.

29. The meeting welcomed the EFSOS activities, outcomes and plans, and thanked all those who were contributing to the work. The meeting proposed presenting the outlook study outcomes to various global policy meetings and institutions (e.g. COFO, MCPFE, UNFF, World Forestry Congress, FAO conference). The Swedish representative expressed readiness to support and assist EFSOS, including with financial contributions, subject to final endorsement by higher national authorities.

- **Work area 4: Technology, Management and Training**

30. Activities under this work area are guided by the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training. The Timber Committee was briefed on the outcome of the

Joint Committee's twenty-fourth session held in Ireland in September 2002 and of the seminar on Afforestation in the context of sustainable forest management, which followed.

31. The Committee welcomed the contributions made by the Joint Committee to the MCPF process, took note that all activities in the programme of work had been implemented as planned, and endorsed the programme of work for 2003 and 2006. It further requested the Joint Bureaux meeting next May to consider the proposal for the new name, "Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Sustainable Forestry". The Committee called on the continuing commitment of the three organisations, FAO, ECE and ILO in support to the effective work by the Joint Committee.

- **Work area 5: Policy and cross sectoral issues**

32. With regard to work area 5 Policy and cross sectoral issues, the Committee welcomed the approach of building on the existing analytical work, drawing policy conclusions and communicating them to other fora. A good example was the section on policy implications of forest products markets in the *Forest Products Annual Market Review, 2001-2002*.

33. The Committee was informed of preparations for the seminar on sound use of wood (Poiana Brasov, Romania, March 2003), and endorsed the concept of bringing together representatives of various stakeholder communities in a policy oriented meeting to examine together the role of markets and trade in the sustainable development of the sector.

**Election of officers (Item 8)**

34. The Committee elected Mr. Gheorghe Florian Borlea (Romania), Chairman and Messrs. Jeff Serveau (Canada) and Heikki Pajuojja (Finland) Vice-Chairmen. The Committee warmly thanked Mr. Serveau the outgoing Chairman, and Mrs. Astrid Bergquist (Sweden) who was leaving the bureau after six years of active service.

**Other business (Item 9)**

35. The delegation of Canada invited participants to attend the twelfth World Forestry Congress to take place in Quebec, Canada, in September 2003. It is being jointly organized by the Department of Natural Resources Canada in collaboration with the FAO under the theme of "Forests, source of life".  
<<http://www.wfc2003.org>>

36. The delegation of Portugal kindly offered to host a joint Timber Committee, European Forestry Commission technical excursion in May next year. The Committee warmly thanked Portugal and requested that the theme and programme be finalised with the secretariat in consultation with the bureaux.

37. A briefing to Permanent Missions was organised on the Committee's activities and methods of work.

**Date and place of next session (Item 10)**

38. Provided that conference services are available, the week of 7-10 October 2003 has been provisionally reserved for the sixty-first session of the Committee.

**Adoption of the report (Item 11)**

39. The Committee adopted the present report of its sixtieth session.



## ANNEX I

### UNECE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND FAO EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

#### INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF WORK, 2003-2006

Set out below is the integrated programme of work of the Committee and the Commission for the period 2003 to 2006. Its implementation is overseen by the two bodies and their subsidiary bodies at their regular meetings, which take place on the following schedule:

- The Timber Committee meets annually;
- The European Forestry Commission (EFC) meets every two years (2002, 2004, etc.);
- The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training meets every two years (2004, 2006 etc.);
- The Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics meets every year.

The integrated programme contains five continuing work areas. In each of these, some programme elements are of a continuing nature, while others have a fixed duration and will be replaced periodically by work on other topics.

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#### Work Area 1: MARKETS AND STATISTICS

**Objective:** Collect, analyse and disseminate information on forest products markets and forest fires in cooperation with partners in international organizations and countries. Provide fora for discussion of forest products marketing, especially in countries in transition, and on market developments and disseminate current, neutral information in order to support sustainable development in the forest products sector.

**Guidance:** Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

#### Programme elements:

- 1.1 Statistics on production, trade and prices of forest products
- 1.2 Analysis of markets for forest products
- 1.3 Capacity building for forest products marketing in countries in transition
- 1.4 Monitoring of markets for certified forest products
- 1.5 Statistics on forest fires
- 1.6 Information network, activities of team of specialists

## **Work Area 2: FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT**

**Objective:** Collect and make available the best possible data on the forests of the industrialised countries (ECE region, plus Australia, New Zealand and Japan). All activities will be carried out in close cooperation with the FAO global forest resource assessment programme (Global FRA).

**Guidance:** Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

### **Programme elements:**

- 2.1 Collection and validation of data on forest resources, including methodological development
- 2.2 Main regional reports
- 2.3 Indicators of sustainable forest management: improve concepts, supply data
- 2.4 Contribution to global FRA
- 2.5 Country profiles of countries in transition
- 2.6 Special studies (biodiversity, forest condition, carbon flows etc.)
- 2.7 Information network, work area administration

## **Work Area 3: EUROPEAN FOREST SECTOR OUTLOOK STUDIES**

**Objective:** Analyse the developments and outlook for the forest and forest industry sector, considering challenges and uncertainties of varying policies, market developments and the influence of exogenous factors. This should encompass all main kinds of forestry land use and all stages of forest product use, from the forest to the final consumer. The aim is to assist policy formulation and investment decision-making. The main target groups of EFSOS are policy makers, entrepreneurs, the academic community of the forest and forest products sector and the public.

**Guidance:** Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics

### **Programme elements:**

- 3.1 Outlook for European forest products markets
- 3.2 Outlook for European forest resources
- 3.3 Analysis of long-term historical driving forces
- 3.4 Case studies for countries in transition
- 3.5 Policy scenarios
- 3.6 Information network, public relations of EFSOS, fund raising

## **Work Area 4: TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING**

**Objective:** The Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training assists countries, in particular those which its parent bodies may identify at any time as requiring priority attention, to develop their forestry activities in the context of sustainable development. This is achieved by fostering international cooperation on technical, economic and organizational aspects of forest management and forest working techniques and of the training of forest workers in logging and forest operations.

**Guidance:** Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training

**Programme elements:**

Note: many activities of the Joint Committee are not restricted to one work element but cut across all three topics. Harvesting, for instance, takes also into account silvicultural and environmental considerations as well as aspects of occupational safety and health. The Joint Committee co-operates with other organisations, e.g. IUFRO, whenever possible.

- 4.1 Forest technology (forest roads, harvesting and transport of wood raw material)
- 4.2 Forest management (multiple use forestry, preparation and implementation of forest management plans, information systems, silvicultural operations, forest fire prevention and control)
- 4.3 Training of forest workers (vocational training in forestry, applied ergonomics, occupational safety and health)
- 4.4 Steering Committee, work area administration

**Work Area 5: POLICY AND CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES**

**Objective:** Monitor developments in policies and forest sector institutions, and carry out policy analysis of topics identified as important. To contribute as appropriate to the regional and global dialogue on sustainable development of the sector. Particular attention will be paid to issues of importance to countries in transition.

**Guidance:** Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission

**Programme elements:**

- 5.1 Contribution to and co-ordination of activities with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
- 5.2 Contribution to global dialogue on forests through regional bodies such as the EFC and the MCPFE.
- 5.3 Monitoring changes in policies and institutions
- 5.4 Monitoring forestry assistance to countries in transition (monitoring of activities under resolution H3)
- 5.5 Trade and environment issues relevant to the forestry and forest products sector
- 5.6 Policy analysis
- 5.7 Forest Communicators Network
- 5.8 Promoting sustainable use of wood and other forest products and services
- 5.9 Policy issues in countries in transition, including capacity building

## ANNEX II

### PROVISIONAL LIST OF MEETINGS IN 2003 AND 2004 FALLING WITHIN THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE TIMBER COMMITTEE AND THE EUROPEAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Note: The meetings are sub-divided into two categories: meetings marked (A) are open to delegates or approved representatives from all member countries of ECE as well as from other countries that are members of the United Nations and organizations accredited to ECE (or to FAO and ILO, in the case of meetings co-sponsored by them). Meetings marked (B) are those restricted to the countries or individuals nominated by their countries to take part in the activity concerned, e.g. a team of specialists. At the Committee's website (<http://unece.org/trade/timber>) an up-to-date calendar of meetings, can be consulted.

#### 2003

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Title</u>
March (to be decided)	Geneva	Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, 25th session (A)
24-28 March	Poiana Brasov, Romania	Seminar on strategies for the sound use of wood (A)
March (to be decided)	Geneva	Joint ECE Timber Committee, FAO European Forestry Commission bureaux meeting (B)
15-19 April	Antalya, Turkey	FAO/ECE/ILO Conference on Forest Fire Management and International Cooperation in Fire Emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean, Balkans and adjoining Regions of the Near East and Central Asia (A)
May (to be decided)	Portugal	Joint ECE Timber Committee, FAO European Forestry Commission technical excursion (A)
7-10 October	Geneva	ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE, 61st session (A)
October	Zvolen, Slovakia	Steering Committee of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, 16th session (B)
14-19 October	Zvolen, Slovakia	FAO/ECE/ILO Seminar on close to nature forestry (A)
October (to be decided)	Logarska Salina, Slovenia	FAO/ECE/ILO Seminar on forest operations improvements in farm forests (A)

**2004**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
March (to be decided)	Geneva	Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, 26th session (A)
May (to be decided)	Geneva	Joint Timber Committee and the EFC bureaux meeting (B)
September (to be decided)	Netherlands	FAO/ECE/ILO Seminar on new roles and modes of operation of Forest Services (A)
September (to be decided)	Netherlands	Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, 25th session (A)
September (to be decided)	Geneva	Meeting of the ECE/FAO team of specialists on forest products markets and marketing (B)
September (to be decided)	Geneva	ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE, 62nd session (A)
(to be decided)	Hungary (to be confirmed)	FAO/ECE/ILO Seminar on forest roads (A)
(to be decided)	Sochi Russian Federation (to be confirmed)	FAO/ECE/ILO Seminar on multi-functional forestry in protected and vulnerable area (A)

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### **ANNEX III**

The following Commemorative certificates were presented on the occasion of the Timber Committee's sixtieth session:

- Mr. Gunther Siegel (Austria)
- Mr. Earl Kelly (Canada)
- Mr. Tony Rumbold (Canada)
- Mr. Jeff Serveau (Canada)
- Mr. Gene Smith (Canada)
- Mr. Bill Townsley (Canada)
- Mr. Andras Madas (Hungary)
- Mr. Jürgen Säglitz (Germany)
- Mr. Herman Van Der Meiden (The Netherlands)
- Mr. Florian Borlea (Romania)
- Ms. Constanta Istratescu (Romania)
- Mr. Nikolai Burdin (Russian Federation)
- Mr. David Lipman (Russian Federation)
- Ms. Astrid Berquist (Sweden)
- Mr. Lars Strångh (Sweden)
- Mr. Andrea Semadeni (Switzerland)
- Mr. Felix Palmer (United Kingdom)
- Mr. David Darr (USA)
- Mr. Dwight Hair (USA)
- Mr. Dusan Orescanin (Yugoslavia)
- Mr. Jean Fahys (Organisation européenne des scieries)
- Mr. Tim Peck (former Division Director)