



Implementation of Sustainable Forest Management

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1. The new year 2005



Best wishes to you all.

May 2005 bring you shared happiness, health, individual and collective success, and courage for those who have experienced difficulties in nations desperately battling the devastation caused by the Indian Ocean tsunami. 🌿

2. The Experts Network : Latest news



- **1st forestry training centres international conference (February 16-18th)**: The initial wave of registrations is encouraging. To date, about 60 participants from 21 different countries have registered.

Several countries are missing such as Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Lithuania, Russia, Slovenia, Slovakia, and Romania. We ask the contact points of these countries to encourage the training centres and the professional associations of their own country to ensure that they will attend the meeting (portion of the transport and the accommodation costs of participants will be reimbursed up to 50% of vouched expenditure).

More updated information : www.eduforest.org

- **Safety in forestry (changes and progress in the last 10 years)** : Meeting between France and Switzerland on January 12th to prepare the seminar on safety in 2007.

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- **"Forestry and Culture Heritage"** : Sweden is organising a seminar, June 13-15th.

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- **Major windblow in Slovakia** in November 2004, with serious human, economic and ecological consequences. The STODAFOR project, in cooperation with the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Experts Network (previously Joint Committee), has recently completed a draft manual on dealing with a major windthrow, for use precisely in such situations. The systematic and clear advice the manual provides, based on experience in 1999, should be very helpful to Slovakia. The Joint Experts Network has offered to arrange training courses for this highly specialised and dangerous logging.

- The Joint Network **steering committee working methods** are now agreed and specified.

- **The secretariat close to the chairman should be operational soon** : Ongoing contacts with an Irish university to find a student who can dedicate a part of his/her time to the work of the Joint Experts Network.

- Meeting in France between Christian SALVIGNOL - chairman - and Kit PRINS - chief of the ECE/FAO timber Branch - on February 2nd, **preparing the future activities of the Network**.

- **Ongoing development of a data base** including member countries contacts, experts contacts and target groups interested with the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Experts Network activities.

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