



## EFICEEC-EFISEE News

This is the EFICEEC-EFISEE News, an electronic newsletter devoted to the EFICEEC-EFISEE network. The intent is to provide update information every third month and call attention to our latest

news and accomplishments. EFICEEC-EFISEE News will be distributed via email as well as posted on the joint [EFICEEC-EFISEE website](#).

## StarTree Wild Forest Products – Final Conference

The StarTree FP7 project on NWFP organised its final conference on 13–14 October 2016 in Barcelona, see: <http://star-tree.eu/final-conference-2016>. Highly interesting keynote presentations

were held by Freerk Wiersum and Paul Vantomme. All presentations can be downloaded from the website.

## COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP – Call for papers for Special Issue

The COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP related **Special Issue of the journal Forest Policy and Economics** is still open. **Full paper submission deadline is January 31, 2017**. Interested contributors – also from outside the Action – should

send an abstract of their planned paper to the Guest Editor Gerhard Weiss beforehand, if possible: [gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at](mailto:gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at). All papers should be submitted through the online system of the journal.

## H2020 project SIMRA - First Stakeholder interaction workshop

The H2020 project SIMRA (**Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas**) organised the first stakeholder interaction workshop from 26–28 October 2016 in Bratislava.

The SIMRA-Workshop was hosted the joint research network SPECTRA by the Institute of Forest Ecology at the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Comenius University in Bratislava.

BOKU/EFICEEC is leading Work package 6 on “Policies and Practice” in SIMRA and the workshop was attended by Gerhard Weiss and Alice Ludvig.

At the event in Bratislava, members of the SIMRA consortium met for the first time with 20 members of the international “Social Innovation Think Tank (SITT)”. Throughout the project, this Think Tank will represent a multilevel transdisciplinary structure of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and the Stakeholders Involvement Board (SIB) consisting of European, Associated & non-EU actors and experts in forestry, agriculture and rural development.



Photo: Alice Ludvig

The project SIMRA was launched in April 2016 for the period of 4 years. It is coordinated by the James Hutton Institute in Scotland and addresses the unlocking of growth potential of rural areas through an enhanced governance and social innovation.

For more information, see project website:

<http://www.simra-h2020.eu/index.php/event/shaping-social-innovation-for-marginalised-rural-areas/>





## New EFI study on bioeconomy indicators published

**Forest bioeconomy – a new scope for sustainability indicators**, Volume 4 of the EFI series “From Science to Policy, was recently published and presented at the ThinkForest Event “Building an innovative and resilient forest bioeconomy” on 15th November in Brussels. The study was coordinated by EFICEEC researchers and developed inter alia three scenarios on how forest indicators can be further advanced in the future.

The study can be downloaded here: [http://www.efi.int/portal/policy\\_advice/thinkforest/past\\_events/building\\_bioeconomy/fstp4/](http://www.efi.int/portal/policy_advice/thinkforest/past_events/building_bioeconomy/fstp4/)



## COST Targeted Network CAPABAL prolonged

The Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) has extended COST targeted network CAPABAL (Capacity Building in Forest Policy and Governance in Western Balkan Region). The extension is effective from 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2018. The activity is coordinated by Dijana Vuletic, Croatian Forest Research Institute, and supported by EFISEE.

The next phase will be important for a full elaboration of a regional research agenda that will involve both scientists and stakeholders from administration, NGOs and policy-makers. More information: <http://capabal.sumins.hr/>

The Croatian Forest Research Institute and we would like to thank all partners for participation in CAPABAL Action in the past two years and hope our fruitful cooperation will continue!



Photo: CAPABAL meeting in Montenegro (by EFISEE)



## Croatia on the way of development of the National Climate change adaptation strategy by 2017

**The project Climate change adaptation strategy of the Republic of Croatia** started in May 2016. It is funded from the Transition Facility of the EU for the Ministry of Environment and Energy, ordered by the Central Finance and Contracting Agency and implemented by Eptisa Adria Ltd. So far series of stakeholder workshops have been organized and the latest was the workshop for forestry and nature protection stakeholders on 7 December 2016. Dr. Silvija Krajter Ostoić, EFISEE, is involved in the project as forestry expert and was responsible in this case for moderation of the

discussion related to proposed measures of adaptation in forestry sector.



Photo: EPTISA Adria Ltd.





## The third project meeting of the ERASMUS+ project CIA2SFM was held in Zagreb

The meeting was held on 30 November in Zagreb at the premises of the Institute for Development and International Relations – IRMO, a Croatian project partner. Partners from Austria, Slovenia and Croatia presented their ideas for developing of curriculum and selected topics for the future training courses. Previously this year the training of trainers was organized in Ljubljana to train employees of partner organisations. The role of these trainers is to design teaching and training materials for e-learning modules that will be uploaded on the LMS Moodle. E-learning platform has been already used by some of the partner organizations (IRMO, BOKU and BFW) so they shared their experiences to partners. Project meeting participants also participated in a short course about basic functions of the Moodle.



Photo: Jaka Klun



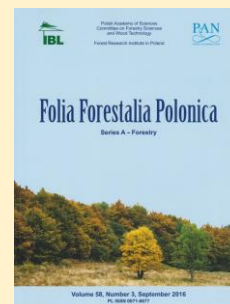
## Regional Journal presentation: *Folia Forestalia Polonica*, Series A – Forestry

Established in 1957, an international peer-reviewed quarterly *Folia Forestalia Polonica*, Series A – Forestry is a scientific journal published by the Forest Research Institute in Sękocin Stary, Poland together in cooperation with the Polish Academy of Sciences. It is addressed to all researchers interested in the exchange of information and the advancement of knowledge in the multidisciplinary field of forestry and environment. The scope of the journal covers a broad spectrum of forest-related topics, including forest ecology, tree physiology, genetics, stand dynamics, silvicultural issues, entomology, phytopathology, forest management planning as well as forest policy and economics. The members of the Advisory Board are scientists from various research institutions around the world. The Editorial Board consists of Polish researchers of different universities and the Forest Research Institute.

The journal is published in English language. The journal invites authors from any region of the world to publish their original, review and methodological

papers, as well as short communications and notes. Papers are selected for publication based on their significance of new knowledge or ideas presented. Each manuscript is peer reviewed by two independent reviewers.

Both Advisory and Editorial Boards of the *Folia Forestalia Polonica* take steps to raise the regional significance of the journal and take actions to get the Impact Factor in the coming years.



website: <http://www.ibles.pl/web/ffp>



## Regional Journal presentation: Leśne Prace Badawcze / Forest Research Papers

Leśne Prace Badawcze (Forest Research Papers) is a peer-reviewed journal quarterly published by the Forest Research Institute in Sękocin Stary, Poland. It was established in 1933 and until 2002 was entitled Prace Instytutu Badawczego Leśnictwa, seria A. It is addressed to all researchers involved in various areas of forest research, both basic and applied ones. The scope of the journal covers all forest-related areas of research, including silviculture, forest ecology, physiology, entomology, phytopathology and forest genetics, as well as forest productivity, forest management planning, forest economics and policy.

The journal is published in two language versions: Polish (paper version and online) and English (online) ones. The journal invites authors from any region of the world to publish their original, review and methodological papers as well as short communications. Each manuscript is peer reviewed by two independent reviewers.

The advisory board of the journal consists of scientists from various research institutions around the world, while the Editorial Board gathers mostly Polish researchers. The Editorial Board of the Leśne Prace Badawcze take steps to raise the regional significance of the journal and take actions to get the Impact Factor in the coming years.



website: <http://www.ibles.pl/en/web/lesne-prace-badawcze/start>

## Publications

Alice Ludvig, Giulia Corradini, Marelli Asamer-Handler, Davide Pettenella, Verónica Verdejo, Silvia Martínez, Gerhard Weiss (2016) The Practice of Innovation: The Role of Institutions in Support of Non-Wood Forest Products. *BioProducts Business* 1(6), pp. 73-84

Tomicevic-Dubljevic Jelena, Zivojinovic Ivana, Skocajic Dragana, Grbic Mihailo (2016) Climate Changes and Invasive Plant Species: Raising the Awareness of the Public Towards Alien Invasive Plant Species in the City of Belgrade. *Fresenius Environmental Bulletin*, Volume 25, No. 11/2016, pp. 4680-4684

## Upcoming meetings and conferences

- Conference "Green Infrastructure: Nature Based Solutions for Sustainable and Resilient Cities", 4–7 April 2017, Orvieto, Italy.
- 3rd International Conference on Landscape and Human Health, 17–19 May 2017, Vienna, Austria.
- IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress "Interconnecting Forests, Science and People", 19–22 September 2017, Freiburg, Germany.





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**Season's Greetings  
and all good wishes for the New Year!!!**

**The EFICEEC-EFISEE team**

