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IUFRO Working Party S6.06-03 Extension

8th Extension Working Party Symposium

**Networks in Forestry Extension and Knowledge Transfer -
Achievements, Emerging issues and Future Action**

18th – 22nd September 2006
Riga, Latvia

First announcement and call for papers

hosted by



Latvian State Forestry Research Institute "SILAVA"
in co-operation with



Ministry of Agriculture,
Latvian Council of Science

Location: Riga, Latvia



Panorama of Riga old city

Riga is the capital of the Republic of Latvia and the geographical centre of the Baltic States, as well as its largest city. Founded in 1201, Riga covers a territory of 307 square km, and numbers some 815,000 inhabitants, a quarter of Latvia's population.

Riga's rich culture and varied lifestyle has origins in the peoples of its past. Latvians, Livs, Germans, Russians and others have influenced the city's passage through time.

The city is situated on both banks of the river Daugava near the Gulf of Riga. The oldest part of the city – *Vecriga* (Old Riga) is surrounded by a ring of boulevards. One need only walk around the town to become acquainted with the city's past and rich cultural diversity, merged into a modern, cosmopolitan Riga with a variety of museums, concert halls, cafes, bars and restaurants.

For more detailed information about Riga please refer to:

<http://www.riga.lv>

What are the best ways to travel to the venue and how do the participants reach the venue and/or hotel upon their arrival?

For those traveling by plane:

Riga has straight connection with Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, Cologne, Dublin, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hamburg, Helsinki, London, Milan, Minsk, Moscow, Munich, New-York, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Roma, Saint-Petersburg, Stuttgart, Tallinn, Tamper, Vilnius, Warsaw, and Vienna.

The Riga airport is situated in 20 minutes from the city centre that can be reached by taxi or bus.

From nearest places in the Baltic Sea region, the participants of the conference can reach Riga also by ferryboat, train, bus and car.

Accommodation options in Riga before (Sunday night) and in connection with the symposium and post-symposium excursion (Saturday night) will be provided for those colleagues who register.

About the Symposium

This symposium will explore networks in Forestry Extension and different methods of knowledge transfer to end users through invited lectures, volunteered papers, posters, tours and discussions.

Under the over all topic "Networks in Forestry Extension and Knowledge Transfer - Achievements, Emerging issues and Future Action" the presentations may refer to:

- Creating and managing extension and knowledge transfer networks
- Research approaches and results on forestry extension incl. evaluation
- Processes for identifying future issues and developing appropriate programs
- Forest owner education, information and training needs and preferences
- Institutional developments and support schemes
- Communication program achievements
- And other topics related to the symposium theme

Contributions from all persons and organizations involved in forestry extension, like extension professionals, development workers, researchers, officials and decision makers, both government and non government, as well as representatives of regional/national/international forest owner organizations and those engaged in national and international networks on extension and knowledge transfer are welcome.

Please submit your presentation title and abstract (300 words) together with Your preliminary registration to the address mentioned below by May 1st latest.

Registered persons will receive further information in May 2006

Proceedings

Papers will be published in CD format and posted on the World Wide Web

Symposium website

The symposium website is: <http://www.iufro8extensymp.silava.lv> . Persons should check it periodically for updated and new information.

Important Dates and Deadlines

May 1st: Abstracts and preliminary registration

July 5th: Definite registration, payment of fees

August 15th: Full paper delivery deadline, participation confirmation

September 8th: Program/proceedings ready

September 18th: Symposium begins

Organizing Committee and Information

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Tentative Costs

Registration fee:

140 € (to be skipped for participants from developing countries)

Accommodations:

ca. 70 € per night in Riga, Latvia

Catered Meals:

ca. 140 €

Excursion (20th September): ca. 40 €

Post Symposium excursion to Lithuania (22nd afternoon - 23rd September):

ca. 40 €

Accommodation – one night in Lithuania (22nd September): ca. 40 €

A detailed list of costs and the payment procedure, including bank information for money transfer will be posted on the web in the near future and included in the second announcement.

A limited amount of travel grants will be available to (partly) support participants from developing countries on the basis of (partly) reimbursement of traveling costs and/or (partly) coverage of costs for food and accommodations in Latvia. Colleagues from developing countries are kindly requested to hand in appropriate grant applications together with their preliminary registration and abstract.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Monday, 18th September

Arrival to Riga, registration
Plenary opening session
Hosts key note; IUFRO key note, paper presentations

Tuesday, 19th September

Paper presentations

Wednesday, 20th September

Field trip

Thursday, 21st September

Paper presentations / Themed group discussion

Friday, 22nd September

Presentations, themed group result presentations
IUFRO Working Party business meeting
Afternoon: departure for post symposium excursion to Lithuania

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Authors notified/second announcement:

May 15th

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July 5th

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September 8th

Symposium begins:

September 18th

**Complete this form,
E-mail, fax or mail it
together with your abstract
by May 1st, 2006 latest
to the address below**



PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

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Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Country _____ Telephone _____

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My participation is: almost certain probable

Title of presentation: _____

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