



EFIMED E-NEWSLETTER – October 2008

EFIMED ANNUAL MEETING in ORVIETO (Italy)

The 2nd EFIMED business meeting was held on September 17th within the framework of the EFI Conference week. We counted with sixty participants from 20 countries, not only Mediterranean ones but also interested representatives from Central and Northern Europe.

One of the main issues discussed during the EFIMED progress meeting was the need to develop a common vision on the scientific challenges and research priorities for Mediterranean forests through a **Mediterranean forest research agenda (MFRA)**. EFIMED will take the lead in coordinating such initiative with the support of its network and relevant stakeholders in the region.



EFIMED takes seriously the gender issue!

EFIMED co-organised the Session on “*Ecosystem services and tourism*” of the EFI annual conference Scientific Seminar. Many Mediterranean colleagues presented their work results on *Valuation of externalities and new tools for sustainable tourism development*, e.g., from Italian innovative initiatives to market new forest services to an overview of rural tourism potential in Albania. Participants could compare and discuss economic valuation studies for different Mediterranean sub-regions: e.g. Northern Greece, Central Spain, Israel; as well as different experiences on Payment for Ecosystem Services. The

active participation of our Mediterranean female researchers was remarkable, since all speakers were women.

Living with forest fires

A dialogue session on Forest fires was organized by EFIMED and PHOENIX during the EFI annual conference. Such event gave the participants the opportunity to discuss about the different structural causes of fires in North-South of the Mediterranean rim, as well as which are the key strategic actions to minimize such risk in the region.

EFIMED is nowadays finalizing a Discussion paper on **Living with wildfires: what science can tell us? A contribution to the Science-Policy dialogue**.

EFIMED COOPERATES IN IUCN CONGRESS

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature held this year its World Congress in Barcelona. Dr. Marc Palahí was invited to participate in the debate on “*Mediterranean Forests: Adapting to Global Change*”.

IUCN Mediterranean programme and EFIMED agreed to establish strong links in future initiatives related to Adaptive management models for Mediterranean forests as well as in future Higher education activities.

Further information:

http://cms.iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/index.cfm

EFIMED COLLABORATION IN FÔRET MEDITERRANNÉE SEMINAR

The Chairman of EFIMED Advisory Group, Dr. Yves Birot was chairing a seminar in Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, France on last September 23rd, organized by the Association “Forêt Méditerranéenne”.

The seminar, which gathered 80 people, was devoted to the topic “*research achievements and needs in*

Mediterranean forestry". A second seminar will take place in Montpellier on research transfer. They are intended to be a stage on the way of the Foresterranée Conference.

Foresterranée is organized by the Association at the end of November 2008, entitled: "*An objective to share between practitioners and researchers: the sustainable production of goods and services in Mediterranean forest*"

Dr. Birot chaired the discussions and introduced the participants the preparation of a Mediterranean Research agenda by EFIMED, highlighting its main research priorities.

Further information: www.aimf.org
www.foret-mediterrannee.org

EFIMED invited to the third Italian National Congress of Silviculture

For the improvement and conservation of Italian forests

16-19 October 2008 - Taormina (Sicily, Italy)

The Chairman of EFIMED Advisory Group, Dr. Yves Birot has attended the above event in order to present to the Italian forestry research community the EFIMED initiative of developing a Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda to address the scientific challenges of Mediterranean forests under global changes.

Further information:
www.congressoselvicultura2008.org

LAUNCH of the MEDITERRANEAN FORESTRY DATABASE

In the frame of the MEDFOREX project an inventory was conducted with the objective of estimating the Total Economic Value of Mediterranean forests. The inventory compiled data on direct and indirect use values as well as different non-use values, for 18 countries in the Mediterranean basin.

The EFIMED database resumes the data on the state of the forest, quantity and value of wood and non-wood forest goods and services collected by the MEDFOREX inventory and also presented in the book *Valuing Mediterranean Forests* (eds. Merlo M. & Croitoru L.).

We invite you to visit the site:

www.efi.int/portal/about_efi/organisation/regional_offices/efimed/efimed_database/

Or: www.efi.int/databases/medbase/



Don't miss EFIMED Annual Meeting 2009!!

28 April – 1 May 2009

Marrakech, Morocco



ENFI will host our next year meeting in Marrakech. A preliminary programme was presented in Orvieto by its director, Dr. Mohamed Sabir.

It will include a Scientific Seminar on "*Mediterranean forests in the context of integrated management of land resources: Soil, Water and Fodder*" as well as a field trip to the High Atlas.

Later we will inform you of calls for free communications.

**International Conference:
WATER and FORESTS: A CONVENIENT
TRUTH?
Barcelona, 30-31 October 2008**

Registrations

Due to the demand of participation in the Conference the registration deadline has been postponed until 22nd October. Find the instructions on EFIMED website.

Further information on: www.efi.int/portal/efimed



Connecting Mediterranean foresters!

**Send us your suggestions and announcements!
EFIMED Newsletter is meant to be a networking tool
within EFIMED Members. Strengthening our Network
needs from your proactive initiatives!**

**After Orvieto Meeting our mailing list has increased.
If you are interested to announce some relevant new
of your institution, please contact Ms. Elena Górriz:
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5th Spanish Forestry Congress

21 - 25 September 2009

In Ávila, Spain.

**Organised by the Spanish Society of Forests Sciences
and Government of Castilla y León.**

The Spanish Forestry Congress is the main forum of Spanish foresters and takes place every four years. Deadline for delivering abstracts of communications: October 31st 2008

www.congresoforestal.es (only in Spanish)

VI Forum on Forest Policy

**“Forests and society in a global change
framework: challenges and opportunities”**

4-6 November 2008

Solsona, Lleida, Spain

The Forum is organized on 4 sessions,

- New trends, challenges and opportunities on forest policy
- Forest sector, society and communication
- Forest policy and ownership and industry corresponsability
- New environmental challenges and social corresponsability

For further information: www.ctfc.es/forumpf08

**13th Symposium on Systems Analysis in
Forest Resources**

Charleston, South Carolina, USA

26-29 May 2009

This Symposium will bring together scientists to share ideas and developments in forest resource economics, operations research, management sciences, decision analysis, systems analysis, and information technology.

Attendees are encouraged to submit papers that address applications of operations research, computer science, or GIS to natural resource problems. Deadline: January 30, 2009.

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