

## The President words

Meanwhile half a year has passed since we met in Mainz for our last Congress. Forest and forestry do not currently play a significant role in the public media. Also, climate change as the challenge of our time *par excellence* seems increasingly be accepted and barely discussed publicly. Thank God yet peaceful international conflicts dominate instead the political events of the day.

It almost seems as if people forget their natural foundations for life and their environment and prefer to deal with themselves and the human conflicts.

Contrary to this trend, the newly elected Presidency has started and continued its work.

In the Brussels discussions of the Civil Dialogue Group on Forestry and Cork and the Expert Group on Forest based Industries the new CAP modernization and simplification, the bioeconomy review, the RD policy post 2020, the EU Forest Strategy Review and still the guidelines for cascading of (wood) biomass are currently in focus.

Following the departure of Håkan Nystrand as UEF representative in the ECE / FAO team of Specialists in Green Jobs in the Forest Sector, our Vice President Ilpo Puputti has been nominated to succeed him on this body and UEF will go on in working on the important topic of green jobs in Forestry.

UEF internally, the UEF Presidency will meet in April in Poland for its next Presidency meeting and will prepare the further main UEF activities for 2018.

In addition to the planned, traditional UEF Round Table Meeting in Brussels, another UEF Work Camp will take place in 2018, this time in Poland. At the end of September, our annual Governing Council meeting will be in Calabria, in South Italy, at the invitation of CONAF-Italia.

The UEF Presidency wishes you and your families a nice spring and summer time

And we are all looking forward to meeting us next time in the wonderful mountain area of Calabria.

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## UEF news

### A new UEF students summer camp in Poland



This year again, UEF will organize its traditional students summer workcamp.

The workcamp will be in Poland from 9<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July.

This event is organized in cooperation with our Polish UEF member, SITLiD and the Lasy Państwowe, the the Polish State Forests National Forest Holding.

You will find a detailed presentation on the last page of this Presidency letter n°25.

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# UEF news

## XXI UEF GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN COSENZA ITALY 27-30 September 2018



**UEF will have its XXist Governing Council Meeting in Cosenza, Italy, from 27 to 30 September 2018.**

The Italian UEF member, CONAF-Italia, will organize a new UEF meeting after the last Italian UEF Congress, in October 1992, in Florence and Rome.

UEF held another Congress in Italy, in Rome and Florence in October 1973.

It will be the third meeting in Italy in the UEF history.

**The GCM will take place in Cosenza,** in the very Southern part of Italy, in the Calabria region.

In 2013 we had a Congress in Saariselkä, in the North of the polar circle.

We held two Governing Council Meetings in Lemesos (2011) and Larnaka (2003) in Cyprus, in the very Eastern part of Europe.

In September, we'll be in Calabria, a very southern region of our continent and we are looking forward to seeing you there.



**CONAF-Italia** is working hardly to provide us with nice accommodation, an attractive program on Friday 28 September, including the Governing Council Meeting and an interesting field tour on Saturday 29 September.



In the coming days, **the full program will be available on our website** and the registration will be open, from middle April to July. The full price, including accommodation, local transport and food, will be 360 € for a single room and 300 € for a double room.

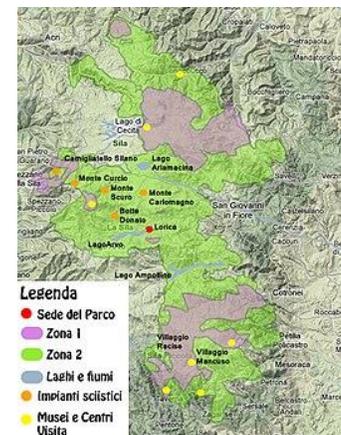
The GCM will be set in **the “Sila” National Park** created in 1997, which covers 732 km<sup>2</sup>.

The National park is the unification of the former Calabria national park and a part of the Sila region, offering nice opportunity to discover this wonderful coniferous forest region, with lakes and beautiful landscapes.

At the end of the last Congress in Mainz, Germany, the UEF President Michael Diemer gave Dr. Mattia Busti, delegate of CONAF-Italia, the UEF flag, which will wave in September in the blue Italian sky of Calabria.

The UEF delegates will work in very nice conditions near Cosenza.

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## UEF activities

### Meeting of the European Commission EG-Forest based Industries Brussels (Belgium) 22th January 2018



**Mårten Gustafsson**, the new UEF assistant secretary, attended the last meeting of the EG-FBI (**F**orest-**b**ased **I**ndustries), in Brussels, 22 January 2018. The meeting was the actual start of get things going for the: “Guidelines for cascading of biomass”.

The work will be done before summer and workgroups will be formed. The intention is to do the guidelines within existing laws of member states, as far as we know.

Seminars will be held and EG-FBI (**DG Growth**) will have more meetings during springtime.

If you want to know more, please use this **direct link** to the EU Commission website about Forest Based Industries:

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/raw-materials/industries/forest-based\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/raw-materials/industries/forest-based_en)

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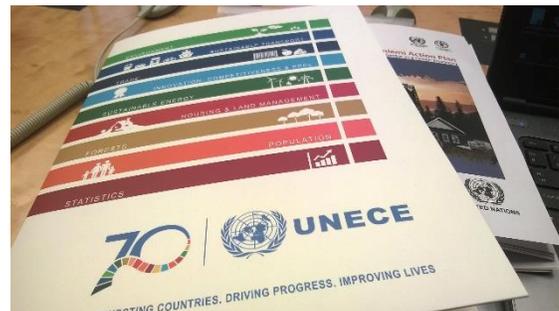
## UEF activities

### ECE/FAO workshop on the Mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the forest sector in a green economy Geneva (Switzerland) 13-14 February 2018

The **ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section** organized a meeting in Geneva about the mid-term review of the Rovaniemi action plan for the forest sector in a green economy. UEF attended this meeting, with our vice President, Ilpo Puputti, from 13 to 14 February 2018 in the *Palais des Nations*, in Geneva.

In December 2013, at the joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, member States adopted the **Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy**.

The Rovaniemi Action Plan proposes an overall vision, strategies and areas of activity to enhance the transition of the forest sector in the ECE region towards a green economy. It outlines concrete actions to support regional and national strategies that enhance the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy.





The ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section is currently undertaking the mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan. In this context, a workshop took place from 13-14 February 2018 which focused on the following issues:

- Existing trends in implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan in the ECE region
- Lessons learned from the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan and possible challenges

- Active input from the meeting participants to the mid-term review

- The way forward to reach the goal of the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan by 2020

UEF is actively involved in this important process, especially with Håkan Nystrand, our former UEF President and Ilpo Puputti, UEF Vice President, from Finland. **HNR.**

## UEF activities

### A new joint letter from forestry and agricultural sectors on bioenergy, including UEF, in February 2018

UEF signed 23th February 2018 a new **joint letter** about **forest bioenergy**, with **CEPEF, EUSTAFOR, COPA, COGECA, ELO, CEETTAR, CEJA, EOS and USSE**.

Our **UEF President, Michael Diemer** signed this letter with:

**Hubert de Schorlemer**, President of Confederation of European Forest Owners – CEPF

**Per-Olof Wedin**, President of European State Forest Association – EUSTAFOR

**Joachim Rukwied**, President of European Farmers – COPA

**Thomas Magnusson**, President of European Agri-Cooperatives – COGECA

**Pierre Olivier Drège**, President of European Landowners' Organisation – ELO

**Simo Jaakkola**, Vice-President of European Organisation of Agricultural, Rural and Forestry Contractors – CEETTAR

**Jannes Maes**, President of European Council of Young Farmers – CEJA

**Sampsa Auvinen**, President of European Organisation of the Sawmill Industry – EOS

and **Bruno Lafon**, President of Union of Foresters of Southern Europe – USSE

This letter was sent to:

**Temenuzhka Petkova**, Ministry of Energy – Republic of Bulgaria

**José Blanco López**, Member of the European Parliament

**Miguel Arias Cañete**, European Commissioner for Climate Action & Energy.



This joint letter on behalf of the European forest owners and managers, farmers and their cooperatives, sawmill industry, forest workers, contractors and professionals, is addressing our main concerns in view of the upcoming trilogue negotiations on the recast of the **Renewable Energy Directive**.

UEF thanks all the foresters for their support in this crucial matter.

You can download and read this joint position paper from our **UEF website**:

<http://europeanforesters.eu/docs/news/20180223%20Joint%20letter%20on%20forest%20bioenergy.pdf>

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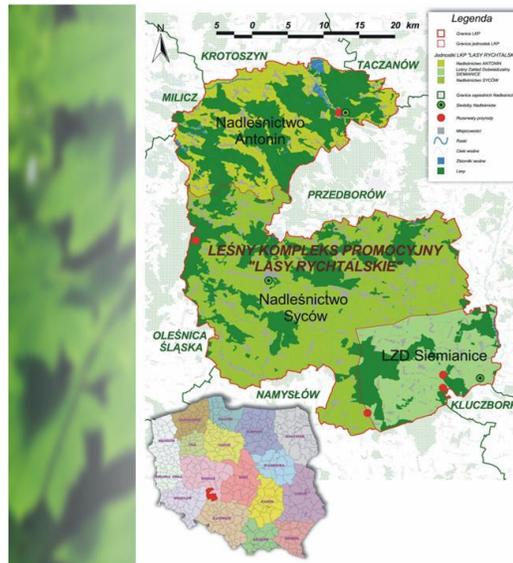
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# UEF activities

## The International Forestry Workcamp 2018 in Poland 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of July 2018

The new **UEF students summer camp** will be organised in cooperation with the Polish State Forests National Forest Holding, the Union of European Foresters and the Polish Association of Foresters and Wood Technologists (SITLiD). The camp will be in the middle West of Poland in the Antonin Forest District (The Lasy Rychtalskie Promotional Forest). We invite students to take part in practical forestry activities in the biggest EU forest national holding, to exchange the knowledge and experiences, to get to know each other and strengthen international cooperation.

**The Polish hosts** will provide participants with the accommodation in an inspiring place in the Antonin Forest District. The historical buildings have been recently renovated and adapted to some dormitories with enough space to host 15 students. The rooms include bathrooms and kitchens. Alongside work in the forestry districts, participants will get experience in forestry practice, as well will take part in field trips to get to know the culture and history of the region. The area is located in the park, close to the wooden-hunting palace which was built in 1826, as well as near by the **Antonin Forest District office**. The organizers will arrange bicycles, as well as the bonfire place for the meetings in the evenings. The alimentation will include 3 meals per day.



UEF will select 15 students to participate in the camp. We would like to select as many students from different countries as possible. Thus, the number of the participants coming from one country will be limited. In order to register participants shall fill in the registration form, which is available here. UEF will support financially some students in terms of accommodation costs. The programme starts at 9th of July. We kindly ask the students to arrive either to the Wrocław International Airport or to the Ostrów Wielkopolski Railway Station on Sunday the 8th of July.



**The deadline for the registration is 10<sup>th</sup> of June.**

If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to contact the Polish hosts.

Please send emails to:

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**Monika Kubiak**- Specialist in the Pniewy Forest District,  
**Tomasz Mačkowiak**- Specialist in the Regional Directorate of the State Forests in Poznań.

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