



**"Forests in the Changing Environment"
3 to 5 September 2008 Koli National Park, Finland**

Workshop Schedule

2 September

15:00 - 20:00 Registration to the workshop (Hotel Lobby)

19:00 - 21:00 Ice-breaker Party (Hotel Lobby Bar)

20:30 - 22:00 Sauna at the Hotel (ground floor)

3 September

08:00 - 09:00 Registration to the workshop (Hotel Lobby)

09:00 - 09:45 Opening of the workshop (Auditorium)

- Welcome address by Finland
Mr Jouni Lind - State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
- Opening Remarks by MCPFE
Mr. Knut Øistad, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Norway
- Opening remarks by the UNFF Secretariat
Mr Peter Csoka, Officer- in- charge, Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests

09:45 - 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 - 12:15 Introduction to the theme: "Forests in the changing environment" (Auditorium)

- Key note presentation on the direct and indirect causes of deforestation, forest degradation and desertification
Dr. Markku Kanninen, Director, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
- Key note presentation on the role of forests and climate change: impacts, adaptation and mitigation,
Dr. Gert-Jan Nabuurs, Ass. Prof., Alterra, the Netherlands
- Key note presentation on the role of forests and biological diversity,
Dr. Elena Kulikova, Forest Programme Director, WWF, Russia.

- Presentation on the Pan-European commitments, achievements and plans for future implementation concerning forests in the changing environment, *Mr. Arne Ivar Sletnes, Head of the Liaison Unit Oslo, MCPFE*

12:15 - 12:30 Group work assignment
 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch (Hotel Restaurant)
 13:30 - 15:30 Working group session I: Priority issues in the context of the themes of the UNFF8 session
 (Auditorium and Meeting rooms 1 and 2)
 15:30 - 15:50 Coffee break (Auditorium)
 15:50 - 17:30 Plenary Session: Reporting back to Plenary and discussion (Auditorium)

Evening programme (bring your hiking boots and relaxed clothing)

17:45 - 19:00 Scenery hiking up to the top of Ukko Koli hill, taking a ski-lift down
 19:15 - 21:30 Dinner at the house "Alamaja" by the lake Pielinen, hosted by *Director General Aarne Reunala*

4 September

08:30 - 10:45 Working group session II: Further work on the priority issues (Auditorium and Meeting rooms 1 and 2)
 10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break (Auditorium)
 11:15 - 13:00 Plenary Session: Reporting back to Plenary and discussion (Auditorium)
 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch (Hotel Restaurant)

14:00 - 22:00 Excursion (bring your hiking boots and relaxed clothing)

14:15 - 14:25 Introduction to Finnish Forests (Auditorium)
 14:25 - 15:00 Presentation of the Regional Forest Programmes and Local Forest Programme (Auditorium)
Dr. Tuula Nuutinen, Finnish Forest Research Institute
Dr. Leena Kärkkäinen, Finnish Forest Research Institute
 15:00 - 15:45 Hiking by the burn-beaten birch areas (easy walking path, approx. 2 kilometres)
 15:45 - 16:15 Coffee at the old farmyard Ollilla
 16:30 - 17:30 Biodiversity protection as a part of sustainable forest management
Dr Jari Kouki, University of Joensuu
 18:00 - 19:00 Finnish Stone Center in Juuka: Exhibition of Stone Designer Faberge
 19:00 - 19:15 The Forest Biodiversity Programme for Southern Finland (Auditorium at Stone Center)
Ilkka Heikkinen, Director, Nature Conservation, Ministry of the Environment
 19:15 - 21:30 Dinner hosted by *Director Ilkka Heikkinen* (Restaurant of the Stone Center)

5 September

8:30 - 09:00 Presentation of the workshop report (Auditorium)
 09:00 - 10:15 Discussion
 10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break
 10:30 - 12:00 Discussion and concluding remarks
 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch and check out from the hotel
 Departure