

Minutes of the General Assembly of the SILVA Network 2011

Place: St. Petersburg State Forest-Technical Academy, Russia

Time: September 15th, 2011, 14:30 – 16:00

(1) Proceedings

2009 (Thessaloniki): 1 contribution missing, publication ready end of 2011

2010 (Zagreb): publication ready end of 2011

2011 (St. Petersburg): maximum 6 printed pages per contribution;

deadline for sending contributions to Pieter Schmidt is December 31, 2011

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(2) Opening of the SILVA Network for Universities of Applied Sciences

Following the much wider ICA and EU term of “higher education” it is voted to accept in the future also institutions offering BSc. AND MSc. levels:

Open for SILVA membership? **Yes: 8 No: 0 Indifferent: 0**

Email votes of 10 members:* Yes: 6 No: 1 Indifferent: 3

Total: Yes: 14 No: 1 Indifferent: 3

Our procedural rules thus need to be changed in:

“2.2. Institutions offering educational programmes leading to Master or equivalent degrees in Forestry are eligible for membership in the SILVA Network.”

(3) SILVA team beyond 2011:

Suggested candidate for President: Siegfried Lewark

Yes: 8 No: 0 Indifferent: 0

Email votes of 10 members:* Yes: 9 No: 0 Indifferent: 1

Total: Yes: 17 No: 0 Indifferent: 1

Prof. Dr. Siegfried Lewark will be the new President of the SILVA Network.

(4) Meeting 2012

Two proposals: Bolzano, linked to ICA (June 18-21) or Lleida, Spain (Oct.).

Bolzano: 1 Lleida: 5 Indifferent: 2

Email votes of 10 members:* Bolzano: 1 Lleida: 7 Indifferent: 2

Total: Bolzano 2 Lleida: 12 Indifferent: 4

The venue of the SILVA Network meeting 2012 will be Lleida.

(5) ConDDEFFS

- Constituted by heads of the Forest Science Faculties

- An important purpose is lobbying regarding forestry affairs in Brussels

- Presidency 2011 in Prague, 2012 Wien; Meeting 2012 in Madrid

SILVA members articulate some disappointment due to past lacking information flow from ConDDEFFS. An improvement of cooperation and profiling is necessary.

Prospects: Participation of the SILVA President in the next conference of ConDDEFFS Conference (Madrid 2012) is recommended.
Generally, joint actions are greatly appreciated.

(6) SILVA and forestry

So far, procedural rules and other statement related to SILVA address strictly "Forestry". It is recommended to open this frame, e.g. "Forestry and resource management", "Forestry and nature management". Further discussion will be necessary.

(7) Important events, e.g.

- IUFRO World Congress 2014, Salt Lake City, USA
- „Precision forestry in advance“ in Mount Gambier, Australia, March 29-31, 2012
- PLU-ICA-CFAVM Conference "Growing the Bioeconomy – Economic, Environmental and Social Implications"; Banff, Canada, first week of Oct. 2012.

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* In addition to the 8 SILVA member institutions which were represented in St. Petersburg (<http://ftacademy.ru/academy/conference/events/index.php?view=list&id=23&lang=eng>). votes of 10 more institutions are integrated which responded to the circular mail dated Sept. 20, 2011.

These institutions are:

- AgroParisTech
- Petrozavodsk State University
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- Technical University of Madrid
- University of Dresden
- University of Eastern Finland
- University of Göttingen
- University of Lleida
- University of Padova
- University of Vienna (BOKU)