

Dear readers,

It has been two years since SEEFOR Journal was published for the first time. In such short period of publishing SEEFOR has been included in CAB Abstracts database, and all articles starting with those from first issue was indexed. Thus, our first goal, to be recognized as quality scientific journal, has been accomplished.

In order to continue with quality work and publishing, and even more to improve and enhance the journal quality, we cordially invite all interested researchers to contribute with papers and to present their scientific and professional work. For detailed information on preparing and submitting manuscripts please see Instructions for authors at the end of this issue or visit our internet site (<http://www.sumins.hr/seeфор>).

As was the case in previous issues, this issue also comprises of six interesting scientific and professional papers covering different aspects of forestry. So we truly hope that some of those papers will occupy your attention.

First paper, written by *Lovrić et al.*, assess the stakeholders influence on spatial planning of Nature Park Medvednica, a mountainous protected area adjacent to Zagreb, which tries to hold on to the pressure of the urbanization. Since that is the first research of that kind conducted in NP Medvednica, it provide a contribution to the process of developing a spatial Plan for Zagreb such valuable forest area.

Second paper (*Stojanovska et al.*) dealing with the perception of the local population from two villages Ali Koch and Rastani regards the forest management of the Public Enterprise Macedonian Forests. Paper bringing some interesting and partially unexpected perceptions and understanding of forest management from the side of local population.

In the third paper *Balenović et al.* are presenting current state of technological development of digital photogrammetry' main tools (digital aerophotogrammetric cameras and digital photogrammetric work stations). Furthermore, two adjusted methods of manual digital photogrammetry for application in forest management, namely: method for strata delineation (i.e. creation of forest management division), and method for measuring stand structure elements have been developed and presented.

Danon and Bettati describing the main idea behind REDD+ (Reducing Emissions of Deforestation and forest Degradation) mechanism, the roles of UN-REDD and FCPF (Forest Carbon Partnership Facility) in creating REDD+ national policies and what are the challenges and main obstacles in successful implementation of REDD+.

To emphasize important role of Black locust in Hungarian forest management and increasing interest for growing in many countries, *Rédei et al.*, gave comprehensive review on the silviculture of Black locust in Hungary over past thirty years.

In the last paper,

Posavec et al. compares rotation period based on economic parameters and rotation period determined by using forest inventory data for even-aged beech stands in Croatia. The results obtained shows that is necessary to adjust current optimal rotation period based on management goals as the main factors.

At the end of this Editorial we would like to cordially invite you to participate at scientific conferences organized and hosted by one or more founders of SEEFOR Journal and in collaboration with International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) (<http://www.iufro.org/events/>), as well as in collaboration with many other important Institutions from Europe and Region.

First, International conference "**Forests for cities, forest for people – Perspectives on urban forest governance**" which will be held on 27 – 28th October, 2012 in Zagreb is organized by Croatian Forest Research in collaboration with IUFRO's Research Group on Urban Forestry and FOPER project. This conference targets scientists, policy-makers and practitioners involved with different aspects of urban forestry. The main topics of the conference are: urban forest governance, citizens' perceptions and needs, human health and recreation, valuation of urban forest benefits, urban forest health, and cultural and aesthetic aspects of urban forests and trees. For more information you can visit conference website (www.sumins.hr/IUFRO2012/index1.html).

Second one, International Scientific IUFRO Conference "**Forests in the future-sustainable use, risks and challenges**" organized by Institute of forestry, Belgrade will be held in the period of 4-6th October, 2012 in Serbia. The aim and inten-

tion of the Conference organisers is to examine scientifically all aspects of the current state of forest ecosystems, expected course of further ecological changes in the light of 'greenhouse' gases reduction, necessity for expansion of forest systems and their sustainable use in future. Conference will be organized through ten scientific sessions covering various areas of forestry: (I) Forest assessment, modelling and management; Forest management planning, (II) Biodiversity of forest ecosystems, (III) Climate changes, (IV) Forest genetics, nursery production and plant breeding, (V) Afforestation, silviculture and forest ecology, (VI) Forest protection, (VII) Forest policy, (VIII) Environmental protection, (IX) Biomass and carbon of forest ecosystems, and (X) Wildlife management. More information on conference you can find at www.forest.org.rs.

And the last, but not less important is International Scientific Conference **"Forestry science and practice for the purpose of sustainable development of forestry - 20 years of the Faculty of forestry in Banja Luka"** organized and hosted by Faculty of Forestry in Banja Luka in cooperation with IUFRO, EFI, three Ministries of the Republica Srpska, University of Banja Luka, Pub-

lic forestry enterprise "Šume Republike Srpske", Forest Agency and NP "Kozara". The Conference will be held in Banja Luka from 1-4th November, 2012 and will address the role of forestry science in forestry practice. Ecological, economic, and social functions of forest ecosystems under different management regimes will be discussed through six scientific sessions: (I) Forest ecology, climate change and biodiversity of forest ecosystems, (II) Forest management planning, (III) Silviculture and forest protection, (IV) Forest utilization, (V) Seed husbandry, nursery, reforestation, and urban forests, (VI) Forest policy, economics, and organization in forestry, and (VII) Forestry education. As can be seen from the conference title, this Conference also marks 20th anniversary of the Faculty of Forestry in Banja Luka. All important information you can find at <http://www.sfbf.org/conference/>.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Zagreb, Belgrade and Banja Luka.

Until then enjoy reading,

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