



Nordic Forest Research Cooperation Committee

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## REPORT NETWORK ACTIVITY (meeting, conference etc.)


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1. Aktivitetsens titel	Skandinavisk skovøkonomisk seminar
2. Activity title	Scandinavian Society of Forest Economics – SSFE - Biennial Seminar 2010
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4. Duration	The activity started 01/01 2010 and ended 01/05 2011
5. Cost	SNS-grant: <b>N 2010-02</b> Total activity cost (estimate): Gross cost: 363.000 DKK

<p>6. Description of activity (incl. objectives, results, conclusions)</p>	<p>The Scandinavian Society of Forest Economics successfully completed another of its long series of Biennial Seminars, this time during the days 19-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 in Gilleleje, Denmark.</p> <p>The seminar consisted of presentations of lectures in plenary, a large number of parallel sessions in working groups, plenary discussions and field trip and social activities. Participants were researchers and PhD students from both the Scandinavian and other countries.</p> <p>The objective of the Biennial seminars and meetings is to provide researchers, in particular, PhD student, in the forest economy in Scandinavia and in the other Baltic countries, as well as other interested persons an opportunity to present and discuss their research, which helps to raise the quality of the Nordic research in forest economics. This research is world class, in part because of this network.</p> <p>This year, more than 60 researchers from around the world participated in the seminar and shared their work in even more presentations of papers and ongoing analyses. We were truly happy to see that around half of these were very young researchers in the beginning of their career.</p> <p>Keynote speakers included three distinct fellows: Professor Peter Berck, UC Berkeley, USA, who talked about the economic aspects of land use change, urban sprawl and other phenomena. Professor Marc Hanewinkel, Baden-Württemberg Forest Research Institute, Germany, who introduced us to the research in climate change and the impacts for European forest. Finally, Professor Arild Angelsen, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, gave us a thorough presentation and discussion of the ongoing challenges in the REDD+ policy arena..</p> <p>The seminar is organised every second year and the host role rotates among the four Nordic countries Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The seminar consists of five parts: (i) presentations and lectures on selected current topics of invited scientists at the very highest level, (ii) presentation and discussion of seminar participants research results in parallel sessions, (iii) the plenary discussions on, inter alia, joint research projects and joint training in Forest Economics in the different countries, (iv) social activities which allows for the younger and older researchers informally can associate contacts, (v) the seminar ends with a one-day field trip to learn about a current issue in forestry and natural resource economics and management and to give the participants an insight into the region's forest types and management. This year, the field trip went to the newly established national park in northern Zealand to focus on various issues of forest policy and management.</p> <p>Many new contacts were established between researchers from around the world and between new and senior researchers too. The network also includes leading researchers of several of the ongoing large EU FP7 projects in the field and the Biennial meetings are an excellent basis for maintaining the network needed to support such large initiatives. On a more direct scale, the Biennial meeting also identified new topics of relevance for joint PhD courses.</p>
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