

Minutes of the 5th Management Committee Meeting in Oslo, Soria Moria, 15 September 2001, 16.20-17.00

Place: Soria Moria, Oslo

1. Opening

Mr. Glueck, the chairman of the COST Action E 19, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He thanked the evaluators for their excellent work and welcomed Mr. Mulloy from the Technical Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda, proposal of new items

The agenda was adopted. The presentation of the items followed the preliminary agenda.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 4th MC meeting

The minutes of the 4th MC meeting were approved without changes.

4. Status of signatories, new applications

Participants were informed that Sweden will sign soon the Memorandum of Understanding. The acceptance has already been decided in the 4th MC Meeting in Aberdeen.

5. Chairman's report

Mr. Glueck informed the participants that the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) had held its second workshop on national forest programmes from 2-3 July 2001 in Lillehammer, Norway. He was invited to give an interim report on the progress of COST Action E19. The workshop participants decided to recommend to the next expert level meeting in October 2001 in Vienna to propose national forest programmes as an important topic of the agenda of the 4th MCPFE in spring 2003 in Vienna. Mr. Glueck further mentioned that Mr. Ljungman from FAO had participated in the Lillehammer workshop; he will be invited to the COST E19 meeting in March 2002 in Finland. Finally, Mr. Glueck informed the participants that Mr. Schanz had renounced from his chairmanship owing to illness.

6. Short Term Scientific Missions

Mr. Glueck reminded the participants to take the chance of STSM as only three missions have been carried out so far. The potential has not been fully utilised in 2001.

7. Future meetings

Mr. Pajuoja informed the participants that the next meeting will take place in Savonlinna, Finland from 21-24 March 2002. It will be organised together with EFI.

8. Proposals for EU Projects

Participants were informed that Mr. Schanz is currently in the process of preparing an EU shared cost project on the topic of "intersectoral coordination"; deadline for the proposal is 18 October 2001.

9. Others

Mr. Pajuoja, the vice-chairman of COST Action E19, presented the main results of the Working Group 1. Mr. Pajuoja informed the participants that WG1 has elected a new chairwomen, Mrs. Ine Neven from the Netherlands.

Mr. Glueck informed the participants that WG2 has decided to apply for an additional meeting at the end of June 2002, that will presumably take place in Hungary. He further said that WG2 decided on the following contributions:

Savonlinna, Finland March 2002	-financial incentives -institutional aspects
Sopron, Hungary June 2002	-land tenure -multi-level governance and advocacy coalitions
Portugal Autumn 2002	-political culture and social context -legal regulations

Mr. Siegel informed participants about changes in the COST secretariat. He added that the whole COST Programme is currently being evaluated and that the European Commission is not happy with the procedures used so far. He said also that COST will celebrate its 30th anniversary soon.

He further said that DG Research is currently in a transition phase as it will be structured according to the new research framework. He encouraged participants to forward commentary on possible problems to the chairman of the Technical committee and the evaluators.

The Chairman of the Technical Committee, Mr. Mulloy was present at the MC meeting. He encouraged participants to get in touch with national delegates as forestry will not be prominent in the next research framework. This framework programme will be debated in the European Parliament by the end of this month.

10. Closing of the meeting

The chairman thanked the organizers for their excellent organisation and the participants for their great interest in the meeting.

Vienna, 17. September 2001

Peter Glueck
Chairman

Guenther Siegel
COST Secretary

Arne Been
COST Secretary

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