

IFSA 2nd Progressing Report

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Preface:

Dear IFSA Officials:

Welcome to the International Year of Forest, 2011! I wish you all good luck in IFSA tasks and your studying.

Half of our officer period has been passed. I am really glad to see there are so many great progressing from you. You could see all the officers' progress from this progress report. You could also compare to the 1st progress report to know how did we complete our tasks.

As the member of IFSA 7, I am looking forward the ideas we had discussed in 2010 Interim, last December in Freiburg will come true in coming year.

I wish you all the best and cheers to our IFSA Spirit!

Ping-Lian Wu

IFSA Vice President 2010-2011

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President: Cathrine Steffy Pater

Goals:

Fulfil the job as president according to the strategy and statutes

Maintain and strengthen the contact with professional partners and representing and promoting IFSA at International meetings

To continue working on ongoing projects started in previous year; developing the FE commission, new training system, new funding, also initiate and facilitate new projects and ideas started within IFSA

Work closely together with IFSA7 team and with other officials

1. The need of trying new ways of funding; work closely with the treasurer and fundraising commission
2. Re-new the strategy before the end of this IFSA year

Facilitate the needs of IFSA work in the different region

1. Work closely together with other officials in establishing and strengthening contacts in region of Africa, South America and some parts of Asia.
2. Maintain and develop the work in Asia, Europe and North America.

Works have done:

Attended meetings with IFSA's professional partners

1. UNFCCC COP16 2010 in Mexico; Meeting other partners, introduction of IFSA at a side event together with Julius and Torge, representing IFSA at the COP
2. Forest Day 4 in Mexico; Collaborated with CIFOR in Forest Day 4, booth stand, representing IFSA at the event
3. GCHERA 2011 in Italy; Introduced IFSA to GCHERA and initiated possible cooperation with the association

Contact with IFSA's professional partners and others

1. Kept close contact with:
 - i. IUFRO; developing close contact between IFSA and IUFRO
 - ii. CIFOR during the Forest Day 4 in Mexico; There are good outlooks for collaboration at upcoming Forest Days
2. Working on the progress of improving partnerships to IUCN, UNESCO, IPFE
3. Meet with Dean from ConDDEFFS during my study trip to Romania
4. Preparatory thoughts about a Students' Forest Day in connection to Forest Day with intl. Students from Göttingen
5. Initiated dialog with IAAS

Attended IFSA Interim 2010-2011

1. Finalized agenda and moderated IFSA 7 board meeting in advance of the Interim

2. Finalized the agenda for the Interim
3. Together with IFSA 7 participated, lead and moderated the IFSA Interim 2010-2011

Contributing to IFSA Event Newsletter

1. Contributed with events to the IFSA Event Newsletter.

Moderate the Skype Meetings for IFSA7 and IFSA Officials

1. Finalized the agenda for our three IFSA7 Skype meetings in Google document and moderated the meetings.
2. Finalized the agenda for one IFSA-LO Skype meetings in Google document and moderate the meetings.

Assisted in preparation work

1. Assisted and supported IPC preparations for the UNFF
2. Worked together with IFSA7 in preparing Interim

Other

1. Every day I get new inputs, thoughts and learn new things about this position and responsibility
2. Worked in the team of IFSA7
3. Contact with the other Officials

Challenges:

IFSA work

1. Keeping track on all the IFSA-work and at the same time attending classes and exams
2. Improve and develop myself in my position to see and know what is best for IFSA. I develop in this position every day and it can be a challenge to keep up
3. Developing, leading and directing IFSA
4. Finding the right balance between my position and private person. Sometimes the tasks come before me and sometimes I come before the tasks. Hard to accept the last part

IFSA7 teamwork

1. I find it difficult to stay loyal to the team in busy periods like exam periods. It is a challenge for me to keep focused on IFSA-work and on the IFSA-team

To do:

Work on improving other partnerships

1. IPFE, IUCN, UNESCO, FSC, GCHERA, IAAS (?)

EU-Grant report

1. Together with IFSA7 finalize the report for the grant "Youth in Action EACEA" that we received last year

Finalize IFSA Interim report together with the rest of IFSA7

1. Minutes, summary, outcomes



Attend meetings

1. IUFRO Board meeting in Austria
2. IUFRO Task Force meeting on education and research in Poland
3. Officials meeting in Nancy

Facilitating and leading IFSA

1. Work in close cooperation with IFSA7 and improve our working methods
2. Keep in good contact with all Officials
3. Improve and develop myself in my position to see and know what is best for IFSA
4. Lead and develop IFSA

Vice President: Ping-Lian Wu

Goals:

Maintain good communication between IFSA7

1. Forward IFSA internal progress to President
2. Attending IFSA7 Skype meeting

Motivate, encourage, and contact officials efficiently

1. Update officials mailing list and forward information to officials
2. Announce information for IFSA officials through IFSA world

Announce 3 progress reports, 1 annual report, IFSA7 newsletter and other official publication on time.

1. Collect progress report from officials and outline details in progress reports
2. Announce upcoming IFSA event through IFSA7 newsletter
3. Create IFSA7 newsletter feedback sheet to forward comments for IFSA officials

Cooperate with P&P, Fundraising, and other commissions to produce IFSA Promotion materials

1. Sell IFSA promotion materials in 39th IFSS and other IFSA events as one of the income for IFSA

Fulfil the vice president job as it is written in strategy and statutes

Works have done:

Attending Winter Meeting, Interim during December.

1. Introduce IFSA by a presentation before International Night in winter meeting.
2. Organizing 2 workshops in Winter meeting with Southern European Regional Representative, Jakob Hörl. Topics were IFSA introduction and ideas for IFSA LCs celebrate the International Year for Forest
3. Send the outcome of workshop (ideas for LCs to celebrate IYF.) to Winter Meeting participants

Attending IFSA 2010 Interim

1. Participate IFSA Board meeting at 14-15th of December.
2. Participate IFSA 2010 Interim from 16-21st of December.
3. Participate 2010 Interim and moderator the section for IYF, miscellaneous.
4. Contact a trainer from AEGEE for Interim with Jennifer's help (IFISO LO).
5. Take the minutes for LO and IPC discussion section.
6. Create the Interim evaluation form for Interim in general and Interim trainer.

Assist in IFSA Official Skype Meeting for January.

1. Set up the time for IFSA Official Skype Meeting by doodle.
2. Announce the agenda and complete other contact details.

Participate the Training for human resource in Budapest in November

1. I represented IFSA to attend the training for human resource which was organized by AEGEE Budapest.
2. I applied what I learn from this training to organize 4 workshops in Winter Meeting and Interim.

IFSA Promotion Items

1. Contact Torge and Mikko to understand the detail for taxing and budget.
2. Cooperate with Melih (Head of P&P Commission) for designing promotion items.
3. Contact Bibi Lotte (Head of Fundraising commission) to find the sponsor.
4. Discuss with Interim Participants and confirm the items to design.

Publishing IFSA Event Newsletter

1. IFSA Event Newsletter published at 2010 Oct. 31 (#4), Nov. 30 (#5), Dec. 13 (#6) and 2011 Jan. 28 (#7)

Participate the Skype Meetings for IFSA 7

1. I participated the IFSA 7 Skype meeting at Nov. 14 (8th), Nov. 26(9th), Dec.14-15 (10th, IFSA Board Meeting) and Jan. 16 (11th).

Moderate IFSA World Yahoogroup mailing list

1. There are 35 messages have been forward via IFSAworld since 2010 Nov. 14th to 2011 Jan 27th.

Try to active IFSA Forum

Challenges:

Lack of articles for IFSA 7 Newsletter December edition and January

1. I should focus to get the articles from IFSA 7 for "IFSA 7" Newsletter.

Personal schedule usually occupied my time working for IFSA

1. I applied 3 master programs in December. Sometimes there are not enough time and difficult to focus myself in IFSA tasks.
2. Because Chinese New Year, I might not able to use Internet for more than 2 weeks.

Reminding officials

1. Usually it costs me much more times to remind IFSA Officials than I expect.

To do:

Contacting IFSS OC for their progress

1. I prepare to organize the meeting with IFSS OC each month in order to know the progress of IFSS OC.

Prepare the IFSA Board meeting in 2011 May

Contact Tolulope for the progress of International Year of Forest

Treasurer: Mikko Nivala

Goals:

1. To fulfil the treasurer work as its mentioned in the statutes, strategy and job description
2. Get the EU grant and find some new fund possibilities for IFSA cooperating with fundraising commission
3. Work and maintain good communication with IFSA7 and be an active and supporting team member

Works have done:

Interim preparation with other IFSA 7

Transactions of Officials travels 2010 (some of them still in progress)

Accounting updating

Writing invoices to supporting members and sponsors (PROBOS, Croplife)

Alumni and Supporting members project with Dan

Active participation of IFSA skype meetings

1. RRs 2nd Skype meeting moderator
2. IFSA 7 skype meetings

Important part of IFSA 7 team

1. Treasurer work, mails answering, following and participating discussions

Many other small works that are not in my mind now...

Challenges:

1. Treasurer work is really alone. I can't get help like other IFSA 7 team from others because treasurer work needs a specific knowledge. That's why Change-over and former Treasurer's help playing a significant role.
2. Accounting was not working because of missing of PIN code list of transactions. A big process to get it back
3. Accounting and making transactions need a lot of mailing because official can't fill the form or have many questions about it. Should we educate it better in changeover??
4. Lack of time and problems in personal life..again ☺

To do:

Balance sheet of 2010

Financial report 2010

Rest of officials costs of 2010

Starting of accounting 2010

Explain the budget to official and make a priority to costs

Find more grants, supporting members, sponsors

Keep the communication with other IFSA people

Basic Treasurer work

1. Accounting
2. Transactions
3. Consulting
4. Invoices, Recipes,..

Many other things that are not in mind

Executive Secretary: Torge Brodersen

Works have done:

Challenges:

1. Lots of work at one time!
2. Stupid guys from tax office keep hiding from me!
3. Stupid guys from court always tell you different stuff, whenever you catch a new one.
4. Nice IFSA officials keep sending confusing invoices, but that's ok...
5. no bed in the secretariat

To do:

1. finish tax office before deadline
2. finish court – they're still not contented with me ??!?!??
3. finish all invoices from INTERIM and keep annoying Mikko with it
4. print the INTERIM certificates – almost ready, keep looking for it!
5. EU Grant Report
6. lots of smaller tasks like always
7. clear up the secretariat (the archive)

After I had a big exam some days ago, I am now really really busy with IFSA stuff. Most important part are the German guys right now. I have to finish this work this month and that takes all of my attention now. This is why it takes me so long to answer to emails these days, or to complete any other tasks. I feel really bad about it, but there's just no other way. And it will be better in the beginning of February, I hope.

Council: Martin Kong

Goals for Councils:

To be on contact with all RRs and IFSA officials

Ensure that contact details are updated and enhance communications between the direction and regions and also with responsible commissions

Contribute in receiving the EU grant

Assist upcoming new member in successful application

1. Updating the application form

To ensure that statutes and law of IFSA are followed with IFSA.

Works have done:

1. Prepared and participated Interim 2010
2. Processed new IFSA membership applications
3. Participated in most of the IFSA 7 and IFSA Officials Skype Meetings
4. Contributed to IFSA 7 Newsletter and IFSA News
5. Updating LC contact details
6. Helped in the secretary and substituted Torge in case he was absent
7. A bunch of other small tasks not worth mentioning :)

Challenges:

1. As always time problem. But it recently got better

To do:

1. Processing membership applications and chasing down missing documents.
2. Keeping LC data up to date.
3. Prepare the statutes changes for the merge of the P&P Commission and Web Commission
4. Process the outcomes of the RR Workshop and create a concept draft for the 5 regions discussed
5. Summarize the outcomes of this Interim regarding each Com + RR I am in charge of and forward it to them
6. Attend IFSS, NERM, IFSA 7 Meeting, Unofficial IFSA officials meeting
7. Lots of other small stuff

Council: F. Yagmur Butun

Works have done:

1. First of all I have participated in IFSA Interim 2010 in Germany, Freiburg, where I got chance to motivate myself to work for IFSA as a council as well as a member. Besides during this meeting I kept some parts of the official minutes, which you will get and have a chance to read through them as soon as possible.
2. LC-Istanbul became a partner LC of SERM 2011's OC (LC-Freiburg, Germany) and I am elected as the contact person. By this friendly partnership we got an excellent answer from EU that SERM 2011 participants can get refunding approximately %70 for their travel costs.
3. I got some information about ALECIF (Asociacion Latinoamericana de Estudiantes de Ciencias Forestales – Latin American Forest Science Students' Association) from Sofie Blanchart (IFSA Council 2008-2009) and I saw that there is a high benefit to unite them into our organization.
4. After the Interim I and Jakob got started to work more together. I helped him to update Southern European LCs' contact details.
5. As 3 councils we worked on LC application forms.
6. Right now, there is a new approved LC in Asian Region from Philippines (CNFR - College of Forestry and Natural Sources Student Council) by councils. As one of the councils I and Yusuf have prepared their evaluation form.
7. I got in contact with IAAS (International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences) to know their partnership with UNESCO, cause we as IFSA7 believe that it would help us to establish a new partnership with this organization when we know IAAS's.
8. I tried to moderate the 3rd IFSA head of commissions' skype meeting (28th of November).
9. I have informed Jutta (Head of Exchange Program) about IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience), that she could possibly find some exchange opportunities for IFSA students.
10. I have started to read through IFSA Statues deeply.

Challenges:

1. I faced the through that Latin America Region is very hard to contact.
2. I saw that being a moderator of IFSA officials' skype meeting needs some experience, as to be honest is was difficult for me because of the lack of the participation we postponed the meeting one week forward.
3. Like everybody I also have a very busy schedule, having classes and exams make me tired.
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4. I complain about having late replies to my urgent e-mails. May be sometimes I also reply

you quiet late, if I have done, please connive this fault of mine.

To do:

1. I need to keep my contact with ALECIF, and make them known about IFSA.
2. I need to organize a meeting on Skype with SERM2011 OC as soon as possible.
3. As councils we need to work on new application forms (i.e. Fort Cox LC from South Africa).
4. I need to prepare myself with IFSA Statues for our next IFSA7 face to face meeting on May, where we will talk about the necessary statues chances.
5. I need to be active on IFSA Forum.
6. I need to work on IFSA Open Door Day as well as on IYF.

Council: Yusuf Bahtimi

Works have done:

1. Monitor and communicate with Regional and Commission my responsible
2. With other Councilor, approved the CFNR Student Council as Ordinary Member
3. Several skype meeting with IFSA7

Challenges:

1. Lack of time management

To do:

1. Working with other councilor to completing our part in EU grant report 2010
2. Working with other councilor to finishing the improvement of membership application
3. Regularly contact with the RR and HoC my responsible
4. Continuing the work for ITTO and UNESCO as IFSA7 decision

Head of Language Commission: Wouter Scheepers

Goals:

Provide assistance with intercultural communication issues – thereby promoting IFSA.

1. Translation of e.g. Application forms from one language to another.

Translation of documents into as many language as possible

1. If available, find new commissioners

Aid the P&P and Fundraising commission as well as other commission with proof reading and translation of IFSA official documents into preferred languages.

Translate the Wikipedia page into more languages (currently 3 languages)

1. Communicate and help web commission

Provide a speedy yet a professional service

1. Continuous communication with commissioners

Did not receive the progress report from Wouter Scheepers

Head of Forestry Education Commission: Florian Georg

Goals:

Create a vision for the Forestry Education Commission

1. Gather inputs from IFSA world

Follow up the GAPFE

1. It could be helped by the comment on the GAPFE presentation at IUFRO World Congress

Finding training system for IFSA students.

1. Working closely together with IFISO and IPC.

Compile a study course database within IFSA

1. Create a survey

Works have done:

Finished a work list for the FE commission

1. Collected input for a work list through a Google Doc
2. Prioritized the different ideas with the help of the Interim participants

Started preparations for the International Year of the Forest

1. I joined Tolulope's new IYF commission in order to help in IYF topics and in order to stay informed about IYF activities
2. Some actions for the IYF are planned

Tried to discuss the possibility of a study course database with GFIS.net

1. Neither reached Viko, nor the GFIS team

Challenges:

Little guidelines for the work as a Head of the FE commission

1. Not knowing which tasks are wished to be fulfilled
2. The interim was a big help for improving this situation

Lack of time and difficulties to reconcile the IFSA position with other tasks and responsibilities

1. Time management helps

To do:

Find a training system for IFSA students

1. Search with the help of Jenny (LO IFISO) for training possibilities for IFSA
2. Integrate trainings into the SERM



Work on a draft of the SAPFE

1. By using the work list and contact partners

International Year of the Forest

1. Collect materials for LCs, which want to start activities at schools

Start searching for a global fund for FE

Head of Fundraising Commission: Bibi Lotte van der Horst

Goals:

1. Translate the sponsor letter to as many languages as possible. We need to translate it at least into French, Spanish, Chinese and German.
2. Those in the Fundraising Commission will translate into their native language
3. Involve local committees to contact regional companies
4. Send at least 400 emails in total to companies and universities
5. Cooperate together with the language and P&P commission
6. Toward the end of the year, we will concentrate our efforts on raising money for the IFSA development fund

Work done:

1. Attended interim
2. Sent the sponsorletter out to all the companies on the list
3. Worked together with florian, to get globetrotter as a sponsor
4. Started to look on ITTO and Worldbank for possible grants

Challenges

1. more personal contact with companies is needed to get a donation/sponsorship from a company. It is really a lot of work, especially when they say 'no' in the end. But I think it is really worth to try. At the moment we are busy to find some big companies to get as a sponsor for ifsa and we are trying to improve the sponsorletter, as we think it is lacking in some information.

To Do:

1. Find grants. Get more personal contact with companies and find more money for ifsa!
2. Improve the sponsorletter, to make it more attractive for companies!

Head of Publication and Promotion Commission: Melih Sarikaya

Goals:

New T-shirt designing for LC if they want them from PP commission

New IFSA information posters for LC

1. Language commission could help to translate to the LC's language

New notebooks designing for IFSA meeting (IFSS, SERM, NERM, etc)

Contact all LC commissions and officials for IFSA news.

1. Learning what they are doing, planning, etc.

Plan max. 6 IFSA news in the IFSA year

1. Use Photoshop pc program for IFSA news.

Works have done:

1. We have finished the 51st IFSA News and began to work for others.
2. First promotion items designed proposals have not been accepted.
3. Due to some bureaucratic problems, we had to lessen the kinds of promotion items that were going to be produced.
4. Sent a mail to RR's about commissioner problem.
5. We have attended skype meetings and proposed some ideas for IYF celebration. Also we have put IYF logo on IFSA News front cover.

Challenges:

1. We have tried to connect the concerned people to collect the articles from them but mostly they didn't turn to us, and when they did it was too late.
2. We still haven't got enough commissioners.

To do:

1. Approximately IFSA News' publishing dates are 52nd March 20-25, 53rd May 20-25, 54th July 20-25.
2. IFSA Promotion materials' designing conjectural finish date is April 25-30

Head of Exchange Program Commission: Juta Jago

Goals:

More internship in the Northern Europe

1. Search and contact companion organizations

Good contact and motivation with commissioners to get more internships all over the world

1. Have a meeting 2 times a month

Update new information immediately on web and IFSA world.

1. Update information the same day when received.

Works have done

1. have taken contact with 14 new different companies and organizations
2. contacted 15 first organizations for second time.

Challenges

1. be constantly in contact with commissioners and motivating them
2. a lack of time because of the studies and tasks have to be done because of the EFSA's vice president position and because of starting bachelor thesis and organizing the international contest YPEF2010 in Estonia

To do

1. find new organizations and companies.
2. develop a regional separation in the commission where different commissioners are in charge of different parts of the world

Head of Web Commission: Destara Dwi Hardhitya

Goals:

1. Maintain IFSA's website
2. Maintain IFSA's forum
3. Support the forestry education project website
4. Spread information related to IFSA website to other non IFSA member institutions.

Have done works:

Update IFSA' website

1. Updating any information about IFSA' Events.
2. Updating any information about IFSA' Newsletters and other useful documents.
3. Updating any information about IFSA' members.
4. Updating any information about IFSA' partners.

Update IFSA' forum

1. Updating new members on IFSA' forum.

Discussion with formers of Head of IFSA web commission

1. Have contact with Frauke and web commissioner.
2. Transfer knowledge from Sylvain, Frauke, and Henk by chat.

Challenges:

Creating new web pages

1. I can't find the php document related creating new pages.
2. Sylvain is very busy now. So, we haven't chance to transfer knowledge about creating new pages in website.

Creating new IFSA' website

1. Frauke, web commissioners, and me still try to find to find the best CMS for new IFSA' website.

Update IFSA' Wikipedia

1. Waiting for Torben' email for explanations about IFSA' Wikipedia and how to manage it.
2. I'm not master on creating Wikipedia page.

Another business

1. I have some local action related environmental campaign and it takes more time.
2. I will have field practicum in the forest and will no available for more less 1 month.

To do:

Keep IFSA' website and forum update

1. Check email min. 6 hours per week.
2. Divide jobs with web commissioner.

Create new IFSA' website

1. Create an offline website in various CMS such as Drupal, Joomla, etc.
2. Planning next skype meeting to discuss about the progress.
3. Have discussions with councilor and former Head of IFSA' website or any IFSA officials.

Create new IFSA' Wikipedia article

1. Contact Torben one more time, to remind him about my email.
2. Contact Torge(executive secretary), may be he know something about IFSA' Wikipedia.

Time management

1. I will delegate my job to my commissioner during I've field practicum.
2. I will reschedule my activity, so I can have more time to check email and do my job as head of web com.

Head of International Process Commission: Metia Febrita Putri lembasi

Goals:

1. Keep IFSA members updated about what happens among international processes and inform the upcoming professional partners events
2. Maintain communication among Head of IPC sub commissions and commissioner
3. Assist head of sub commission in preparing delegations to meeting and conferences
4. Continue the communication between IFSA and professional partners that have been done by the former head of IPC.

Works have done:

Attending International Processes events:

1. Attending UNFCCC COP 16 in Cancun Mexico

Help to prepare the delegation to attend International Processes events:

UNFF :

1. Sent email to Subhead of UNFF to updated myself of the UNFF commission and the preparation to the UNFF 9

Keep contact to IFSA 7

1. Had fruitful discussion with Cathrine and Torge during UNFCCC COP 16
2. Consult to council regarding International Processes commission activities and problems faced by IPC

Try develop new partnership with professional partner

1. Have discussion with UNEP to talk about the possibility to have IFSA-UNEP partnership

External activities :

1. Attending the 5th South East Asian Environment Network (SEAYEN) Meeting in Singapore
2. Attending the IAVE Youth Volunteer Conference in Singapore

To do:

Keep assisting the subheads concerning the preparation work to the events

1. Actively take part into the discussion and delegation working group
2. Assist the work of Subheads and delegates

Collect activity report

1. Collect the report from the subhead who has attended International event

Try develop new partnership with professional partner

1. Develop new partnership with professional partners such as, UNEP, IUCN, UNESCO, etc.

Keep updated IFSA world if there is any interesting info about international events

1. Forward interesting information that I got to IFSA world
2. Encourage more IFSA member to attend International events

Maintain good communication with IPC people

1. Keep communication with the IPC subheads and commissioners
2. Keep communication with IFSA7

Head of MCFPE Sub Commission: Juliette Mouche

Goals:

1. Get people more and more involved
2. Be able to give an "IFSA opinion" about the LBA
3. Try to get people aware about what in MCPFE and Forest Europe

Works have done:

1. Organize a delegation to attend the Expert Level Meeting in Geneva
2. Attend the ELM in Geneva in December
3. Had contact with an adviser of the Oslo Liaison Unit there
4. Discussed about writing an IFSA statement for the Legally Binding Agreement
5. Attended the Interim (had lots of fun and discussions!)

Challenges:

1. Find time to read the LBA
2. Try to get people interested in that topic
3. Stay in touch with IFSA 7 and the Head of the IPC Commission

To do:

1. Read the LBA
2. Find people to work on it with Dan and I
3. Write a statement before March
4. Attend the ELM in March in Oslo
5. Attend the MCPFE in June in Oslo

Head of UNFCCC Sub Commission: Julius Adewopo

Goal:

My primary goals are already achieved with the successful representation of IFSA at UNFCCC-COP16 and for making IFSA to be a part of the success story of Cancun-agreement.

Work done:

1. Compiled the names of intending IFSA delegates to UNFCCC-COP16 and completed their registration on UNFCCC web portal
2. Composed and sent out funding support letters for all intending IFSA delegates
3. Corresponded with Soraya towards designing a t-shirt for all IFSA delegates which will be worn at UNFCCC-COP16.
4. Re-screened intending delegates based on their outlook of the possibility of securing funding to attend UNFCCC-COP16, and confirmed the registration of 12 delegates (on UNFCCC registration web-based portal), which was the quota allotted to IFSA by UNFCCC secretariat.
5. Had a meeting with Moriz Voher to make plans for the side-events which IFSA and Carbonfix was to co-host at UNFCCC-COP16, Cancun, Mexico.
6. Collaborated with UNFF Sub-commission head towards preparing for UNFF-9.
7. Corresponded with CIFOR secretariat and CBD LO to secure a free booth space at the CIFOR Forestday4 exhibition while I facilitated the volunteering of IFSA delegates for the event as well.
8. Prepared relevant documents for all confirmed IFSA-UNFCCC delegates for travel and registration at Cancun
9. Attended UNFCCC-COP16, and IFSA delegates prepared IFSA presentation for the IFSA-CarbonFix Afforestation and Reforestation side-event which was held on Friday Dec, 3rd, 2010. The title of the presentation was "Educating Forestry Students in the Era of Climate Change" and the presentation was greatly attended and lauded by the audience.
10. Engaged in the deliberation of the YOUNGO Constituency (with UKYCC, sustainUS, AYCC etc), in representation of IFSA, during UNFCCC-COP16 and the YOUNGO constituency made some interventions and produced a policy brief for UNFCCC-Article6 which is focused on Education and Training needs in this climate-change era.

Challenges:

1. Despite my hard pushes for IFSA funding/provision for some of the people who applied to be a member of IFSA delegation to UNFCCC, my efforts were abortive – turned down by IFSA7, and there were many last-minute disappointments such that the numerical

strength of IFSA delegation at UNFCCC-COP16 was not very encouraging.

To Do:

1. I will need to register IFSA for the next UNFCCC conference of Parties (UNFCCC-COP17) which will be coming up at Durban, South Africa. I will also apply for IFSA to be given a booth and a side-event slot at the next UNFCCC-COP. I am hoping to contribute to IFSA representation at the upcoming UNFF-9, UN headquarters, New York.

Head of UNFF Sub Commission: Tolulope Daramola

Works have done:

1. Getting delegates ready and prepared for the UNFF9 in new York from Jan 24 to Feb 4. 2011
2. Finished programmes of activities for IYF celebration and ready to be disseminated to all IFSA LCs and on the IFSA website

Challenges:

1. Lack of response from web commission after several mails requesting for posting OF IYF programs on the website

To do:

1. Participate in UNFF9
2. Give presentation as a panelist at the UNFF9 Panel on the Food, Energy and Economic Challenges and
3. Opportunities with a Special Focus on Youth and Women. On the 24th of January
4. Ensure effective participation of IFSA delegates at UNFF9



Head of CBD Sub Commission: Meivita Nafitri

Did not receive the progress report from Meivita Nafitri

Asia Regional Representative: Ahmad Karsidi & Amalia Anindia

Goals:

Scheduling a regular Regional meeting of Asian members

1. This will be done using Skype, at least once per 5 weeks, inviting representative from LCs within the Asia Region.

Help the preparation of the second ARM

1. Keeping contact with OC in Japan
2. Sharing update information to all LC in Asia

Maintain good communication in external and internal sector.

1. Ensure good communication between IFSA7 especially councillor (External).
2. Ensure good communication between LC in Asia (Internal)

Attract and Encourage Asia people to join IFSA

1. Approach by email, promote ARM, and assist people to establish new LC.

Works have done:

Keep contact to the LCs in Asia

1. Have an Asia Skype Meeting
2. Updated the Asia LC contact detail in Google doc

Attract and assist Asian people to join IFSA:

1. Established New LC in Philippine!
2. Guide Bangladesh, Pakistan & Iran to establish their own LC.
3. Update information about application on checking progress
4. Encourage them to join IFSS and ARM

Help to prepare the second ARM

1. Keep in touch with OC
2. Help arrange the seats for participants
3. Announced ARM to All LC in Asia and Interested people
4. Guide the interested people how to attend ARM
5. Helped ARM with recommendation letter

Keep contact to IFSA 7 by Council

1. Attended three Skype meetings
2. Keep contact with Yusuf
3. Give progress report to INTERIM

Challenges:

Lack of feedback from some LCs

1. Lost contact with Korean LC
2. Will try to contact by email or Facebook to Korean friends

Manage the participant to ARM

1. With OC try to arrange the left seats for participant
2. There are lot of people want to attend ARM but OC has limited seats

To do:

Promote the second ARM and IFSS

1. Give the left seats for Interested people from other country
2. Will make announcement about next host of ARM
3. Try to attract more Asian people to attend IFSS

Ensure well communication between LC in Asia

1. Update the progress of LC Partnership program
2. Will held the second Skype meeting

Encourage & support activities in Asia regarding the IYF

1. Accommodate ideas and suggestions of activities for the IYF celebration
2. Keep in contact and update progress of the activities that was planned.

Will try to establish another LC

1. Update the appliers 'progress in joining IFSA.
2. We will keep contact with the council to update the progress of submitted form

Northern Africa Regional Representative: Adeyeye Yemi Olaonipekun

Works have done:

1. Processing of Togo local community (status stage).
2. Aid the actualization of the maiden edition of IFSA FUTA Newsletter
3. Sent mails to potential new members in Morocco (Khalid), Robert (country unknown).
4. Give answers to some enquiry mails on behalf of IFSA
5. Helping out in the planning of CFA workshop in Nigeria
6. Finding new grounds.....

Challenges:

1. Most of my mails were not acknowledged and all efforts made to contact people through Facebook yielded little result (People got used to nicknames which are difficult to track).
2. Other options involve much finance which at present is not forthcoming (like the need to physically contact some people).
3. Internet accessibilities at most time is difficult....leading to my abstractive appearances at most time.

To do

1. Complete the registration of new members
2. Increase my 'potential' members tracking pace.
3. Starting any new responsibility as the resources come handy.

Southern Africa Regional Representative: Muedanyi Ramantwana

Goals:

Identify universities that deal with forestry and inform them about IFSA Head of Department

1. E.g. University of Hwazulu Natal, Fort Cox University, University of Verda.

Identify specific countries and inform them about IFSA

1. E.g. Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Lesotho, Zambia

Strengthen the relationship between neighbour LC

1. Have meetings for a couple of days or two

Contact the previous RR

1. Get more information and consult if problems occurred.

Keep in contact regarding to program in relation to the newly established LC partnership.

Basic duties

1. Check email
2. Work with council

Works have done:

Meeting with head of department (HOD) of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Forest department about other Universities I could contact and inform about IFSA

1. I received another contact from Kenya and I am hoping to establish some communication with him (Michael Sayo) and perhaps establish an LC.
2. I have also communicated with Claired from Zambia who has shown interest in establishing as LC.

I have been following up on the progress of the Fort Cox College registration with the IFSA council

I have been helping the Fort Cox LC with making the necessary corrections and comments made by the council on their registration

I have been communicating with another group of Masters students who are interested in joining IFSA

1. The students I have been communicating with are from the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) Forest Science Department.

I have been working with the Saasveld Forestry Association (SFA) to ensure that their LC partnership program with Japan in Kyoto is strengthened.

1. The two LC partners have exchanged the first round of newsletters and they have been very informative.

I have discussed with the HOD about hosting a Southern African regional meeting at the University and he was very interested in the whole idea and encouraged me to establish an organizing committee for the event.

1. I made a presentation about IFSA and the challenges we are experiencing in Southern Africa to the South African Forestry charter council(committee that advises the forestry minister) president and he was very interested in such an initiative and they wanted to have perhaps a representative from the students in their council as well.

Challenges:

1. The Universities have been closed since the end of November 2010 for the summer break and will only be fully functional after registration in February 2011.
2. Lack of responses from new contacts I have received in Zimbabwe
3. Time constraints as I am currently preparing for my Masters and will be travelling to do my data collection for many weeks.

To do:

1. Planning on arranging the first Southern African regional meeting, I will have to establish the committee and apply for sponsorships in order for the event to take place
2. Planning on getting more Universities if possible to register with IFSA
3. Get LCs involved with the International Year of Forests initiative
4. Establish a stronger communication with Stellenbosch and Fort Cox in order to encourage them to plan activities that will involve students and create awareness on forests

Northern America Regional Representative: Ashlee Tibbets

Goals:

Find new LCs in North America

1. Make presentation about IFSA to other North America Universities.
2. Create a partnership with other organization to encourage new members.

Organize activities in our LC; Build a community

1. Promote IFSA at my university
2. Host an International dinner (Including dishes from 10 different nationalities)
3. Set up a general IFSA promotional display to inform and create interest.

Find new members to join the LC in our university to build a true work team

1. This will be done by activities and meetings

Continue positive communication with IFSA 7 and other Regional Representatives in order to share ideas and thoughts. We will use a combination of emails and Skype technologies

Control the budget, search for local and regional fundraising.

Update contact details of current LC in North America.

Works have done:

Coordinated with International Fellows of the World Forestry Building in Portland

1. They presented on current events
2. OSU international students presented on current travels (countries include Australia, Korea, Germany, and Portugal).

Continuing aid and support of universities in Washington and Toronto, Canada) who are establishing IFSA clubs

Challenges:

1. Helping people at other universities get excited at IFSA

To do:

1. The University in British Columbia (UBC, Canada) has been extremely interested in forming an official IFSA club. I'm in contact with the main person there, and we're trying to organize a student exchange for a week, where our students go visit them for a week, and in a couple months, their students come to visit us.



Latin America Regional Representative: Maria Catalina Becerra

Did not receive the progress report from Maria Catalina Becerra

Northern Europe Regional Representative: Aino Virtanen

Goals:

Keep in contact with IFSA 7, other RRs and Head of Commissions

1. Keep in contact by email
2. Share information

Update and maintain contact with current LCs and deal information about happenings of the region

1. Gather existing information from previous RR.

To find new LCs and re-activate the old ones.

1. Promote IFSA to universities that are not yet members

To participate IFSA meetings and events personally.

Improve myself

Works have done:

1. Helped the recently created student organization “Kiev Forestry students association, KFSU” to end their IFSA application process.
2. Attended the 3rd IFSA Official Skype Meeting that took place at 2010. Nov. 27th’. Discussed the International Year of Forests.
3. Attended a IFSS 2010 OC meeting in Helsinki. Discussed the program and suggested them to integrate International Year of Forests and IFSA Partnership program to the schedule.
4. Found a new contact person to LC Iceland: new contact person is Kári Gautason and his e-mail is iskallinn@gmail.com

Challenges:

1. Time management.
2. NERM 2011 has financial problems

To do:

1. Contact IFSA Secretary and make sure that “Kiev Forestry students association - KFSU” application package has arrived to the Secretary and someone is taking care of it
2. Invite “Kiev Forestry students association – KFSU” to NERM 2011 and IFSS 2011 Promote International Year of Forests 2011 (IYF) by sharing information about upcoming events
3. Cooperation with NERM organizers, offering help for them if needed
4. Help LC Iceland to pay their membership fees (they have not paid their fees since 2008)

Southern Europe Regional Representative: Jakob Hörl

Goals:

Improve communication with IFSA and IFSA7

Contact former RRs to get a detailed list of contact information

Analyse new possible communication

Attend at major regional meetings

Pushing next SERM more west

Fulfil the job as described in the statutes

Works have done:

Attended Balkan-Winter-Meeting in Serbia

1. presented myself personally to people from my region
2. did a workshop about IFSA in general (together with Ping-Lian)
3. being in Serbian morning-TV-show

Attended Interim in Freiburg

1. presentation about the work been done

Helped new interested universities with becoming LC (Padova)

Got in contact with persons from potentially new LCs and tried to motivate them, invited them for SERM2011

launched invitation for SERM2011, tried to invite lots of people from different countries

Udo wrote to all Romanian forestry universities and presented IFSA, I advised him

talked about IFSA whenever possible

Got the contact with former president from LC Vienna, got some contact details from other former members

Challenges:

1. Time ... is going to be more and more a rare resource...
2. My partner Sebastian quit his position due to personal reasons, so all the future work has to be done by just myself

To do:

preparing a good SERM

creating/reestablishing new LCs

1. planning to go to Vienna somewhere in February/March
2. motivated people from Tirana/Albania and Zagreb/Croatia

being there for any questions from members of the region

Attending Winter-Meeting in Slovenia

Oceania Regional Representative: Alex Slattery

Goals:

Improve communication in the area

1. Contact New Zealand, Australia, Papua New Guinea, and any other countries that have forestry education to encourage the number of LC in the Region.
2. Make contact with the university and the existing LCs in the region.
3. If possible, visit universities to promote IFSA, such as New Zealand to promote IFSA.
4. Follow up Melissa Gordon, contact from the last RR.

Collaborate with IFA (Institute of Foresters of Australia) to encourage more students to be involved in IFSA activities.

1. Present IFSA to IFA
2. Promote IFA activity

Seek external funding for IFSA activities within the region.

1. Inform myself about possible grants for these activities and apply for them.

Organize and IFSA gathering in the region.

1. If possible, make this a regional meeting that is low key and lots of fun.
2. Send at least 3 students from the region to IFSS 2011.

Works have done:

1. During this time I have not done much work for RR. I have maintained contact with my LC and updated the email contacts for this region. I have met with the current LC president and briefly discussed future activities, IFSS 2011 and ways to improve IFSA in the region.

Challenges:

I have had challenges dedicating the necessary time needed to fulfill IFSA tasks. This will improve, as will my motivation when university starts up in a months time. However in the meantime I plan to allocate more time to IFSA activities to improve my IFSA commitment.

To do:

1. Follow up on suggestions by previous Oceania RRs.
2. Contact other IFSA LCs and improve IFSA activities in region by having atleast one before IFSS 2011.
3. Read and reply to all IFSA emails promptly.

Liaison Officers for IUFRO: Yasemin Öztürk

Goals:

1. Forward information in both ways (IUFRO to IFSA and IFSA to IUFRO), namely newsletters, important projects, opportunities...
2. Relay students' needs for meetings attendance. This means giving a list of potentially important meetings to students and providing some help in registration.
3. Strengthen our relationship with IUFRO. They show a growing interest in forestry education. This has to meet a very reactive (and professional) answer from us. For example, I think one of the main tasks of the next LO will be to be a focal point for the Global Action for Forestry Education developments with IUFRO.
4. Be a focal point between IUFRO and IFSA in both ways (forwarding information and looking for new opportunities all the year).

Works have done:

1. Answer to IUFRO and IFSA emails.
2. Sending monthly IUFRO news to IFSA WORLD.

Challenges:

1. Lack of time because changing my country. But we will save this problem for sure.

To Do:

1. Managing the plan for the board meeting and focal points, and preparing to go in Vienna for IUFRO Board meeting.
2. Me and Cathrine will organize to make presentation during IUFRO Board meeting.

Liaison Officers for EFI: Ida Mikkelsen

Goals:

Make more students aware of EFI, and help them attending congress

1. Informing students where and when something is going on and helping them if necessary.

Have Skype meetings with the other Los to motivate each other and exchange experience.

1. Taking contact to other LOs

Have a good contact IFSA and EFI

1. Reporting to EFI what's going on in IFSA and the other way around.

Attend the EFI annual conference and IFSA meetings.

Works have done:

1. I have forward information about summer and winter school.
2. I have been helping EFI with finder helpers for a conference.
3. I have forward information on scholarships.

Challenges:

To find event for IFSA students to attend

1. EFI have so many events it is hard to find out what is relevant for IFSA students.

EFI

1. How do you have a good contact to EFI if there is nothing special going on.
2. How to make IFSA students attend ex. summer or winter school.

To do:

International meetings

1. Attend a IFSA spring meeting in Europe
2. Have a good contact to EFINORD – Drink coffee with Mika ;)
3. Talk to EFI to hear if any IFSA Students have sign up for summer or winter school or have applied for scholarship.

Liaison Officers for CFA: Eva Ortvald Erichsen

Goals:

Sustain and improve the CFA – IFSA relationship

1. Introduce myself to both IFSA and CFA
2. Familiarize myself with CFA
3. Regular communication

Spread information among IFSA students about CFA

1. Encourage IFSA students to take part in CFA activity that may come up
2. Make sure reports from IFSA activities have been passed out or will be shared with IFSA world

Work towards better contact between IFSA 2011

1. Help by setting up Skype meetings
2. Share challenges and motivation with other LCs

Works have done:

1. Have set CFA in contact with Adeyeye regarding a CFA workshop to be held in Nigeria
2. Regular mail communication

Challenges:

1. Not really any challenges so far, but not much have come out from CFA

To do:

1. Keep regular contact
2. Have a look at the MoU between CFA and IFSA to see when it will have to be re-signed
3. Follow up on the issue regarding young professionals

Liaison Officers for FAO: Florent Kaiser

Goals:

1. Get the Memorandum of Understanding signed as soon as possible in order to enhance all benefits for IFSA students.
2. Successful cooperation for the Asian Pacific Forestry Week: Exceptional chance for IFSA should be turned into exceptional project.
3. Make FAO possibilities more accessible for regional and local students → strategy will be created soon

Work done since IFSS 2010:

First communication with the FAO on IUFRO World Congress 2010

1. Introduction to FAO staff present on the World Congress
2. Mutual expression of the chances and the necessity of an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FAO and IFSA
3. Talks with representatives of the Asian-Regional Office of the FAO regarding forestry education: Idea of cooperation for the Asian-Pacific Forestry Week

Continuing communication with the FAO Assistant Director General (ADG) of the Forestry Department about the MoU

1. Invitation of the FAO LO (Florent Kaiser) and IFSA President (Cathrine Pater) to COFO 2010 to further talks about the MoU and also for the participation of IFSA to a meeting on the creation of an Advisory Committee on Forestry Education with the involvement of many forestry education actors.

Attendance of COFO 2010 (Rome)

1. Follow up of sessions
2. Getting familiarized with FAO atmosphere and staff
3. Discussion with present partners (IUFRO) and FAO staff
4. Meeting with FAO ADG and newly designated Focal Point for IFSA
 - i. Jointly discuss, review and redraft the MoU draft
 - ii. Discussion about chances and potentials, areas of cooperation between FAO and IFSA
 - iii. Way forward: work on MoU is next priority until beginning of 2010

Post COFO work:

Continuing follow up of evolvement of the draft of the MoU, constant communication and clarification with Lauren Flejzor (Focal Point for IFSA at the FAO)

First talks about cooperation between FAO and IFSA about the International Year of Forest 2011 (IYF).

1. FAO looks for support for creating and disseminating information about Forests. IFSA is

likely to become a partner on that matter. Further talks will be enhanced post January.

Communication on cooperation for the Asian-Pacific Forestry Week:

1. Tverre (Asian Regional Office) contacted IFSA and asked about setting up a cooperation for the APFW in Beijing, June 2011.
2. Talks during an FAO session on Interim 2011 about the idea on cooperation: IFSA would like to cooperate!
3. Unofficial IFSA Meeting of some officials in Haute-Rivoire, France, to further talk about the cooperation and preparing the concept note. (Cathrine, Ping-Lian, Martin, Juliette, Eva, Michael, Florent)
4. Creation of a draft concept note for presenting IFSA's ideas to the Expert Committee of the FAO for the APFW.

Further amendments to the cooperation for the APFW: IFSA is likely to play a significant role in organizing a plenary session on the APFW 2011 on forestry education and communication. A coordinator of IFSA will closely work on this matter together with the FAO. Asian students will be given the possibility to attend the APFW benefiting from support of the FAO. Students will play a significant role and will be involved in preparative issues and in the plenary session itself.

Outcomes of the Expert Meeting for further decision on the cooperation with IFSA are expected soon.

Challenges:

1. Private familiar difficulties encountered drastically reduced engagement in IFSA voluntary work. However, duties and productive motivation was kept up.
2. Waiting for follow up on FAO side: things seem to run faster in IFSA than in the FAO. Taking in account that IFSA terms have a duration of one year, this can lead to frustration. However, this wasn't encountered in my case.

To do:

Continue communication about the Memorandum of Understanding, close follow up.

Awaiting outcome of the Expert Meeting for the cooperation on the APFW 2011

1. If positive: enhance further steps straight ahead.
2. Waiting for further discussion on cooperation in the framework of the IYF 2011

Liaison Officers for IFISO: Jennifer Schuchmann

Goals:

Let IFSA students know about the opportunities provided through IFISO

1. Forward information about IFISO Events and activities to IFSA world
2. Encourage IFSA students to participate in those events
3. Inform IFSA7 regularly about everything that's going on.
4. Try to participate in IFISO meetings myself

Start to establish a training system within IFSA

1. Working closely together with Forestry Education commission
2. Inform IFSA students especially the officials about trainings organized by other students organizations
3. Send interested and motivated students to TNT seminars
4. Get ideas and input from other students organizations which has already experienced on training systems

Exchange opinions about new and ongoing practice within IFSA and IFISO

1. Keep regular contact with IFISO member and other students organizations
2. Keep contact to IFSA7 and officials to give them the input from IFISO
3. Focus on projects related to fundraising and trainings
4. Encourage joint events and activities from different students organizations

Works have done:

Worked on the cooperation with studyportals.eu

1. I had several skype chats with Joran van Aart about the writing contest, the exchange of links, establishing an IFSA-page on studyportals.eu
2. I tried to provide the information for IFSA-page on studyportals.eu, waiting for the replies right now

Informed IFSA about IFISO-activities

1. I sent the open-calls for meetings to ifsa-world and to the Event-newsletter
2. I attendend the LO-skype-meetings

Organized IFISO-skypemeeting

1. it was an idea during the last meeting to have a skype-meeting between the meetings, I organized the date and the topics. It will take place at this weekend

Trainings

1. Ping Lian, Yagmur and me build up a SWOT-analysis for IFSA and used that to find a suitable topic for the training during INTERIM
2. Ping Lian and me organized the training session during INTERIM that was delivered by

Attila

3. I applied for the Trainers' Forum in Vienna organised by BEST and got selected
4. working on a joint TnT (Train New Trainers) of different student organisations in Balkan-Region
5. I am trying to get IFSA to be a partner for an event on "On-line leadership training" in Autumn.

Challenges:

My Bachelor-Thesis in Panama

1. since November in Panama
2. I could therefore not attend Interim
3. in December we had some flooding, that it was too chaotic to finish my presentation for Interim I in time
4. the time-difference makes it more difficult to attend the skype-chats
5. at some days I am too busy for my thesis that I am not able to check my mails
6. feeling so far away from everybody
7. Time management
8. sometimes I feel so overloaded with work, that I don't have a clue where to start
9. very busy in preparing SERM
10. sometimes I have time and would like to work a lot, but then I need some replies from other officials to continue, and these replies are exactly coming in, when I am again very busy

To do:

1. continue the partnership with studyportals.eu
2. continue to provide training-opportunities for IFSA
3. attend the Trainers Forum in Vienna in March
4. participate at the IFISO-spring meeting in Krakow in March

Liaison Officers for IFSA Alumni: Dan Burgar Kuzelicki

Goals:

Update the already existing contact list of alumni

1. Contact all alumni already on the list
2. Contact participants of different IFSA meeting and ask them if they want to join the alumni network

Promote the possibility to support IFSA

1. Inform them about the need of help via e-mail

Keep in touch with IFSA7

1. Inform them about ideas and progress with alumni

Works have done:

1. Created e-mail that was sent to all students that participated in ifsa events in last 10 years
2. Created an on-line form for alumni to fill in their information
3. Created a draft of supporting member letter that will be sent to alumni
4. Been in contact with mikko about invoices for supporting members
5. Been in contact with Veera from OC IFSS Finland about Alumni day at IFSS
6. Sent Mikko my declaration form
7. Been in contact with Head of Sub-Commission for MCPFE about LBA

Challenges:

1. More time for IFSA work
2. Motivate more people to become supporting members

To do:

1. Contact all alumni to confirm their information and thank them for joining the alumni program
2. Contact all alumni that want to be supporting members
3. Stay in contact with Veera from OC IFSS Finland

Liaison Officers for CIFOR: Yu-Tang Tsai

Goals:

Keep contact between IFSA and CIFOR

1. Know some people in CIFOR and get contact
2. Keep contact with IFSA7 and other officials

Create cooperation between CIFOR and IFSA

1. Arrange MoU between CIFOR and IFSA
2. Try to find some internships in CIFOR

Promote CIFOR within IFSA

1. Forward CIFOR newsletter and advertisements to IFSA World
2. Encourage IFSA students to join CIFOR events.

Have done works:

Keep communication between CIFOR and IFSA

Challenges:

Maintain connection with CIFOR

To do:

Internship

1. Try to find some internship in CIFOR

Keep Communication

1. Keep good communication with CIFOR