



# IFSA 7 Newsletter 2010 September Edition 2010 October 11

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## Preface

Thank you for reading the IFSA 7 Newsletter. September is the first month for all of the IFSA Officials and also the beginning of the new IFSA Year.

This IFSA 7 Newsletter combines all the progress of IFSA 7 and IFSA Officers. Reports from the partner association written by LO or IFSA Student representatives are listed as Headline news to you. Thanks for the reports from Pál Gátas, Michael Rivoire and Ida Mikkelsen. Also, thanks to Wouter Scheepers, Head of the Language Commission, for his help with the grammar and spelling. This IFSA 7 Newsletter might not be easy to read due to incorrect grammar.

I hope you can get the brief and updated information about IFSA. We are looking forward to [YOUR FEEDBACK](#) to IFSA 7 and all of the IFSA Officials.

Best regards,

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## IFSA President Column

by Cathrine Steffy Pater (IFSA President)

Dear all,

It has been one month since the last IFSA-people left The Republic of Korea to travel back home, settle down, and digest all that has been going on in the intense month of August.

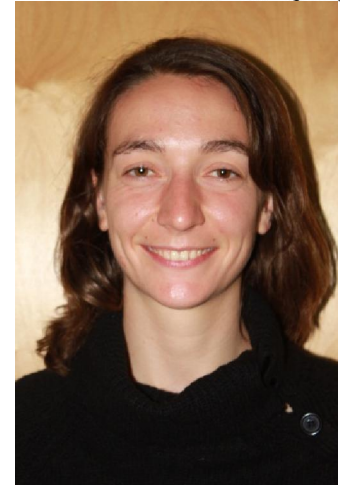
September has been the month in which everyone familiarized themselves with their positions. Emails have been sent back and forth and many new contacts have been established. In IFSA7 all the communications channels have been quite busy as well; email, personal communication, telephone, and skype. Two IFSA7-skype meetings have been held during this month and we also had our first skype meetings with all the officials.

### Updates from around the world

While familiarizing ourselves with our new positions, time has also been spent with preparations for the months to come. Establishing a new commission like our Forestry Education Commission requires a lot of work and coordination with the new commissioners and all the involved persons in working group. Florian, Head of Forestry Education Commission (FEC), is doing the great job establishing the new commission and making ends meet. Together they are currently creating a vision for the FEC making a move towards a Students Action Plan for Forestry Education (SAPFE) which was presented by Eva in August at the IUFRO WC 2010.

Also the International Processes Commission (IPC) has been working effectively. Preparations for the upcoming UNCBD have been taking place at a fast rate. Head of IPC, Metia, the Head of the CBD Sub-Commission,

Meivita, and Yusuf, Council and former Head of the CBD Sub-Commission as well as many other involved are currently doing a fantastic job in preparing the student delegation for the participation of UNCBD in October.



Cathrine Steffy Pater, IFSA  
President 2010-2011

In another part of the world the UNFCCC will be taking place in November/December and Julius, the Head of the UNFCCC Sub-Commission, is working hard with the preparations for this big event. The deadline for participating has just expired and Julius has kept his hand well over the entire process.

Even the preparations for the UNFF, which will be held next year in January/February have already been kick started by Tolulope, the Head of the UNFF Sub-Commission. And just as a reminder; the registration to the event is now open.

### Update from one of our professional partners

From the 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of September the EFI 2010 Annual Conference was held in Dresden, Germany. Ida, Liaison Officer to EFI, and I were there to represent IFSA. The program consisted of one day with general assembly, one day with scientific program on biomass from forests and other wooded lands and finally a field trip in the beautiful surroundings of Dresden.

Arriving to the general assembly Ida and I met with the nice people from EFI, the organizers of the conference and a few known

faces from IUFRO. This immediately made us feel more at home. We also had the opportunity to present ourselves to some of the other participants as representatives of IFSA.

The GA went by well and, as Ida and I could state, a bit faster than our GA's. Although our GA's are held very thoroughly, being a great educational strength in IFSA. Under one of the points EFI presented their strategy 2025. At the end of this, new areas of activity were presented as possible areas for EFI to work on in the near future. One of the areas mentioned was "Education and capacity building" in which Universities are going to work in joint programs on European level. The focus on education from EFI's side sounded like sweet music to our ears. From IFSA's side we commented the positive approach from EFI to focus more on education and assured them the contribution from IFSA's behalf on this work. The director of EFI then followed this up talking about the importance of IFSA's presence at the conference and the good collaboration between the two organizations. This also meant that all the participants noticed IFSA's presence and we were then approached with much appreciation of the other participants commenting that it is very important that IFSA is represented at this conference and asking more questions about the association and our work. We hereby got to exchange contact information with Universities in Dublin, Croatia, Slovakia, and Hungary amongst others.

The whole trip was further spiced up when we met some active IFSA- and former IFSA-students. Together with Nicolas, the President of the Local Committee of IFSA Tharandt, we did an adventurous trip to the "city" ☺ in which NERM will take place next

year. After having "inspected" the place I am sure that this regional meeting will be really great (Like all other regional meetings, of course ☺)

EFI's next year's annual conference will take place in Uppsala, Sweden, in the end of September 2011, and in 2012 in Istanbul. Things are happening in Turkey in 2012 ☺.

This is just something to keep in mind for the EFI-LO and for the rest of us when considering how we can engage IFSA-students more in the program of the conference. The organizer of the conference in Uppsala reassured us that students of SLU in Sweden will be engaged in the organizing of next year's conference. But let us stay updated with what EFI wants to do on the educational side and see how we can work in close cooperation with them in this area.

All in all I can say it was a really rewarding trip, and I think I can say that for both Ida and I. I think it is important that IFSA continues showing its representation at this conference as the associated member that IFSA is. Personally it was equally important to me to attend this meeting, because I got in direct contact with a lot of people and had the chance to speak about IFSA all the time ☺. Experiencing the interest and appreciation of people is very motivating. Especially for the work load that always awaits us at home in front of the computer.

That is all for now and for the month of September. Thank you all for your efforts and I am looking forward to another exciting month working with you.

Stay well all of you.

Yours,  
Cathrine Steffy Pater

## Have Done List for IFSA Officials

### *IFSA 7:*

- Change over with Formal IFSA 7.
- 2 IFSA 7 Skype Meeting at 7<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 2010.
- Initiated Process for preparing EU Grant for 2011.

### **President Cathrine Steffy Pater**

- EFI Annual Meeting in 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of September 2010, Dresden, Germany.

### **Vice President Ping-Lian Wu**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Event Newsletter and IFSA 7 Introduce letter

### **Treasurer Mikko Nivala**

- Change the IFSA declaration form.

### **Executive Secretary Torge Brodersen**

- Register new IFSA 7 and register IFSA to German court.

### **Councilor F. Yağmur Bütün, Martin Kong and Yusuf Bahtimi**

- Applying EU Grant for 2011

### *IFSA Officials:*

#### **Language commission:**

- Translated the sponsor letters into different languages for Fundraising commission.
- Translated and ready to update context for IFSA on Wikipedia.

#### **Web commission:**

- Update IFSA website, including all the officials, events and documents

## Headline News

*CBD International Youth Conference on Biodiversity at 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010, Aichi, Japan.*

by Pál Gátas (President of IFSA LC Hungary)

The International youth conference on Biodiversity was held in Aichi, Nagoya, from the 23<sup>rd</sup> August to the 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2010 and was hosted by the ministry of Environment, Japan.

This event was held just before the CBD COP 10 with the intention to present the opinion of the international youth community to the world leaders on when they should meet at Nagoya this October.

One hundred youth delegates from all over the world, including 2 IFSA students, Takuya Ito (Japan) and Pál Gátas (Hungary), who participated at the conference.



Group photo of youth participants.

Recognizing the fact that the we have failed to achieve the target of “significantly reducing the current rate of biodiversity loss” by 2010, the conference was organized with the main objective to formulate a bold youth statement which included the Current status, Vision for 2050/ target for 2020 and the youth Action to reduce the loss of biodiversity.

The meeting started with a home-stay program, where each participant was hosted by

a Japanese family. We had the chance to experience the “real Japanese life style” for one day.

Besides the youth statement, the conference had several other events, like sharing the best practice by selected participants, the composition of a world biodiversity map, the acceptance of youth action plans and an excursion to the Satoyama landscape of Japan. Satoyama means the traditional way of managing the forest and agricultural resources in an integrated approach which ensures sustainability and biodiversity.

The official part of the conference ended at the University of Nagoya where the Biodiversity Forum was organized to present the outcome of the conference to a huge audience including representatives from CBD and UNEP.

The entire event was well organized due to the coordinated effort of the young volunteers of the Japanese Youth Ecology League and the Ministry of environment, Japan.

The conference bridged all cultural and ethnic differences resulting in a strong International youth network on Biodiversity which will hopefully conserve and spread widely.



IFSA student, Pál Gátas and CBD youth conference on the Hungarian Newspaper.

*IUFRO World Congress 2010 – Seoul,  
South Korea, 23-28 August.*

by Michael.Rivoire (Former LO for IUFRO)

The IFSS was hardly over when a delegation of IFSA students (~35 people) attended the IUFRO World Congress in Seoul, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August. This major event for scientists is held every four years by the international union. A large number of sessions dealt with various subjects from forest products to social and economical aspects, biodiversity, climate change, emerging technologies and forest health. The students were very active in presenting oral and poster presentations - around 20 pieces were presented - as well as side events including a session on forestry education, an award ceremony, the president's discussion on forestry education and a great booth stand. Wednesday evening we had the opportunity to organize a charity evening for IFSA, where scientists and students met to learn more about IFSA, to engage in discussions and buy some food and hand-made crafts from students. Many people visited the booth stand where students took turns all the week.

An astonishing result was achieved during that week. Additional to the involvement of IFSA in forestry education for several years, a new commission on Forestry Education was established this year. Our main partners were enlightened on the following:

- IUFRO is on the way to create a Task Force on forestry education;
- FAO is officially re-creating its commission on higher education.

This unique coordination will be an incentive for even more efforts on this area.

The presentations that were made during the technical session on forestry education (jointly organized by IFSA and IUFRO) demonstrated very good examples and experiences relating to the improvement of education in several universities. Great achievements are expected during the years ahead. (Moreover the next IUFRO World Congress is only in 2014).

Moreover, all IFSA delegates participated during the logistical organization. We can really say it was a team effort, which was one of the greatest aspects of the adventure. Members of the Korean LC, already exhausted by the organization of the IFSS, also welcomed us warmly during the week. A big thanks to everyone.

Keep the spirit up !



IUFRO IFSA Student delegation group photo with IUFRO President, Niels Elers Koch and Immediate Past President, Don K. Lee.

*IFSA President and Liaison Officer attended EFI Annual Meeting at Dresden, Germany.*

by Ida Mikkelsen (Liaison Officer for EFI)

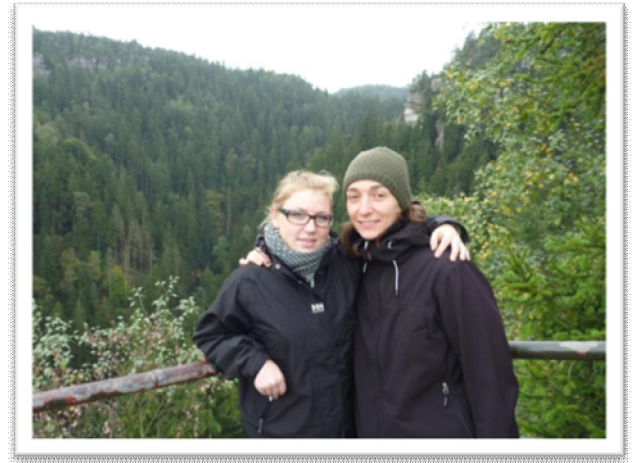
As the Liaison Officer of EFI, me and Cathrine Pater, the president of IFSA, were invited to the annual meeting of EFI. This year it was held in Dresden, Germany.

On the first day, EFI held their general assembly. It was really interesting to see that the general assembly we had during the IFSS was prepared in the same professional manner as that of EFI.

During the second day presentations were presented with the theme of "Biomass from forests and other wooded lands – production and use". It was really interesting to see what the current situation in the field of biomass production was, the problems they had and their solutions to them.

The last day was the "congress in tour day". First we visited a National Park and after that a forest where recreation was the main focus. Then we had a guided tour to a castle, where we were informed on the history of hunting in Germany. The last stop was a game reserve, where they are currently focusing on wolves, because in the area we were visiting, wolves were crossing from Poland to Germany.

During the breaks, dinners and nights of the congress tour, Cathrine and I had a lot of time to converse with the people working in EFI and their partners at Universities. I meet my contact person, Anu Ruusila from the headquarter in Finland, and head of the Regional office in Denmark, EFINORD, Mika Mustonen. Cathrine was really good at talking



LO for EFI, Ida Mikkelsen (left) and President of IFSA, Cathrine Steffy Pater (right) at Dresden, Germany

to the participants about IFSA. All in all it was a really good and interesting trip, we have both acquired some new contacts and new insight on the developments going on in Europe, with can benefit students in IFSA.



Photo with IFSA contact person in EFI, Anu Ruusila (right)