

IFSA7 Newsletter

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Dear IFSA world,

As we speak, the biggest event on the IFSA calendar is also only just around the corner!

This is our final IFSA7 Newsletter for this IFSA year. Instead of dwelling on the end of our time as your IFSA 7 representatives, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you what we have been busy doing over the past few weeks, mention some last minute announcements and lastly but by not least of all, we would love to thank everyone for their hard work and support during this IFSA year.

ICA and Silva Network Conference, Zagreb, June 2010.

In June 2010 ICA ([Association for European Life Science Universities](#)) held its "[Week of Conferences](#)" with the topic "*Bologna Declaration 10 years on – Promising and delivering quality in Life Science education across Europe*". The ICA General Assembly was attended by Florent Kaiser, President of IFSA. Efforts were put in building up a closer relationship to ICA as well as to other present students' organisations like [IAAS](#) for agricultural students.

The [Silva Network](#) Annual Conference with the topic "*Bachelor/Master education in forest sciences – ready for the next decade?*" was held right after the ICA Conference during 2 days. IFSA was represented by Florent and Helmut Fax, LC Freising. Presentation topics were 1. "*IFSA's contribution to forestry education - role, potential and challenges of a students' network*" and 2. "*The bologna process and students' mobility: options and frustrations*". The contents and the students' attendance were highly appreciated.



The further need of involving more students into conferences about Forestry Education was expressed and recognized. For the Silva Network Conference 2011 in St. Petersburg, Russia, it has been discussed that IFSA gets the chance to organize a whole students' session on a selected topic. This is a great opportunity for a group of students' to work on a project to be presented later September 2011 in St. Petersburg, Russia. An announcement will be made during coming autumn, however if you are interested to take part, please send an email to IFSA7@ifsa.net.

18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference, Edinburg, Scotland, United Kingdom

The theme for this year's conference was "**Restoring the Commonwealth's Forests – Tackling Climate Change**" hosted by the British Forestry Commission, it pulled together some of the

most influential and dynamic individuals with profound interest in forestry who explored how restoring the Commonwealth's forests can contribute to the global challenge of tackling climate change.

Leaders of the Commonwealth's public and private forestry sector, however, looked far beyond this and investigated how forest restoration can be used to tackle issues such as community livelihoods, food security, biodiversity, energy and governance. Delegates from around the world explored the role professional institutions can play and how their reform may contribute to the Commonwealth's response to climate change – thus ensuring that the Conference stimulated lots of lively debate.



A presentation titled **“Perspectives of Students on Commonwealth Forests: A glimpse into the future”** was made during the 8th plenary session which was tagged **“People and Forests: Sharing knowledge”** was given by IFSA delegation, Julius Adewopo and Tololupe Daramola.

This was a fantastic event and we can't wait to hear more about it in the next IFSA News! However if you're interested in coming to the next CFC, be prepared to wait another 5 years. It is never too early to be ready, so why not apply for CFA Liaison Officer in the upcoming election.

IREX and MEX

IREX is an International River Expedition. MEX is a Mountain Expedition. These two events took place last month and are fantastic examples of potential IFSA activities involving LC's. It's the second time IREX was held in Hungary, and was participated by IFSA students from Europe and Turkey. In this amazing expedition, participants are taken to raft in a boat and see the beautiful landscapes, camping activities, and so many more fun stuffs. It is the first MEX event and we can't wait to hear about the next one!

The 2nd and 3rd Progress Reports are finished and available on the website. It has all the things you want to know about what the official has been doing within IFSA through the year.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ☺

Final preparations for IFSS are well underway; this includes the completion of the Annual Report and final Change-Over preparations for Officials. The Annual Report will be presented during IFSS. So

make sure you're in South Korea next week, there's gonna be awesome GAs and workshops (of course parties too)!

If you're interested in becoming an Official and you are unable to make it to Korea, please **send your motivation letter to secretariat.ifsas@gmail.com by close of business on the 6th of August**. Yes, that is **TOMORROW!!!!** We would love to hear from you if you are interested in any positions and would hate you to miss out, so please get your letters in as soon as possible.

Thank you

IFSA 7 would love to thank all Officials for their hard work, patience, enthusiasm and friendly faces. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time as your IFSA 7 representatives. Simply, it has been heaps of fun ☺

On behalf of all IFSA Officials, we would like to thank the wider IFSA community for your continual and endless support of IFSA activities. It has been a wonderful year which we will stay with us forever.

Last but certainly not least, we would love to thank our friends, family, partners and everyone else. You have lent us your shoulders to lean on and ears to listen to, for which we are very grateful.

We are very excited about the upcoming Symposium and GA's where we are sure to have many fruitful discussions. We can't wait to meet the new and old IFSA faces and the new IFSA team who will lead this great association on.

From a humid, bustling and friendly Korea, we send everyone one last hug as your reining IFSA 7 team. We also wish to share with you a snapshot of a few of our busy IFSA 7 crew members refuelling during the final preparations of what is sure to be fantastic Symposium!



Forester's regards,

Your IFSA7