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## **PREFACE**

The environmental problems we are facing in the world today, as well as the problems from the forest sector, are becoming more and more complex and they cross political borders. Solutions can only be found through knowledge, international communication and cooperation. Therefore IFSA aims to enhance forestry students' qualifications in order to build well qualified professionals and to enhance cultural understanding.

Thus, IFSA is a worldwide network of forestry (and related subjects) students and emphasizes enriching forestry students' formal education, especially in terms of a wider, more global perspective, realized through extracurricular activities and the exchange of information and experience. IFSA promotes co-operation amongst forestry students, and establishes links with other international organizations in areas such as forestry, environmental protection, higher education, economy and social development. IFSA intends to contribute to a more complete professional preparation for its members, as well as to represent their interests in the international community.

This Annual Report deals with the IFSA year from the closing of the 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in South Africa (July 2007) to the 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Bulgaria (August 2008). It gives the reader an overview of the achievements of IFSA during the year, as well as some ideas of future possibilities.

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We would like to thank the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg for providing us the IFSA office and financial support for IFSA official activities.

The Direction would also like to thank all IFSA Officials 2007-2008, who dedicated part of their time for the association and the organisers of the many IFSA activities that were implemented during this year. Each activity has been essential for IFSA's development this year and we were happy to count on many contributors.

In addition, we appreciate the dedication of IFSA Alumni that have been contributing to elaborate the IFSA Strategy 2008-2010 and have been providing us many useful advices during all the year.

Finally, we would also like to thank our family, friends, and partners. They provided us shoulders and ears in difficult times and many times were understanding when we could not dedicate so much time for them.

## **COMMON IFSA ABBREVIATIONS**

CP	Contact Person
ELEF	Encuentro Latinoamericano de Estudiantes Forestales (Latin American Regional Meeting)
EP	Exchange Programme
GA	General Assembly
IFSA	International Forestry Students' Association
IFSA-Seven	IFSA Direction and Council (IFSA Board)
IFSA year	The time between one GA and the next
IFSS	International Forestry Students' Symposium
IN	IFSA News
IPC	International Processes Commission
LARM	Latin American Regional Meeting (ELEF – Encuentro Latinoamericano de Estudiantes Forestales)
LC	Local Committee
LO	Liaison Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NERM	Northern European Regional Meeting
NEIS	Northern European Innerregional Seminar
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
OC	Organising Committee
ORM	Oceania Regional Meeting
PP	Publications and Promotions Commission
RR (RegRep)	Regional Representative
SERM	Southern European Regional Meeting
Snail mail	Hardcopy mail ('slow' mail)
VCP	Village Concept Project
VP	Vice-President

## **PROFESSIONAL PARTNERS AND PROCESSES**

CBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
CFA	Commonwealth Forestry Association
CIFOR	Centre of International Forestry Research
EC	European Commission
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
EFI	European Forest Institute
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations
FPEN	Forest Policy Education Network
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
IPFE	International Partnership for Forestry Education
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IUFRO	International Union of Forest Research Organizations
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organisation
MCPFE	Ministerial Conference on the protection of Forests in Europe
SAF	Society of American Forester
SILVA	Silva Network
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests

## STUDENT PARTNERS AND PROCESSES

AEGEE	Association des Etats Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe
AFSA	Asian Forestry Students' Association
AIESEC	Association International des Etudiants en EConomie
ALECIF	Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudiantes de Ciencias Forestales
BEST	Board of European Students of Technology
EDSA	European Dental Students' Association
EFPSA	European Federation of Psychology Students' Associations
ELSA	European Law Students' Association
EMSA	European Medical Students' Association
EPSA	European Pharmaceutical Students' Association
ESTIEM	European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management
IAAS	International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Sciences
IACES	International Association of Civil Engineering Students
IADS	International Association of Dental Students
IAESTE	International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience
IFISO	Informal Forum of International Students' Organisations
IFMSA	International Federation of Medical Students' Association
IPSF	International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation
IPSO	International Psychology Students' Organisation
ISHA	International Students of History Association
IVSA	International Veterinary Students' Association
JADE	European Confederation of Junior Enterprises
PRIME	The European Public Relations Students Association
WISE	World Initiative of Students for Exchange

### IFSA IN EVENTS - AUGUST 2007 - AUGUST 2008

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Kind of event</b>
August 2007	IUFRO Division VI Symposium	Finland	IFSA official representation in professional partner's meeting
	IFSA – IUFRO – Silva Network Forum	Germany	Forum on forestry education
September 2007	NEIS 2007	Finland	Scientific conference
	EFI Annual Conference	Poland	IFSA official representation in professional partner's meeting
	IUFRO European Congress	Poland	IFSA official representation in professional partner's meeting
	1 <sup>st</sup> IPFE Workshop	Nairobi, Kenya	IFSA official representation in forest education event
October 2007	the IUFRO all div V Conference	Taiwan	IFSA official representation in professional partner's meeting
November 2007	Youth on the 5th MCPFE	Poland	IFSA representation in International decision making processes
December 2007	Youth on UNFCCC COP 13	Bali, Indonesia	IFSA representation in International decision making processes
January 2008	Interim meeting for IFSA Officials	Estonia	IFSA official meeting
March 2008	NERM	Czech Republic	IFSA's annual regional meeting
	LARM	Colombia	IFSA's annual regional meeting
April 2008	IUFRO Board Meeting	Marrakesh	IFSA official representation in professional partner's event
	SERM	Macedonia	IFSA's annual regional meeting
	IFSA7 Meeting to prepare General Assembly	Nancy, France	IFSA official meeting
	Latin America IPFE Workshop	Venezuela	IFSA representation in forest education event
	22nd Forestry Versatility	Czech Republic	International forestry students competition
May 2008	SILVA Network Annual Conference	Denmark	Student representation in international forest education event
	MCPFE Expert Level meeting	Oslo, Norway	Student representation in international forestry event
	COP9 of CBD	Bonn, Germany	Student representation in International decision making processes
	Conference on Sustainable Development	New York, USA	IFSA official representation in partner's meeting
June 2008	Forum on Forestry Education	Switzerland	Student representation in international forest education event
	Europe's Forestry Techniques Highlight 2008 - KWF-Tagung	Germany	Students representation in international forestry fair
	"Järvelja Games"	Estonia	Students' meeting
July 2008	1st Latin American Forum on Forestry Education	Colombia	Students' meeting
	Leadership Summer School	Turkey	Summer School for Students
August 2008	International Forestry Students' Symposium – IFSA General Assembly	Bulgaria	Global event. General Assembly of IFSA

## IFSA SEVEN

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### DIRECTION

#### President

Sylvain Dupire

#### ***Goal 1: Promote and represent IFSA during events, conferences and meetings and increase the awareness of the forestry field about IFSA***

- Participation to EFI Annual Conference and the IUFRO European Congress in Poland, September 2007
- Participation to the IUFRO all div V Conference in Taiwan, October 2007
- Discussion with the Society of American Forester (SAF) to develop IFSA in USA
- Participation and presentation of IFSA during the IUFRO Board Meeting in Marrakesh, April 2008
- Participation and presentation of IFSA during the Silva Network\* Conference in Denmark, May 2008
- Participation in a Forum on Forestry Education in Switzerland, June 2008
- Associate IFSA to the big forestry fair organised by KWF (Kuratorium für Waldarbeit und Forsttechnik = Board of Trustees for Forest and Forestry Technology) in Germany, June 2008
- Strengthen the involvement of IFSA in IPFE
- Discussion with the World Conservation Union (IUCN) for a partnership
- Discussion with the FAO for more collaboration with IFSA
- Participation to the Leadership Summer School in Turkey, July 2008

\* Silva Network: European Network of Forestry Faculties: <http://www.silva-network.eu/>

#### ***Goal 2: Maintain and improve if possible the contact with professional partners and student partners***

##### International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)

The partnership with IUFRO is improving each year due to a collaboration based on trust since many years. This year the main points to underline are the following:

- Participation in 3 IUFRO events during the year with a presentation of IFSA activities during the board meeting
- IFSA Delegation of 10 students during the IUFRO All Div 5 conference in Taiwan with a grant to help financing the participation
- IFSA will contribute to the Forest and Climate Changes multilingual Terminology Project supervised by IUFRO
- The IFSA strategy has been overviewed by IUFRO Board and they provide us many inputs to establish the final version
- Presentation from the IUFRO Vice-President at the IFSS 2008
- Many IUFRO board members helped IFSA to establish new Local Committees and promote IFSA in their respective regions (For example: IUFRO President's help to develop IFSA in South Korea)

##### European Forest Institute (EFI)

The partnership with EFI was not as active as I would like to have seen it this year. However, some points could be underlined:

- Participation to the EFI Annual Conference in Poland where I met all EFI people and discussed several points where IFSA can be involved
- Several discussions with Cecil Konijnendijk (former IFSA president and now EFI Vice President) to find new ways of collaboration with EFI

- Presentation from Cecil Konijnendijk at the IFSS 2008
- I took the position of EFI Liaison Officer at the end of April to diffuse EFI information which wasn't done since the beginning of my term by the EFI LO in position
- Registration of two IFSA representatives to the EFI Annual Conference in Italy in September 2008

#### Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA)

The partnership with CFA is mostly based on exchange of information and can still be improved. The main points this year are:

- Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between CFA and IFSA in October 2007
- CFA Newsletter now available for every IFSA Member on electronic format
- Participation of the CFA Youth Delegate to IFSS 2008

#### International Partnership for Forestry Education (IPFE)

The involvement of IFSA in this partnership is a bit older than this year but it becomes really effective since the 1<sup>st</sup> IPFE Workshop in Nairobi in September 2007.

- Participation of Lucky Sibambo to the 1<sup>st</sup> IPFE Workshop. Lucky and I prepared a presentation to show where and how IFSA can be useful for this partnership
- IFSA has a permanent sit in the IPFE Steering Committee occupied by the IFSA President
- IFSA became official member of the partnership in January 2008
- I wrote an article for the 2<sup>nd</sup> IPFE Newsletters about IFSA involvement in Forestry Education
- Proposal to organize a common part IPFE/IFSA on forestry education during the World Forestry Congress 2009 in Argentina
- Laura Quevedo (IFSA Regional Representative for Latin America 2006-2007) represented IFSA to the Latin America IPFE Workshop in Venezuela, April 2008. The proposal was discussed there and everybody seems to agree to insist on Forestry Education in the big forestry events to come

#### Silva Network

- Participation to the Silva Network Conference 2008. There I presented IFSA and its activities in Forestry Education and I had also the opportunity to Chair the last plenary session
- Discussion to involve Silva Network to the IPFE/IFSA initiative to insist on Forestry Education during the next world forestry events
- Promotion of IFSA to University people present during the event

#### Food and Agriculture Organisation of United Nations (FAO)

Most of the discussion with this organisation was initiated by Nicolas Dolidon who is writing his master thesis at the FAO Headquarter in Roma. Among the main points:

- Increasing the awareness about each other and known how to use both network
- Discussion about Forestry Students' participation and involvement in the World Forestry Congress 2009

#### Informal Forum of International Students' Organization (IFISO)

This forum is really important for transfer of knowledge and good practice between equivalent students' association. Unfortunately nobody from IFSA Board was able to take part to the IFISO Meetings. However Michelle and I took part to the Leadership Summer School which is an IFISO's Members Common Project in July 2008. The week spent for this meeting in Ankara (Turkey) shown us the importance and interest to have trainings (and trainers) in IFSA. In partnership with other associations, in the future, IFSA should encourage and take part to trainings for new trainers.

### International Association for students' in Agricultural and related Sciences (IAAS)

As agriculture is not so far from forestry, it could be good to have a good collaboration with this association. Further ideas are in discussion:

- Benefit from each others members to promote our network and develop it in region we are weak
- Elaborate a good method to approach FAO and UNESCO
- Have common meetings to enhance exchanges between students from close fields

### Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudiantes de Ciencias Forestales (ALECIF) - Latin American Association of students in forest sciences

Partnership with this association aims to enhance the activities of IFSA in Latin America as well as its network in the region. Thus the idea is to create a common commission to work on activities which need both skills and networks to have good results and to enhance exchange with Latin American students and students from other part of the world.

- Agreement signed in October 2007
- General scheme of the Commission elaborate in April 2008

### ***Goal 3: Improve the position of IFSA in Latin America and Africa with a good collaboration with respectively the ALECIF and our councillor Lucky Sibambo***

#### Latin America

- Participation to the Latin America Regional Meeting 2008 in Colombia. Discussion about IFSA with local members, redaction of the guidelines to improve IFSA implementation in Latin America and discussion with the ALECIF President to integrate these guidelines to the ALECIF/IFSA Commission
- Strengthen Partnership with ALECIF (see Goal 2)
- Regular mailing with Pamela (RR for Latin America) through the year

#### Africa

- Associate IFSA to an application from European Universities in the framework of Erasmus Mundus to facilitate the venue of African forestry students in Europe
- Promote IFSA on the continent by the intermediary of IUFRO people without big results

### ***Goal 4: Motivate and encourage the IFSA 7 team privileging the work in group and the friendship***

A solution to stay motivated is to like working with people who you have to work. It is the way IFSA 7 chose this year. Together we achieved good results even if IFSA 7 became IFSA 6 in January:

- The year began with a big work in team to get the European Commission Grant in 2008 with a positive result as we got the grant!
- Regular Skype meetings (generally one by month) to plan our work, discuss important issues and discuss about life
- Regular discussion (almost daily) with Kristi through MSN
- Big collaboration with Kristi to organise the Interim meeting (January 2008), especially concerning the schedule and programme of the week
- Organise and preside the IFSA 7 Meeting in Nancy, April 2008
- Share problems which merit different opinion and solve them together.

### ***Goal 5: Support the IFSS 2008 team in Bulgaria***

- Invite international speakers to IFSS
- Write supporting letter to Organizing Committee and invitation letter to participants asking it
- Regular communication to have a coherent schedule and integrate well the different session of the GA to the general IFSS Programme

- Big work with IFSA6 to check the list of people registered and establish order of priority to respect IFSA Statutes
- Push each IFSA Local Committees to participate to IFSS
- Felicitate and encourage the really good work of the organizing Committee as often as possible

***Other important things done:***

IFSA Strategy:

To ensure a stronger continuity in IFSA and a better internal and external communication, we thought it is necessary to write a Strategy for a period of 3 years. IFSA 7 in collaboration with other IFSA officials and IFSA Alumni wrote a strategy. It was a very hard exercise for everybody. The strategy will be now presented and asked for approval of the GA during the IFSS 2008.

Questionnaire on Forestry Education:

Because it was a work asked by my University in exchange of the agreement I have with them (make my 1<sup>st</sup> year of MSc during 2 years) I began an enquiry at the global scale on forestry education. Students and universities had and still have the opportunity to fill it. The results should permit to make an online database available for everybody to share forestry programme, figures and to try to identify key issues to work on in partnership with other organisations (IPFE, Silva Network, ALECIF, FAO and IUFRO).

***Problems linked to the position of President:***

- Difficulties to find the money to finance the numerous and important travels

*Solution:*

Have an efficient Fundraising Commission or/and a good personal sponsor (University, State, big Company...)

- Difficulties to manage studies and IFSA work

*Solution:*

- Make an arrangement with the University to have more time free for IFSA.
- Be well organized.

- Many people asking directly information to me and in most of case I am not the best person to answer.

*Solution:*

Have everybody in IFSA aware about the hierarchy and the tasks of each official: IFSA Strategy.

- Bad communication with some Liaison Officers and difficulties to know who should do what with the partner.

*Solution:*

Have regular Skype meeting (monthly) with the LO or at least regular e-mailing to agree on the thing to do.

***Important problems linked to a position in IFSA 7:***

- Disappearance of one member of IFSA7: Lucky Sibambo.

*Solution:*

- Have the possibility to replace someone who cannot assume for further reasons his/her position: change in IFSA Statutes will be proposed at the GA 2008
- Have people well aware of the position they want to take during the IFSS

- Not enough people working at the IFSA Secretariat

*Solution:*

- Employ a half-time professional secretary to work in Secretariat, or
- Have more people working there.

***General Problems:***

- Disappearance of some IFSA officials

*Solution:*

- Have the possibility to replace someone who cannot assume for further reasons his/her position: change in IFSA Statutes will be proposed at the GA 2008
- Have people well aware of the position they want to take during the IFSS

## **Vice President**

**Kristi Parro**

### ***Goal 1: To make IFSA world my home. So that everybody could feel comfortable in this 'world' too***

Already on the first days of my new job after the IFSS in South Africa I understood how much IFSA can give – the information running through mailing lists, the IFSA events, learning opportunities and of course friends. I found the things which interested me the most – dealing with IFSA members and other internal things – and tried to help officials and other interested in IFSA to find their way.

### ***Goal 2: To provide continuous exchange of information and fast communication***

As being responsible for collecting the official reports and managing the Yahoo Groups I have tried to give everyone the chance to know what is going on within IFSA, what are the possibilities and tried to give everyone a chance to meet new people through mailing lists.

- Compiling IFSA officials' reports
- Managing Yahoo Group mailing lists
- Updating IFSA officials contact details

### ***Goal 3: To help and motivate officials whenever they need***

There's always times when motivation is lost, when there seems to be too much things to do. So it's good to know that you are not alone. Meetings and discussions always help to find the best solutions and relieve the bad mood.

- Skype meetings with IFSA 7: good way to keep up the motivation, share ideas and discuss problems sufficiently
- Official meetings – Interim and IFSA7 meeting – meeting face to face is many times more effective than communicating via Internet
- Skype meetings with commissioners

### ***Goal 4: To expand my knowledge about IFSA in order to be a reliable source of information***

One of the biggest challenges for IFSA7 was writing the EU Grant application, where one of the main parts was the list of activities. As the task of sending the application was only few months after IFSS, it gave a good chance to get to know all the Local Committees and learn about their activities and different IFSA events.

Also participating on different events was a good chance to learn about IFSA and all the possibilities. Many events gave me the opportunity of introducing IFSA to other organizations and learn about different cooperation possibilities.

- Working with EC Grant: sending letters, forms, making list of IFSA activities
- Promoting IFSA on TUNZA meeting in Germany
- Participating on NEIS in Finland, NERM in Czech

## **Treasurer**

**Kate Lancaster**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- To spend only what is received by IFSA in the year 2007-2008 financial year
- To develop a clear budget for the coming year
- To be efficient in my role as manager of the IFSA funds

- To obtain the EU grant
- To work closely with the fundraising commission and be successful in raising funds

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- In collaboration with the IFSA 7 and the past treasurer I was able to develop a comprehensive budget for 2007-08. There were two versions, one with the EU Grant and one without.
- With the tireless work of the other members of the IFSA board and contributions from IFSA members we were successful in receiving the EU Grant. This provided a great input of funds to the organization and enabled many activities/actions that were not possible previously.
- In receiving the grant this made the goal of only spending what was received in the financial year 2007-08 very easy! We now have the challenge of setting all our ideas that were put in the grant application into action, and make use of the money. This will pass on to the next treasurer as the funds are to be spent by the end of 2008.
- Collection of membership fees was a big focus of the council and myself, and I am very satisfied with what we have achieved. There were many LC's who owed several years of membership fees, and we were successful in getting them up to date.
- As manager of the IFSA funds I have ensured that all debts have been discharged and was able to provide advice to the IFSA board on available funds when the need arose. The financial position of IFSA is currently very strong with the input of the EU grant
- As treasurer I attended the Interim meeting in Estonia, working with the others that were present to create and update IFSA documents, and develop the new IFSA strategy.
- I have also had a new financial reporting system created; an Excel based record system. I felt that the turbocash program was too challenging to master in such a short time, and was more complex then we needed. I hope that this new system will make the changeover to the new treasurer an easier and smoother task, and to make the financial records of IFSA more transparent.
- Communication with my fellow board members was excellent, and we were able to work well as a team to achieve our goals.

### ***Problems faced***

- I was often challenged with having sufficient time for my treasurer work. I think it is important that a big effort is made at the start of the IFSA year to get familiar with the role. I do not think I did this adequately, finding documents later in the year that I should have read at the start. This was exacerbated by some personal issues, which made performing my tasks as treasurer at times virtually impossible.
- I was unable to devote time to the fundraising commission, falling very short of my goal. The fundraising commission is one of the most challenging commissions, and one of the least active, which didn't help in my role to work with them. It would be good to see more members in this commission, and I think they should be involved in the application for the EU grant. This is a big undertaking for IFSA, and can be very rewarding!
- The language barrier of the banking being in German made things a little challenging and probably more inefficient, but not impossible. It would be easier if the treasurer does know some German, but translation tools on the web and help from Paul were sufficient to get me through.

## **Executive Secretary**

### **Joseph Schulte**

Finally it is time again to write now my second IFSA Annual Report. Looking back on my first and- recently- on my second IFSA period, I feel very happy because I had the possibility to work for IFSA one more time. For sure, the work is not always easy but I have really enjoyed my time.

And what is the most important for me and for IFSA, is that I nearly accomplished every goal I was working through!

But what is the main work of the Secretary?

The Secretariat of IFSA is necessary in many ways. Formally, the need of Secretariat is based on the history of IFSA. As everybody should know, the IFSA Association was founded in Germany. Because of this we need a facility based in Germany. Essentially, there are more needs for IFSA Secretariat, because:

→ Every year we make registration of the new Direction. Therefore, everybody of the Direction signs at the German embassy of its own country or directly in Germany.

→ In addition, since now, every year we should send a Report about our financial situation.

→ Every third year we send many additional documents, to ensure that we do not have to pay taxes.

→ One of the main problem is, that everything that the German government needs, has to be written in German! Organising the documents and to staying in contact with the relevant organizations is a very exhausting task.

The rest tasks of the IFSA Sec are, by far, more interesting but still they demand a lot of work:

→ As the Centre of IFSA, Secretariat should be the part of IFSA that creates links between all the interested groups. For managing this aim, Secretary is working with emails. The most important task here is to put forward and replay emails. For this purpose, a close contact to all involved groups is necessary.

→ It is also important to care about the mail. Some of the mail is not directly for the Secretariat. This mail has to be scanned and to send to the persons that need it.

→ The Secretariat also has to send mail like the IFSA News, Invoices, Invitations, and many more.

→ In the Secretariat all data of IFSA are collected. These collections have to be updated regularly.

→ For keeping a good contact with the Direction and the other people involved, is desirable to have regular meetings. An important meeting for the Direction is the INTERIM. Secretary should go there, too! A new applied; very good method is the Skype meeting. These meetings can link people from all over the world easily and it is a good possibility to stay in contact.

→ A big problem is that the LC in Freiburg should be active for ensuring that the secretariat is working. Because of this, an additional part of the work is to find new, interested, active members.

This IFSA year started with a big success for me. I finished a difficult work, which I had started last year. After some weeks of translation of thousands (or a little less, but it seemed like that!) of papers I finally got a permission of the German Government that IFSA do not have to pay taxes for three years. So I finished one of the bigger aims I had for this period.

Another big aim was the repairing of our e-mail account. This was only possible to achieve with the help of people working in my University. Finally were able to receive emails again. I would like to add that, I was so happy because I was supported by Kari. He helped me a lot at the Secretariat. Only with his help it was possible to delete, answer and put forward over than 5000 emails in a very short time.

Later during the year, or better, the entire time throughout the year, everybody had been working for the "youth in action" process. I also took a small part in that. I helped to figure out some information about our Bank account. In this point, a problem came up; we still needed the signature of Martin Wehrhausen - he had been the treasurer, which founded the Bank Account many years ago. He did not seem very happy about this. So, we decided to transfer the Account to the Secretary (me, in this case). Pieter van Midwoud, the actual holder of the account, helped me. But because of the strange Bank rules, it was not possible so far. I, by myself, would prefer to change the Bank Account to another Bank, were we could get more support!

Then, a long and boring work started for me. I had to send the IFSA News. That time, they were printed in Estonia. Excluding, that they were looking a little dark, they were really great. But after putting a few hundreds of them into letters, you don't have any more time, even to skim them. Then, later during the year, I had to send the new IFSA News. That was not so difficult, because I, now, had the updated addresses, but, it is still a lot of work to put everything into the envelopes and collect everything that have to be printed. Here I had some help from my friends. I was very happy to have them because I was feeling so lonely at the Secretariat. And work really is not so much fun if you don't work in a team. Because of that, I was very happy that we had so many Skype Meetings. I tried to take part in every Skype Event. And, with some exceptions, I really did it. It was a good possibility to stay in contact with everybody all around the World.

But a good teamwork reminds me another problem. The LC Freiburg has a big demographical problem. All the old active members are -now and forever - out of Freiburg, because they finished their studies. Because of the new Bachelor System in our University, students are not interested any more (or they don't have time) in IFSA. In the end of the year I did many, many presentations about IFSA. But, until now, I didn't find a new Secretary or any other People that can work for IFSA. It is hard to work on the International Level and on the Local Level at the same time. So finally, I made an alliance with the Students Union of my University. They helped me a lot and I still hope that some of them may, finally, come to IFSA.

Another thing that I also totally enjoyed was the Direction Meetings. The first meeting was held in Estonia. It was really, really great. It was my second time in Estonia and I met my father there, as well. He is teacher and he was on a pupil's exchange. That had been very funny. The next meeting was held in Nancy, France. This meeting was also very interesting. Meetings like this are mostly a good combination of relaxing and hard working. So I enjoyed both meetings and I am very thankful to everybody, how helped to organise these events!

In the second half of my Working period, I, finally, had also to focus on my studies. The University will stop to offer Courses for Diploma Students in the next semester, so I had to collect as many Credits as possible. That was pretty hard, especially in combination with IFSA work. Oh yes, I also passed the Hunting course. So, I am now an official Hunter (It is very hard to achieve this in Germany).

I hope this explanation helps to understand why sometimes took some time to get an answer from me, fact that makes me very sorry. But finally, the Direction did a totally great job this year. I am so happy that I had been part of this team for such a long time! A big thanks to everybody of you and a big thanks to everybody how was in contact with me this time.

I wish you all the best  
Yours  
Joseph

## **COUNCIL**

**Pille Aasamets, Michelle Freeman**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Maintain excellent communication with each other and IFSA community
- Consult with Regional Representatives and direction to provide support, advice and encouragement
- Motivate Fundraising Commission to help raise fund for IFSA
- Work with Treasurer to ensure membership fees are paid
- Work efficiently, effectively and cohesively as a team, motivating each other through the year ahead

### Things done since IFSS 2007

- Approved, uploaded to ifsa.net and decided during 2007/2008 IFSA year:
  - Ordinary member LC Kaunas College of Forestry and Environmental Engineering Student Organisation from Lithuania
  - Ordinary member LC Danske- Skov og Landskabsingeniører- Studerendes Kreds IFSA Group from Denmark
  - Ordinary member LC Centro de Estudiantes de Ingeniería Forestal from Chile
  - Ordinary member LC National Taiwan University Department of Forestry and Resource Conservation Student Association from Taiwan
  - Ordinary member LC International Forestry Student Association – Seoul National University
  - Ordinary member LC International Forestry Student Association – Kookmin University
  - Ordinary member LC Poznan University (Poland)
  - Associated member LC Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Faculty of Forest Resource Technology Sunyani from Ghana
  - New member Thomas Blanc in Language Commission
  - New EFI LO is Branislav Petrovic
  - Development Fund grant receivers
- To provide help and support to IFSA direction, we were glad to answer, advise and participate in following “projects”:
  - EC Grant, IFSA Strategy, articles to IFSA News, changes in IFSA Statutes, English editing for important IFSA documents
  - FOPER questions, Erasmus Mundus Grant, misunderstandings in Ghana questions.
- To maintain excellent communication and help officials organized and participated:

	Pille	Michelle
Skype meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IFSA 7 meetings</li> <li>○ Northern European RR,</li> <li>○ Northern America RR,</li> <li>○ IPC sub-heads               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MCPFE</li> <li>○ UNFCCC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IFSA 7 meetings</li> <li>○ Asian RR</li> <li>○ Southern Europe RR</li> <li>○ Northern Africa RR</li> </ul>
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interim</li> <li>○ IFSA 7</li> <li>○ Informal council meeting in Sweden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interim</li> <li>○ IFSA 7</li> <li>○ Informal council meeting in Sweden</li> <li>○ NERM</li> <li>○ KWF Forestry fair in Germany</li> <li>○ Leadership Summer School in Turkey</li> <li>○ Informal meetings with Treasurer to discuss member fee issues</li> </ul>
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Cleaning time” ordered in Northern European &amp; Fundraising yahoo groups from Vice President.</li> <li>○ IFSA News printing issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BIFSA LC Forestry event in Bangor, Wales</li> <li>○ Providing ongoing advice and support to applying members</li> </ul>

	between IFSA P&P and printing company Triip ○ IFSA EP positions between IFSA and EUROFORESTER course ○ Contact created with Russian LCs ○ Membership list for Councils created.	○ Contact with KWF participants to ensure project eventuated
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- To ensure membership fees were paid the following actions were taken:
  - Sent 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> warning letters to LC`s with unpaid membership fees
  - Tracked down LC`s to remind them about unpaid membership fees through the year
  - The following LC`s have been sent expulsion letters and will be expelled upon approval in the GA at IFSS 2008
    - Asociación de Estudiantes Forestales
    - Forestry Graduate Student Association Toronto
    - Delegación de Alumnos de la Etsia

**Problems faced**

- Lack of activity in some regions and commissions/ wait until they raise their heads or have strong activity group. Find connections in this area from forestry professionals.
- “Special LCs” who need extra attention, advice and solutions/ Seeking information from archives and previous councils, IFSA7 Skype meetings to find the best solution.
- Two councils must divide their time with third ones assignments/ suggest thinking twice before running for a councilor for 2008/2009. It’s not the easiest job in the Board of IFSA.
- IFSA Webpage/ found solution- good web team
- No feedback in Fundraising Commissions work as well as their yahoo group
- Although there are many benefits in having a Council member travelling in Europe there are problems with time management. Ensure 3 active councillors who provide strong support to each other

## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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### ASIA

#### Choiriatun Nur Annisa, Lambok Punguan Sagala

##### Goals set on IFSS 2007

- Promote IFSA to Asia Region and recruit at least three new LC's
- Become the focal point of IFSA in Asia
- Keep good communication with LC's and Direction/Council
- Support and encourage the activities in every LC for developing IFSA in Asia
- Looking for the possible cooperation between IFSA, Governmental Organization, and NGO/ Non Governmental Organization in Asia region for forestry students' capacity building

#### Choiriatun Nur Annisa

##### *Things done since IFSS 2007*

Since become the Asia Regional Representative, I have been working with amazing people especially Lambok Sagala as my partner in doing this position. I learnt how to be ARR from former ARR, former Council, and former VP.

I got several contact and email from students who were interested in IFSA. They were Taiwan, China, Korea, Japan (2 universities), Malaysia, Bangladesh, Indonesia (University of North Sumatera). The best moment of all was when the Taiwan (Taiwan National University) approved to be IFSA ordinary member, and Korea (Seoul National University) is still in process. Totally, 3 LCs is exist in Asia.

During this period of becoming ARR, IFSA LC GMU and IPB have been involved in international activity such as UNFCCC (United Nation Framework on Climate Change Convention) in Bali, Indonesia where we introduced IFSA to International Youth Delegation especially Asia and enrich IFSA member's knowledge and link. IFSA LC GMU, IPB, and NTUFSA had been attended IUFRO which held in Taiwan and since become a member, NTUFSA had held many activities related to forestry and students (to recruit new member of the LC and to introduce IFSA. IFSA LC GMU will also send delegates to Asia Youth Summit which will be held in Japan and Hongkong this year. In preparing IFSS 2009 in Indonesia, I was the Steering Committee. Together IFSA LC GMU and IPB, we build the concept and programs for IFSS 2009.

In LC GMU, some IFSA members are trusted to be the organizing committee in International Workshop "Towards World Class Research University in Forest Education" and IFSA LC GMU was trusted to be the organizer of the English Training Program for Forestry Students in Forestry Faculty of GMU. Those are the positive point of IFSA in contributing our capability for the forestry students and university.

IFSA LCs in Indonesia also sometimes visit the Ministry of Forestry to share idea and consultation with the alumni who is working in there especially the Secretary General, and Directorate General and also the other alumni. This has valuable suggestion for us as the young forester and also for IFSA because they are IFSA alumni.

##### **Problem faced**

- We planned to recruit at least 3 LCs in Asia and this was achieved. Often, there were no positive reply from the students who ever been in contact with me for applying membership. But some of the contact persons I have contacted with will attend IFSS Bulgaria, so may be we can do approachment;
- NTUFSA is still waiting for the welcoming package and IFSA News because they didn't get it yet from IFSA Secretary. They have contacted with Council several month ago but

the package is not achieved yet. Is there any problem or may be just about time because NTUFSA is a new member?

- International activities are the potential place to broader IFSA because I got CP from Japan and any other countries from there, so encourage, make a link, keep in contact;
- Bangladesh and Japan student are interested to join IFSA and plan to go IFSS Bulgaria if they can to know what really IFSA is, but the Bangladesh student has difficulty because there is no Bulgarian embassy in there. I keep in contact with the and trying to explain IFSA, IFSA Activities, IFSS as good as I can;
- Clear target and guideline of IFSA delegates in International Meeting or Conference so there will be no confusion in put the position;
- The LC always has the same problem to the other LC, they lack of the member, people who interested in, and financial. The simple activity but has high value can be done such as debating club, English day, hiking, etc. especially in GMU, they are now rising up with their activity and member. They are regenerating the Board and recruit more member as also preparation for IFSS 2009 which will need a lot of people to involve. Different grade means different academic activity, and quite hard to gather all the members in the meeting, but they have schedule of weekly meeting just in case of keep in coordination. In Taiwan, they just established and they have done many activities as they have high motivation and spirit.

## **Lambok Punguan Sagala**

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

Firstly, I didn't present my report one by one according to the goals set above because there are similar progress between the goals set. Somehow, there are some unachievable goals because not the entire contact person gives me a good response. The things I had done after IFSS 2007 are:

- Promoted myself as a Regional Representative for Asia.
- Promoted IFSA to University of Winaya Mukti (Indonesia). Unfortunately, they could not submit their university for being IFSA member for the next year. But I had posted the document needed
- Promoted IFSA to University of Haluoleo (Indonesia). The first communication was going well but it just happens once because until now they never give me the response.
- Motivated and helped student of National Taiwan University to built IFSA in the university. As a result, IFSA Taiwan is already approved to be one of the IFSA member
- Encouraged and helped student of SNU (Seoul National University) to built IFSA in the university. As a result, they had submitted the application and now waiting for the Councilor's decision
- Contacting Prof. Don Koo Lee (IUFRO President) and asked him for a help. I contacted him to get the cp of forestry department in Asia. According to the information I got from Meilina Wijayanti (IFSA Consulting member), He has CP of forestry department in Asia.
- Contacting Lecturer from University of Putera Malaysia (UPM). He gave me the email address of his students but no a favor response so far
- I also contacted the others students from University of Putera Malaysia whom I met in Taiwan during IUFRO conference. I had sent her the document about IFSA but no response so far
- Spreading the information about IFSA to the University of Kasetsart (Thailand), but no response
- One of the students from University of Putera Malaysia wants to be Supporting Member. But, She told me that She will try to be supporting member on the next 3 year.
- I Contacted CIFOR (Center of International Forestry Research Organization) and offer them the possible cooperation between IFSA and CIFOR. But, no response so far

- Communicated with former Regional Representative and my superior and asked them some advice about how should I do the job
- Involved in creating the cooperation between IFSA LC IPB and SEAYEN (Southeast Asia Youth Environmental Network)
- Participated in IUFRO Conference, Taiwan.
- I also got the information from student in Beijing Forestry University. The student told me that She is interested to build IFSA in China. Michelle spread her the necessary document to read and filled out
- Keep communicated with IFSA 7
- Being the mediator between IFSA 7, IFSA world and IFSA in my region
- Keep actively involved in IFSA activities in my LC and help them to organize some activities
- Participated in SEAYEN Meeting, Bali, Indonesia. 10 delegates from IFSA LC IPB take a part during the meeting. We promoted IFSA during the meeting
- Be the volunteer for Asia Young Leader Climate Change Forum (AYLCF), Bogor, Indonesia together with the others IFSA LC IPB' member and promote IFSA there. I also asked webmaster of British Council to link their website with our website
- Tele meeting with Michelle Freeman
- Delegated my job to Faris Salman as the temporal CP of IFSA LC IPB because I had to join field practice during 45 days
- Delegated my position to Ika Satyasari as my representative during IFSS 2008, Bulgaria
- Some IFSA member attend United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP 13 in Bali next December
- Joined the presentation of student delegate of IFSA LC IPB for the UNFCCC COP 13 in Bali, International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO) Conference in Taiwan, South East Asia Youth Environmental Network Meeting (SEAYEN) in Bali, The 35th International Forestry Students Symposium in South Africa
- Promoted IFSS 2008, Bulgaria in Asia region. There will be about 11 students from SNU, 3 from GMU, 3 from NTU, and 2 from IPB possibly will attend the IFSS 2008
- Involved in preparing IFSS 2009 and IFSA LC IPB' delegate to IFSS 2008
- Courage student delegate from IFSA LC IPB for UNFCCC COP 13 in Bali, SEAYEN in Bali, and AYLCF to made the article and submitted to Publication and Promotion Commission
- Activities within the LC in Asia Region:
  - IFSA LC IPB: REDD Seminar and plantation programme (coming soon); Capacity building training; discussion with the volunteer of land rehabilitation; volunteering for AYLCF; organized and participated in the 3rd SEAYEN Meeting, UNFCCC COP 13, IUFRO 5 Division Conference; organizing the seminar to present the result of SEAYEN Meeting, UNFCCC COP 13, IFSS South Africa; English Discussion Programme; elected the student delegate for IFSS 2008; preparing for the IFSS 2009; Family Gathering
  - IFSA NTU: presentation about IFSA and IFSS, One day vegetation tour in Campus, IUFRO in Taipei, Forestry and UNFCCC Night, The Worldwide Forestry Students, Forestry Festival, Kids in Forestry, Welcoming Hong Kong student, short talk from between Alumni and Taiwanese forestry students.
  - IFSA GMU is reported by Annisa

#### ***Problems faced***

- Difficulties for ensuring good communication from the potential member
- Travel cost

#### ***Solutions:***

- Just keep your spirit up so everything will be possible to be done

## **LATIN AMERICA**

**Pamela Cardemil Saavedra**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Reactive the LC's who we are losing in some countries.
- Show and connect more LC from Latin American in the next congress of ALECIF in September (November) in Argentina.
- Increase the numbers of participants in the next Latin American Regional Meeting in Bogotá, Colombia in February (March) 2008.
- Enhance the relationship with forestry students' associations in Latin American.
- Give the support to the intercultural understanding event that Netherland, Germany, Argentina and Chile want to make in February of 2008 with the support of United Nation.
- Promote with IFSA Seven, the participation of someone who has already been involved in the International Process. That person should talk with the students in the next Latin American Regional Meeting (LARM).
- Involve more people from Latin America in the commission of IFSA.
- Participate with a minimum of six LC's in the next IFSS in Bulgaria.

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Introduce IFSA in Latin American Forestry Students' Congress – ALECIF September 2007, Santiago del Estero. Argentina.
- Introduce IFSA in Latin American Regional Meeting IFSA. March 2008. Colombia.
- IFSA manage participation as observers in the 25th Forestry Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean organized in the region by FAO. In this activity students can attend on behalf of IFSA under notice to the FAO regional office through the Latin American Regional Representative.

### Local Committee in process:

Country: Ecuador

ASEPVE: Asociación Ecológica Planeta Verde. Universidad Técnica Estatal de Quevedo.

Country: Ecuador

ESPOCH. Escuela Superior Politécnica del Chimborazo.

Country: Colombia

GEIF UNALMED: Grupo de Estudiantes de Ingeniería Forestal Universidad Nacional de Colombia sede Medellín.

Country: Chile

CAIFUT: Centro de Alumnos de Ingeniería Forestal Universidad de Talca

Country: Chile

IFSA Austral. Universidad Austral de Chile

Country: Venezuela

UVEFOR: Unión Venezolana de Estudiantes Forestales Seccional Mérida. Universidad de Los Andes

Country: Perú

Universidad Nacional Amazónica de Madre de Dios-Madre de Dios, Puerto Maldonado

### Also manage:

- Reactivate IFSA Curitiba (Brazil)
- Reactivate IFSA El Dorado (Argentina)
- Activate La Plata (Argentina)
- Regularize Santiago del Estero (Argentina)
- Affair to create LC in Universidad Nacional de Ucayali (Perú)

- Regularize DAFOR Universidad Nacional de la Amazonía Peruana (Perú)
- Affair to create LC Universidad de Pinar del Río (Cuba)
- Affair to create LC Universidad de Guantánamo (Cuba)

Institutionally:

- Training process ALECIF/IFSA Commission
- Collaboration in the formulation LARM Colombia 2008 (until September 2007)
- Work with the Language Commission for translate new LC Statutes
- Permanent contact with IFSA 7 progress reports ([www.ifsa.net](http://www.ifsa.net))
- Presentation of Latin American opinion on forestry education Interim 2008 (meshes curriculum, income, weaknesses, etc.)

***Problems faced***

The main problems for extend IFSA in the region was:

Problem detected

- Limited English of most forestry students in the region, which translates into a low understanding of the documents relating to the rest of the world.

Solution Suggested

- Create a conviction that only 3 of all the countries of America don't speak Spanish (Canada, USA and Brazil: Portuguese) and as emerging countries don't have great English comprehension
- Set our IFSA Language Commission adding one paid professional for more quickly spread of our documents and the translate of all statutes of all the new LC's

**NORTHERN AMERICA**

**Mathieu Lévesque**

***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- To keep contact with all LCs in North America
- To try to promote IFSA
- To finish the Universities' list for North America
- To try to get involved new forestry faculties in North America

***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- I participated to NEIS 2007 in Finland
- I updated the North America web page of IFSA and the contacts people
- I visited the Laval University LC in February and discussed with Julie Gravel Grenier (contact person) about next Symposium in Bulgaria and potential student interested to take part of it.
- I had a Skype meeting with Pille Aasamets (councilor) concerning the recruitment of new LC in North America
- Unfortunately, I had very few contact with Oregon State University, and only at the beginning.

***Problems faced***

- Lack of time: I was not able to achieve most of my goals set this year for this reason. My focus was on my studies first.
- Lack of motivation sometime to promote IFSA because most of the time the job is done by emails which are most of the time not efficient
- In my case, I have been not in North America for one year now as I am doing a Master degree in Germany. Therefore, it is difficult to stay up to date about what is going in LCs in North America, mainly in Laval University

## OCEANIA

### Jarod Dashwood

#### **Goals set on IFSS 2007**

- Contact University of Canterbury, Christchurch. NZ.
- Work on tax problems
- Better communication with Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA)
- More communication with Creswick and Lismore Universities Forestry departments

#### **Things done since IFSS 2007**

- IFSS South Africa trip report and presentations to fellow students, universities, and sponsors.
- Strengthened relationship between Australian Local Committee's and the Institute of Foresters of Australia (national professional foresters body). Activities included, local and national field trips and mentoring, employment networking, extra-curricular professional development, and a national secondary and tertiary education forum.
- Industry sponsored field trip to Western Australia for ANU LC
- Improved ANU student society enrollment numbers, and IFSA interest.
- Successful student fundraising to enable IFSS Bulgaria participation.
- Sponsorship relations with new industry groups.
- Selection of a new, rookie student delegation.
- Formation of a new ANU environmental science/forestry student society/regime to coincide with the merging of the School of Resources, Environment, and Society (SRES), and its associated research school, the Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies (CRES).

#### **Problems faced**

- Unable to achieve tax deductible sponsorship status
- No interest from New Zealand students to engage with IFSA. Similar unenthusiastic attitude from other Australian forestry student societies. Main issue is lack of forestry student enrollment/student societies. Maybe attempting to attract 'generic' environmental science students (which there are many) and their student societies to IFSA and IFSS would increase Australian participation.
- Did not contact Pacific Tertiary organizations (failed goal)
- Change in national government 'froze' potential sponsorship funding from federal government departments. Did not anticipate sponsorship issues, acted too late.
- No national local committee meeting (Creswick and ANU). Phone and email correspondence only.

## NORTHERN AFRICA

### Patience Mayaki

Considering that this is the last annual report that will be released from my desk as regional representative for North Africa, my appreciation goes to the entire IFSA direction and officials for your support throughout the tenure year. It started out as a challenging year for me resulting in a less than promising performance during the first quarter. However, the following months saw rapid improvements in the performance of my assigned responsibilities and in communication with the rest of the IFSA team.

On the whole, the region made modest but interesting achievements this year and these are highlighted below:

- **April 2008: FFRT – Sunyani Campus, Ghana became the newest Associate Member of IFSA.**

The Faculty of Forest Resource Technology (FFRT) joined IFSA as an Associate Member. This membership status affords them defined rights within IFSA statutes. An exception however is that they do not have voting rights.

- **February 2008: IFSA supports EU-ACP Proposal as Associate member**

IFSA backed an EU-ACP proposal as associate partner submitted by the University of Santiago de Compostela Lugo, Spain and other well known universities across Europe and Africa. The proposal submitted to the European Commission focuses on educational mobility in the field of forestry and agricultural education.

- **Post IFSS 2007 – Inclusion of Sub-regions in IFSA statute**

At IFSS South Africa, the General Assembly (GA) approved the creation of three sub-regions for North Africa (i.e. North, Central and West Africa). This inclusion in the statute found in Chapter 2, Section 2.3 affords qualified IFSA members to apply for positions of sub regional representatives and help in facilitating communication and promoting IFSA within the region. The first set of sub-reps will be elected at IFSS Bulgaria later this year.

Other activities carried out during the tenure year include:

- Providing advisory support for IFSA members regarding contacts in African institutions.
- Responding to IFSA-related enquiries by regional members on various issues about IFSA
- Liaison with IFSA secretariat on membership enquiries and information coming from interested candidates across Africa
- Collaborative efforts with Council members to address Local Committees (LCs) issues.

The region also faced two major challenges which require practical and long lasting solutions:

- **Communication**

Unfortunately, communication was exceptionally poor this year largely owing to my long absence from office. Nonetheless, from the enquiries that has reached my desk, it is apparent that a considerable number of LC members are not connected to the IFSA mailing lists and therefore do not have access to many of the information that pass through this media means. Inevitably, they feel left out of major events or happenings.

- **Local Committees formation**

Membership procedures continue to pose a great deal of challenge for interested and potential IFSA members within the region. Many of the applications received this year failed to meet laid down guidelines set within IFSA regulations. Statute formulation has come up as a priority issue which many potential members find difficult to develop. Be it as it may, this is an important requirement for membership and cannot be overlooked.

**Recommendations for dealing with the above listed challenges**

- Members should be periodically reminded to sign up to the mailing lists to benefit from the tremendous flow of relevant information that passes through this channel.
- The collaborative efforts of sub-regional reps and the regional representative should ease the burden of communication gap if well structured.
- Members should be encouraged to visit the IFSA website and make use of all the information that provides guidance on event organization and other IFSA related activities that are important for the region
- Members need to be educated on how to formulate statute – an important and compulsory requirement for a potential LC that desires ordinary membership with IFSA. An example of a well formulated statute can be made available online for potential members to view and adapt to their local situations.

**Conclusions**

It has been a rewarding two tenures as regional representative for North Africa. I wish the next regional rep a more satisfying tenure and hope for more lasting achievements that will help IFSA Africa achieve more relevance within the IFSA structure.

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**Bernhardt Herbst**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Find new LC's in Region
- Improve Communication between LC's
- Promote IFSA's name in Region

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Contact was made with universities in Uganda and Kenya!
- Forms and information about the IFSA was sent to various universities including the institutions in Uganda and Kenya.
- Together with Fundraising Commission, IFSA's name was distributed to various companies in Southern Africa, for possible sponsoring.
- Feedback about IFSS 2007 was given to major sponsors and Forestry industry members in George, South Africa, as well as the role of IFSA, and the benefit it has to be part of the IFSA, to forestry students.
- Possible ideas of how to interact with LC's (Stellenbosch and Saasveld), was discussed in Stellenbosch, and how to promote our region and improve communication.

### ***Problems faced***

- No feedback or response with the contacts in Uganda & Kenya was made after initial responses. Contact in Uganda was especially poor, as it had to be done by 'snail mail'. No email or internet facilities!! Very Slow progress.
- Communication is thus the main problem as well as funding for payments of registration fees for registering with the IFSA.
- Only certain parties are interested.

## **SOUTHERN EUROPE**

**Kristina Buzaroska, Andrea Vigh**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- To develop communications between LC's in South Europe
- To involve LC' from Portugal, Greece, Croatia, Italy and other
- Help to involve more potential members in to yahoo groups
- Helping whit updating the website
- Helping to collect the membership Fees
- Inform other LC's about IFSA
- New members

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Contact and inform the LC's Moldava, Boku Viena and Croatia to become a member
- Organized SERM from 08.04 2008 till 14. 04. 2008 and invite LC's from south Europe to come
- Sending IFSA Up Date Form
- Contact whit LC in Italy about their membership application in IFSA
- Inform LC's that they owe money for fee in IFSA
- We developed LC in Sopron (Hungary), we deal with foreign and Erasmus students.

- We took part in INNO-FOREST in Sopron and we made a presentation about IFSA.
- In Novi Sad in Serbia was organized 1st Balkan Meeting and from now one will be organised every year
- Communicated with Croatian and Italian LC's to become a member
- We utilize ERASMUS program in Macedonia
- Keep communicated with IFSA 7 (whit lating :)))
- Involve more people in yahoo group
- Promote new IFSA Balkan yahoo group
- Contact whit LC's and resolve theirs problems
- Inform LC's for IFSS in Bulgaria

***Problems faced***

- Lot of LC's have a problems whit involving now members in their LC's – suggestion (to present and inform the young student about IFSA work )
- The biggest problem was contact the people in LC's they never answers on the mails (no solution and suggestions)
- No one is forward on mails with reports what they done and Up Date Forms

## **NORTHERN EUROPE**

**Eveliina Varis**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Attend events on our region
- Activate old existing Local Committees (LC)
- Promote IFSA to new possible LCs on our region
- Inform LCs about IFSA events + encourage to create new ones
- Update the IFSA North Europe Webpage and help out with IFSA Forum (together with Web Commission)

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Attended Northern Europe Innerregional Seminar (NEIS) in Joensuu, Finland
- Attended the Northern European Regional Meeting (NERM) in Czech Republic
- Collected (together with Vice President Kristi) a list of active LCs and their contacts
- New LC Members: Lithuania KAUNAS, Denmark (DSK-SKL), Poland (Poznan)
- Russia Petroskoy – new contacts and joining process established
- Poland/Poznan – re-joining process going strong and communication working well
- Help offered for LC Moscow, Russia with organizing NEIS2009
- Iceland hasn't previously been active in replying to my messages but now a new contact established and some exchange of thoughts has already taken place
- Ireland/Dublin UCD School of Biology and Environmental Science, at first contact seemed to be very active but not working anymore
- In spring I have been trying to activate connection with LCs that haven't really been answering to my previous e-mails during the year 2007-2008
- I wrote IFSA News Article about NEIS
- In Helsinki activities organized together with International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences (IAAS) – work to be continued in summer/autumn 2008
- Had a Skype-meeting with Councillor Pille Aasamets about "hot topics" in spring
- Collected updated contact information of the LC on our region in NERM.
- Joined the ifsaforum.net and tested the functions the forum offers
- Promoted the MCPFE conference to be held in As, Norway and found an participant from own LC (Marja Kurkela)
- During the spring I have promoted IFSA in several meetings as an internationally active organization for international students and other organizations, university and companies.
- IFSA has strengthen it's role in the process of developing international study environment in the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Helsinki. The work is carried out together with other international organizations (e.g. IAAS, Secretary of International Affairs of the Student Union, Tsemppi- degree student organization, Erasmus Student Network) and reaches students from many nationalities around the world -> channel for expanding the IFSA spirit!
- LC Helsinki and LC Joensuu had a meeting in Helsinki with seminars, excursions and free time amusements.
- Discussed the possibility of Finnish METO joining in IFSA

### ***Problems faced***

Lack of Time! No other solutions but to try to keep your calendar well organized and remember to take some time for your own as well. For me becoming an IFSA active brought many other positions in other organizations locally in Finland, my home country. Sometimes it could have been wise to say no and stay focused on one thing at a time. This I have learned by mistake.

## COMMISSIONS

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Commissions form an important part of the work of IFSA. They work on specific tasks as defined at the General Assembly. Often, these tasks are certainly not easy and the hard work of the Commissioners is a testament to their success.

### **Exchange Programme**

**Sofie Blanchart**

#### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Find more commissioners to be able to improve the activities of the EP commission
- Improve communication between commissioners
- Improve the communication with the employers
- Try to inform people as well as possible about the opportunities offered by the EP.

#### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- The basic job of the EP commission has been done, finding placements, organizing the internships,... The partnerships with IUFRO and the Icelandic forestry Service have been successful with both together 7 students who have found an internship. One placement might be concluded this summer in Peru. Other internships have been promoted but no final agreement has been concluded.
- Concerning our memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IUFRO, some changes have been made on the application deadlines to give the people from IUFRO more possibilities to place people in spring and autumn. The new MoU has been uploaded on the EP yahoo group web page.
- New partnerships are established but need to be reinforced (Polish research institute, EFI, discussions with FAO...)
- All the members have subscribed to the mailing list which is a good thing... Important documents have been uploaded on the EP yahoo group page to favour the sharing of information, a database has also been created to compile the contacts of the commission to improve the change over. From now on the commission members should update these files/databases.
- Interim has been attended: a great experience and very good for motivation and communication with IFSA seven and the other commissions.
- A cooperation has been tented with the publications and promotion commission to promote the placement offers. Some problems have been faced because of the uncertainty of the precise publication date.
- Letters have also been written to LC's to promote internships and to look for new commission members: there were no results... On the contrary the mails on the mailing lists (IFSA world) are very efficient; it's the best way to contact people for the moment.

#### ***Problems / Suggestions***

- We have had problems about money : students who finally couldn't accept an placement offer because they couldn't afford the accommodation costs,... This kind of things should always be explained very clearly in the beginning... An acceptance letter for the students accepted by IUFRO has been written by Lieneke to prevent that kind of problems in the future, we could do this also for the other placements.
- Sometimes the employers are not always available to answer our questions, as a result, when a student asks question about the placements or the application procedure, there are sometimes long delays before we can answer...
- To avoid communication problems and to keep all the commission members involved, we should not forget always to CC the members of the commission when we settle something.

- Many commission members who finally had no time: need to find really motivated people and insist on the content of the job (at IFSS...)
- Work more « a la carte », it would probably help more people, and it would avoid the case of placements which are proposed but for which we find no candidates... We should work above all in favour of long term partnerships. Working for one single internship is often a loss of energy and time... Above all when no-one is finally accepted... The combination of long term partnerships (IUFRO, Icelandic forestry service,...) and of answering specific demands would probably be the best way to work.
- A list with the contacts of all students who have participated in an internship could be created. Then we could contact them easily when we have questions to ask and that would also give us a tool to evaluate our action.
- Problem : Some internships are promoted directly by the IFSA mailing lists without the intermediary of the EP. Sometimes that can become complicated because, when the EP finds a placement, people need to pay for that... Which is unfair for those who find their internship with the EP compared to those who just answer the mails of the mailing lists... Maybe we should remove the placement fees...
- There is some confusion about the precise role of the EP: only for internship promotion or also to help people to find job opportunities, university courses, or other kind of international activities (summer schools...)? Maybe we should try to define more precisely what the EP is for...
- Many IFSA members don't know about the Exchange Program commission: it would be good to talk more about the EP at different meetings.
- We should think about using the forum now that this one is open to everybody...

## **Fundraising Commission**

**John Eggers**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- To work with publications and promotions commission
- To find advertisers for IFSA news
- To maintain motivation and communication throughout the year
- To help local committees and regional representatives to raise money and provide info
- To raise as much money for IFSA as possible

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Had a meeting with fellow fundraising commission members to discuss plans.
- Sent sponsorship advice to all regional representatives to distribute to their Local Committee's.
- Keeping in contact with and trying to build relationships with various potential sponsors.
- Got in contact with various international organisations to try and get sponsors, organisations such as the world bank only give sponsors in the form of competitions and things where you get evaluated and none of them were able to sponsor. With others I am still waiting for a reply.

### ***Problems faced***

- Getting in contact with sponsorship opportunities overseas as fundraising commission only comprises of people from South Africa.
- South African companies have just given huge sponsors for the IFSS and will only be able to sponsor again over the next financial year.
- Most potential sponsors are more interested in sponsoring developing organisations rather than those that are already functioning.

- South African companies are not able to sponsor IFSA as well as sponsor the South African LC's for the IFSS in Bulgaria.

### **Conclusion**

Fundraising is not an easy Job and should not be taken lightly. Personally I think that the heads of commissions should be people that have been a part of IFSA for a year and know how the organisation functions and then the other members could be "new" people who could take over the following year, to try get some continuity. I thought that it would be easy work and that it would not need a lot of time, wrong!

I also underestimated how much work my B-tech studies would entail, along with other work and sport. If possible, people from more than one country should be part of the fundraising commission, as it would increase the possible sponsor opportunities.

Thank you to the current and past IFSA 7 along with all the other individuals that helped me throughout the year, your work is greatly appreciated!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! =)

## **International Processes Commission**

**Susan Edda Seehusen**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- to cooperate and provide support to the commissions sub-heads
- have delegations sent to the international forest policy meetings in this IFSA year (MCPFE, UNFCCC, CBD)
- keep commissioners and forestry students informed about international forest policy processes
- motivate the students and commissioners to use the platform for networking, communication, and discussion about forest policy
- have some written articles released either for IFSA news, FPEN or both

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- coordinated the work of the commission
- supported sub-heads, provided assistance and information, answered questions
- kept track of the meetings, contacted sub-heads, sometimes pressed for results
- forwarded news about international forest policy processes through website, motivated discussion, asked for reports from delegations (through sub-heads)
- participated in the IFSA-delegation to the COP of the CBD in Bonn in May

### ***Results of the commission***

- 4 IFSA delegations in international processes this year (UNFCCC, MCPFE, CBD and CSD)
- 2 delegation reports (UNFCCC, CSD). CBD - in process

### ***Problems faced***

- Information to prepare for the meetings was sent sometimes late through the mailing list. Sub heads and head should prepare together the calendar of activities and set deadlines to start promoting the events for sub-heads to have a reference. Head should intervene in case process do not start taking place.
- People who confirm participation and do not show up. Suggestion: promote a selection process in which only interested people would participate (guidelines in the official CD).

I would like to thank the collaboration with the Franz, Ramon and Olga this year and I believe the commission achieved great results. Thanks for your dedication and I hope for the future that we always have such a good participation of the IFSA in the international forest processes.

## **Subcommission: Ministerial Conference on Protected Forests in Europe**

**Olga Pentelkina**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Observe the processes at MCPFE
- To bring the information about MCPFE to the IFSA members (Students)
- Involve as many students as possible into the sub-commission MCPFE
- To participate in events and conferences related to MCPFE
- Cooperate with Forest Policy Education Network (FPEN) and with UNFF

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- MCPFE commission contacted the people who was active in MCPFE commission before and collected all possible information about what they have done till now.
- The MCPFE commission has observed the MCPFE activities and some other international forest policy activities, for example UNFF.
- We have carried out active collaboration with Forest Policy Education Network.
- We have announced the opportunity to participate in conference and carried out later on selection processes with maintaining the procedure and according the criteria of selection.
- We have prepared the documents for participation at the 5th Ministerial Conference on Protection of Forests in Europe.
- Head of Commission Olga Pentelkina and active commissioner Adrian Valerius took participation in the 5th MCPFE conference in Poland, Warsaw, 5-7 November, 2007
- We have done the Statement and made the speech at the Conference.
- The report from 5th MCPFE conference have been prepared and published in IFSA News
- The interview with Mikulas Cernota that had been taken at 5th MCPFE conference was published in IFSA News.
- The IFSA statement was published in 5thMCPFE conference
- The delegation of two students was prepared and participated at MCPFE Expert meeting in Oslo 7-8th of May 2008.
- The main result of this year that it became possible for students to participate not only at MCPFE conference, but at the in-between meetings as well.

### ***Problems faced***

- Not so many students want to be involved in work of the commission.
- Obviously there is no reaction the letters and announcements that have been sent by IFSA mailing list.
- The future plans of commission to spread the information about MCPFE in IFSA and involve more students for observation and participation in the MCPFE processes.
- In future we suggest to continue cooperation with Forest Policy Education Network (FPEN) and with UNFF
- We suggest to publish more papers about IFSA participation at MCPFE events.

## **Subcommission: Convention on Biological Diversity**

**Ramon Perea**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Spread the idea of CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity) and what is about and the importance for the current forestry students
- Keep in touch with coordinator an different LC regarding biodiversity matters
- Prepare a calendar with the most important events concerning CBD

- Arrange the Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9)
- Try to organize events (either national or international) to promote IFSA and Biodiversity
- Write articles giving the main ideas of CBD and its implication for IFSA

#### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Send a calendar with the most important events to the President of IPC commission
- Write an article concerning CBD (already sent to Ifsa-news)
- Organizing IFSA events for the LC of Madrid (Spain). Give the ideas of IFSA to the new generation of Students Union.
- Get support from the Head of the School to arrange visits and to spread IFSA (zoology museum, handing free seedlings, ...)
- Give the information about IFSA (pamphlets, webs, documents) to the new Student's Union. Collaborate for the LC-Madrid in the meantime
- Picture contest on Biodiversity (Forest Week- 24th-28th March)
- Get support from the Head of the School.
- Send a power-point presentation to NERM concerning CBD and COP9
- Organize a delegation to send to the Ninth Conference of the Parties (COP9) of the United Nations CBD in Bonn (Germany) 19th-30th May. 19 people applied and finally 10 people attended as delegates of IFSA
- Keep in contact with the Secretariat of CBD (Montreal-Canada-). Write and send an official letter from IFSA to the Secretariat.
- Attend by myself to the COP 9 in Bonn (Germany)
- Write 1<sup>o</sup>, 2<sup>o</sup>, 3<sup>o</sup> and final report
- Review and write the "job description" for the next IFSS 2008.

#### ***Problems faced***

- Lack of implication in the LC and also from the Students Union in Madrid
- Lack of communication with other international LC and regional representatives
- No implication of the subcommissioners (Solution: for the subcommissioners we could give them some work and implication since they said I want to be a commissioner in the IFSS but nothing is done by them, at least regarding CBD)
- I have to say that the collaboration between different head of subcommissions and the Head of IPC commission has been great. I received a lot of help from them. I suggest that the contact and relationship between different subcommissions and the head of IPC commission should be like that, keeping in contact and knowing what each one is doing in order to give new ideas, suggestions and experience.

### **Subcommission: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

**Franz Klingler**

#### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Inform the commission members about the meetings of UNFCCC
- Find a delegation to go to a meeting of UNFCCC
- Inform all the commission members about the work of the subcommission
- Keep good contact to other officials to improve IFSA as an organization

#### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Organization of the participation of 20 students at the 13th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC-Process in Bali in December 2007 (Establishment of contact with the UNFCCC-secretariat in Bonn, communication with the participants of the IFSA-delegation, guidance of the delegation, coordination of the reporting of the participation, assistance in fundraising)

- Organization of a preparatory meeting with the students from Freiburg University for the UNFCCC-conference in Bali. Organization of a meeting “exchange of experiences” with the participants of the UNFCCC-conference at Freiburg University.
- Information-Mails about forestry-topics related to climate policy in order to keep interested students updated
- Participation in the new IFSA-forum
- Communication with other officials
- Participation in the IFSA-delegation to the COP of the CBD in Bonn in May
- Organization of an IFSA-delegation to the 16th –Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in New York in May 2008. Two students went there and wrote a report about their participation.

#### ***Problems faced***

- It is very important that the UNFCCC-coordinator gets into contact with the UNFCCC-secretariat in Bonn when he starts his work. He has to be registered as the new IFSA contact person in order to be able to register an IFSA-delegation.
- Because of geographical and time zone distances communication around the globe is not always easy. Therefore a meeting or the participation in an event should be planned early and with a time buffer.
- If the coordinator cannot go to a UNFCCC-related event but organizes a delegation then it is very helpful to determine a delegation member as head of the delegation at an early point of time in the planning phases so that coordination of the delegation is easier.

### **Language Commission**

**María Rodríguez-Rabadán**

#### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- There were no goals set on during IFSS 2007 because neither I nor the previous head of the commission attended it.
- However, we established goals which are written in the First Progress Report. Those goals are:

The new goals are established based on previous goals that were set on during IFSS 05 in Australia. Last year there were no goals.

- Complete translation of official documents in order to contribute as much as we can to achieve other commission`s goals
- Be a helpful branch for IFSA characterized by doing a “good work in a short time”
- Translating not only official documents, also presentations and pamphlets.
- Achieve a better coordination when develop the work than in previous years

#### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Translation of the “info letter to the employer” of the EP into Spanish, in order to facilitate first contacts with south American companies. (1st Progress Report)
- Attend to Interim (Nicolas Dolidon)
- Translation of the minutes of the Interim into German.
- Acceptance of a new member in the commission.
- Promotion of our commission: mail to ifsaworld and flyer presentation
- Translation of FAQ into spanish for the web page.
- Translation of the document “quick introduction about IFSA” into Spanish, French, Russian and German.
- Translation of ALECIF statutes summary into English
- Review of spanish version of “questionnaire about forestry education” (2nd Progress Report)

- Review of the Spanish version of “Proposal for the Commission ALECIF/IFSA”
- Review of the Spanish version of “invitation for the GA”
- Discussions with Sylvain about collaboration IFSA/ALECIF, Oficial languages of IFSA... (3rd Progress Report)
- Translation of “IFSA statutes into Spanish”

#### ***Problems faced***

- The change over wasn't developed as good as it should be:
- Lack of info about Lang comm coordination and work the previous years:  
*Solution:* Review some documets that Kristi suggested.
- Lack of motivation between members and also myself.  
*Solution:* During the Interim Nicolas Dolidon who attended it, came back really motivated. He encouraged me and the other members of the commission. After that the coordination and amount of work was enough to have a good rithm of work.
- Lack of communication. Some members have difficult internet access and it delays the work.
- Some members left the commission because of personal reasons.  
*Solution:* Other members join the commission during the year.

## **Publications and Promotions**

### **Nicolas Wittmann and Ralph van Krimpen**

#### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- To produce a Spanish IFSA flyer to be used in Latin America
- To find sponsors for IN (IFSA News)
- To publish at least three IN issues
- To reorganize the structures in which IN is produced&printed in order to save money

#### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- We have published two issues (print&online version) so far and work on the publishment of issue nº 47
- The layout company we work with has found a sponsor who paid for the layout of issue nº 46
- The place of printing was moved from Chemnitz/Germany to Tartu/Estonia for IN nº 45 and then back to Chemnitz/Germany
- The publishing costs were lowered by reducing the number of prints from 1200 to 500 issues. With the EU grand I suggest to rise this number again in order to have the capacity to lay out issues in the universities as promotion material (Not everybody shares that opinion).

#### ***Problems faced***

- High costs of publishing
- Somebody needs to stay in constant contact with the authors
- We should make more clear to companies and universities that there is a possibility to have adds in IN.
- Articles were handed in late
- Somebody needs to stay in constant contact with the authors
- To narrow schedule/late start in issue preparation
- I strongly suggest a face to face meeting of as many commissioners as possible. If possible after every publishing to organize next issues preparation
- I suggest that at the beginning of the year, all deadlines for all the IN and themes etc are already determined. In this way this is clear to all the commissioners.

→ A clear task division should be developed in the beginning of the year. Last year it was very unclear sometimes what commissioners could do.

## **Village Concept Project**

**Suvi Niemi**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- To maintain contact with VCP members and IFSA officials
- To continue contact with VCP International mailing list
- To follow up with existing VCP projects
- To maintain contact with IFSA community
- To seek the assistance of professional organisations such as the FAO, WCS etc.
- To encourage and contribute the voluntary experience of forestry students for the VCP commission

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

In the IFSS 2007 we had eleven enthusiastic commission members who were very eager to work for VCP commission. It was a huge challenge for me as a head of this commission to get organized and take over the position that Geoff Kay had successfully run last year. First of all, I introduced myself and the commission to VCP international mailing list. I forwarded all potential volunteer projects to ifsaworld and also to my student union's mailing list. I also joined the discussion on vcp-international about how to improve VCP's in general – I tried to give a very realistic students' point of view. VCP commission was introduced on the IFSA Forum, which led us to a contact from India. We are currently discussing on potential project in India with him.

### ***Problems faced***

The major problem was lack of communication. Maintaining contact with all eleven commissioners was more difficult than I would have ever imagined. I think the reason for this was mainly that village concept project as a whole is something that needs time, commitment and also knowledge that none of us had. We didn't manage to follow up with existing projects, which didn't give any more confidence to look for new projects. My suggestion for the future is that the goals should be made more in detail – who's going to do what and when. On the other hand the purpose of VCP commission should be thoroughly discussed in the IFSS 2008.

## **Web Commission**

**Henk Eshuis**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Maintain the IFSA website
- Launch IFSA forum
- Learn more about GFIS

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

Website:

- Updated the website after IFSS: changing names and pictures
- Put sponsor on page.
- GFIS: I made an account for IFSA on the GFIS website. This has to be done to create an rss feed. There was some trouble with making it, but we found someone who fixed this.
- Moved the website from locomo to a new host to save costs. The website was transferred to a host called keurionline.nl. A dutch host which was cheap and well fitted the requirements for the website. As decided at the interim in Estonia.

- Buying of the website. After we finally had the money from de EU it was possible to buy the rights of the website. They were still property of Locomo and when something had to be changed it would cost us a lot of money.

#### IFSA Forum:

- Found a new host for the forum. For the forum we searched for a new host where we could make a phpBB3 forum. That forum software is very suitable for us because it is relatively save to use and there are a lot of possibilities to make the forum. So we needed a host that supports phpBB3. After having a look at different hosts we decided to get siteground.com.
- Starting of the forum. Adrian already had made some testforums for IFSA and that was a good base of starting the website. We made the structure of the forum as logical as it should be. On the forum itself we discussed more about the structure.
- Advertising the forum. We advertised on for the forum in several ways: on the mailing lists, yahoogroups, website and facebook.

#### **Problems faced**

- Moving of the host, with that some problems occurred. The website wouldn't work at all. First we tried our selves, but soon enough we came to the conclusion that the problem was too complicated for one of the webcommission to solve. So a search started to find someone who could fix the website for us. First we tried to find someone of locomo who had participated in the making of the IFSA website. But he seemed to be disappeared. And after that we tried some other persons but they also did not had the time/knowledge to fix it. Finally Henk found someone in Wageningen who wanted to fix it for 200 euros. After some weeks all errors were gone and the website was working again.
- Webcommission after the IFSS: After the IFSS it will be as far I can see only me and Pal Gatas. He was not very active in the past year. He said he would have more time to work for the webcommission. But the 2 of us it probably not enough so we need more people in the webcommission.
- Communication within the webcommission was not always that good. But when you compare it with the start of this year it was improved very much. There are some reasons for that I think. The first one is that we almost every 2 weeks a skypemeeting with eachother about all the webstuff. Then you talk a lot with each other and exchange ideas. And divide the tasks that has to be done. An other thing is that we had a clear goal to reach and that was to make a forum and get it to work. Then you really have a thing to work for.
- One of the biggest problems for me and also for some of the rest of the webcommission is time. I am very busy with a lot other things. The most important thing that I am busy for almost 1 year to organize the annual introduction days for my university, Wageningen University & Researchcentre. That is a very busy job (but a very nice job to do!) and especially when its getting closer busier and busier. That's also why there haven't happened very much within the webcommission, I didn't had the time to do certain tasks. And that's also the reason I came so late with this annual report.
- Get people on the forum and let them stay active. This is the most difficult part of the forum. And until now only a few people posted on the forum. But besides them there are dozens of people who can participate on the forum. After and during the IFSS the forum has to be more promoted than it is now. Also important are the IFSA officials to participate in the forum. Especially the IFSA7, until now only Sylvain posted more or less regularly.

## LIAISON OFFICERS

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### International Union of Forest Research Organization

#### Michaël Rivoire and Wilrieke Uiterweerd

##### **Goals set on IFSS 2007**

- Find a successor for the year ahead.
- Try to get as many IFSA students participating in IUFRO events.
- Ameliorate and strengthen bonds between IFSA and IUFRO even more.

##### **Things done since IFSS 2007**

###### *1) In general :*

- Michael Rivoire from France presented himself willing to stand up for election for this position at the next IFSS. Wilrieke made him familiar with IUFRO and the position.
- Being part in discussions of the 2010 IUFRO World Conference's Congress Scientific Committee (CSC), to decide conference topics and speakers.

###### *2) Toward IFSA students :*

- 10 IFSA students participated in the IUFRO All Division 5 conference in Taipei, Taiwan, with a financial help.
- Assistance for IUFRO Biodiversity Conference (Kamloop, Canada, August 2008).
- Assistance for "Small-scale Rural Forest Use and Management: Global Policies versus local knowledge, International Symposium" (Gerardmer, France, June 2008).
- Several announcements on IFSAWorld mailing list, about coming events.
- Announcement about the Exchange Programme's (EP) placement at the IUFRO headquarters in Vienna.
- Forwarded IUFRO newsletters.
- New page for IUFRO on IFSA's website.

###### *3) Toward IUFRO Board :*

- Informed IUFRO office about the position of Michaël as a successor of Wilrieke.
- Forwarded the MoU as much as possible for IUFRO people.
- IUFRO Board Meeting was held in Marrakech. Sylvain and Michaël represented IFSA.

##### **Problems occurred**

- Wilrieke cannot continue to handle actively in the LO position, due to personal reasons. She still assists Michael when needed, answers mails, forwards IUFRO newsletters, etc.
- No news from Pavlina for possibilities about Eurosoil 2008.
- Both Michaël and Wilrieke didn't attend the Interim.
- Wilrieke is not able to attend the IFSS either due to personal reasons. She will write a note on Michael's activities over the year to inform the GA.

##### **In the future...**

- Keep being involved in CSC discussion.
- Send more IFSA students to IUFRO meetings.
- Make sure there will be someone representing IFSA in IUFRO statutory meetings where we are invited.
- Continue to offer assistance for students to attend IUFRO events.
- Continue to communicate about coming events.
- Make sure LO position become a stable job, with a training period like Wilrieke did with Michaël. Now IUFRO has to become familiar with a new LO every one or two years, so it is a challenge to make it clear. Continuity has to be set, for example by creating a [iufro.liaison.officer@ifsa.net](mailto:iufro.liaison.officer@ifsa.net)

## **Commonwealth Forestry Association**

**Geoffrey Kay**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Good communication between CFA and IFSA
- Getting CFA involved with Regional student conferences
- Student participation in CFA training courses
- Establishing a mentoring program between students and professionals

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Established Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IFSA and CFA. This will enable ongoing contact between the two organizations
- Organised quarterly distribution of CFA newsletter to IFSA members
- Participated in CFA communications and discussions representing IFSA
- Connected students interested in the main themes of the CFA with the organization
- Posted information about CFA events to IFSA seven, with the hope to include interested IFSA people.

### ***Problems faced***

- Communication with CFA was good, although at times was lacking largely due to my own study commitments.
- Lack of real participation in CFA activities (based on difficulties of travel and location in Australia). Liaison officers situated closer to CFA headquarters may solve this.
- Improving CFA's involvement in regional student conferences was difficult, largely due to the limited budget of the CFA and limited number of such IFSA meetings

## **European Forest Institute**

**Branislav Petrovic**

### ***Goals set on IFSS 2007***

- Establish contact with people from EFI
- Maintain contact
- Plan project for IFSA people to be more involved in EFI project

### ***Things done since IFSS 2007***

- Contact established

### ***Problems faced***

- I have started doing my job as I should but then I lost all contact and people from EFI didn't want to work with me, they didn't say a thing but they didn't recognize me.
- Don't know why probably because in the past IFSA didn't have EFI – L.O. so the EFI got used to work with the President.
- I think that we have to work more with EFI and in a future to encourage them to speak with L.O. also not just with president.

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John Eggers (South Africa)

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***Language***

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***Village Concept Programme***

Suvi Niemi (Finland)

***International Processes Commission***

Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil)

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Head of UNFCCC Franz Klingler (Germany)

Head of CBD Ramon Perea Garcia-Calvo (Spain)

***Web***

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Michael Rivoire (France)

CFA: Geoff Kay (Australia)

EFI: Branislav Petrovic (Serbia)

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<b>Argentina</b>	Silvestus
<b>Australia</b>	Melbourne University Forestry Students' Society & Creswick Forestry Students' Society
	SRES Students Society
	School of Natural and Rural Systems Management
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	SFSA - SARAJEVO FORESTRY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
<b>Brazil</b>	Centro Academico de Eng. Florestal Newton Cameiro
<b>Bulgaria</b>	SCEP - Student Club for Environmental Protection
<b>Canada</b>	Forestry Undergraduate Society B.C.
	AEFUL - Forestry Students' Association of Laval University
<b>Chile</b>	CAIFUC
	CEIF - Centro de Estudiantes Ingeniería Forestal Universidad de Chile
<b>Colombia</b>	ACEF
<b>Czech Republic</b>	MOST - MEZIOBOROVÁ ORGANIZACE SUDENTŮ
	Spolek Posluchacu Fakulty Lesnicke a Drevarske (SPFLD)
<b>Denmark</b>	Danish Forestry Students Association
	DSL- SKI
<b>Estonia</b>	Estonian Forestry Students Association
<b>Finland</b>	Metsäylioppilaat ry
	Association of Forestry Students in Joensuu, Joensuun Metsäylioppilaat ry
<b>France</b>	IFSA France
<b>Germany</b>	IFSA Rottenburg
	IFSA Freiburg
	IFSA Göttingen
	IFSA Freising
	IFSA Tharandt
	IFSA FH-Eberswalde
<b>Ghana</b>	KNUST Renewable Natural Resources Students Association (Renarsa)
	FFRT
	RENARSA: Renewable Natural Resources Students' Association
<b>Greece</b>	Student Association of Karpenissi
	GFSA/GFEA Thessaloniki
<b>Hungary</b>	IFSA LC Hungary
<b>Iceland</b>	FAD - Forest Association Dafnar
<b>Indonesia</b>	IFSA LC IPB
	IFSA LC GMU
<b>Italy</b>	AUSF Associazione Universitaria Studenti Forestali Torino
<b>Latvia</b>	Student Association Salkone
<b>Lithuania</b>	Kaunas College of Forestry and Environmental Engineering Student Organisation (KMAIKSA)
<b>FYR Macedonia</b>	DREN - Zdruzenie na studenti na Sumarski Fakultet
<b>Netherlands</b>	IFSOW International Forestry Students Organisation Wageningen

<b>Nigeria</b>	FUTA
<b>Norway</b>	Norwegian Forestry Students Association (Skogbrukerforeningen)
<b>Paraguay</b>	AECIF
<b>Peru</b>	AEF-UNALM Asociación de Estudiantes Forestales de la Universidad Agraria la Molina
<b>Poland</b>	Foresters Students Association of University of Life Sciences in Poznan
<b>Portugal</b>	Associação Portuguesa de Estudantes Florestais (APEF)
<b>Romania</b>	OSS Silva Forestry Students Organisation
<b>Russia</b>	IFSA Moscow
<b>Serbia</b>	Forestry Students Research Club
<b>Slovakia</b>	IFSA Zvolen
<b>Slovenia</b>	Drustvo Studentov Gozdarstva (DSG - IFSA LC)
<b>South Africa</b>	Stellenbosch Forestry Students Association (SFSA)
	Saasveld Timber Association
<b>South Korea</b>	IFSA SNU – Seoul National University
	IFSA KMU – Kookmin University
<b>Spain</b>	Delegación de Alumnos de la ETSI Montes
<b>Sweden</b>	IFSA Umea - Skoghögskolans Studentkår
<b>Switzerland</b>	Akademischer Forstverein (AFV)
<b>Taiwan</b>	National Taiwan University Forestry Student Association - NTUFSA
<b>Turkey</b>	KAFSA
	Istanbul Forestry Students Alliance
<b>United Kingdom</b>	BIFSA
<b>USA</b>	OSU-IFSA
<b>Venezuela</b>	Avecifa: Asociación Venezolana de Estudiantes de Ciencias Forestales y Ambientales
<b>Zambia</b>	CUNARES - Copperbelt University Natural Resources and Environmental Society

<b>New members</b>		
Centro de Estudiantes Ingeniería Forestal Universidad de Chile (CEIF)	Chile	Ordinary Member
Danish School of Forestry (DSL-SKI)	Denmark	Ordinary Member
Seoul National University (IFSA-SNU)	Korea	Ordinary Member
Kookmin University (IFSA-KMU)	Korea	Ordinary Member
Kaunas Forestry and Environment Engineering College (KMAIKSA)	Lithuania	Ordinary Member
National Taiwan University (NTUFSA)	Taiwan	Ordinary Member
Kwame Nkrumah University of Sciences & Technology (FFRT)	Ghana	Associate Member
Foresters Students Association of University of Life Sciences in Poznan	Poland	Ordinary Member

<b>Expelled members</b>		
Asociacion de Estudiantes Forestales	Argentina	Ordinary Member
Forestry Graduate Student Association Toronto	Canada	Ordinary Member
DAAGR	Spain	Ordinary Member

## Consulting members

Consulting Members are those students that have contributed greatly to the running of IFSA over the years and whose knowledge and wisdom is paramount to future successes. Currently, IFSA has 50 such Members, including past Presidents, past Vice Presidents and many other different official functions.

Anna-Maria Gärtner (Germany)	Matthias Baldus (Germany)
Agus Salim (Indonesia)	Meilina Wijayanti (Indonesia)
Andre Breytenbach (South Africa)	Moriz Vohrer (Germany)
Anniina Kostilainen (Finland)	Morgan Vuillermoz (France)
Aron Haulik (Hungary)	Nicole Mirza (Germany)
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Eero Turpeinen (Finland)	Peter Sprang (Germany)
Elsbeth Coker (Australia)	Pieter van Midwoud (Netherlands)
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Emmanuel Marfo (Ghana)	Rudy van Bruggen (Netherlands)
Gareth Hinchley (United Kingdom)	Samantha Citroen (Australia)
Geoffrey Roberts (Australia)	Susan Edda Seehusen (Brazil)
Giorgio Adrian (Italy)	Sylvain Angerand (France)
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Joanna Schoenenberger (Switzerland)	Ursa Vilhar (Slovenia)
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Karen Hoyer (Denmark)	Wim Viveen (Netherlands)
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Martin Wehrhausen (Germany)	Yvonne Eder (Germany)

## Honorary members

Honorary members are those, usually academics or forestry professionals, who have made an outstanding contribution to IFSA which we wish to honour. Honorary Members can be nominated at the General Assembly. Currently, IFSA has 14 Honorary Members.

Dr E.A. Abeney (Ghana)	Prof Davide Pettenella (Italy)
Prof Kader Asmal (South Africa)	Mr Tim Peck (Switzerland)
Dr Cletus Avoka (Ghana)	Dr S.J. Quashie-Sam (Ghana)
Dr John Blyth (UK)	Prof Dr F. Schmithusen (Switzerland)
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## ANNEX FINANCIAL REPORT 2007-2008

Presentation of the financial activity for IFSA from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 by Kate Lancaster

### Summary of Finances:

*Statement of Accounts as at the*

*1-Aug-08*

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
EU Grant	23688.00	25371.52
Membership Subscriptions	3500.00	3431.64
Advertisement	500.00	500.00
Supporting Members	100.00	50.00
Exchange Program	200.00	150.00
Development Fund	300.00	185.71
Projects/Other	0.00	4903.22
		<b>€ 34,592.09</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Secretariat Telephone/postage	600.00	452.64
Exchange Program Office		
Telephone/Postage	100.00	97.79
Postage Committee	40.00	38.70
Office Supplies	270.00	0.00
Internet costs	6964.00	6421.65
Meetings	200.00	85.89
EU Grant Travel & Subsistence	19365.00	2510.85
Non-EU Grant Travel & Subsistence	1950.00	1374.74
IFSA Newsletter	4400.00	2620.04
Printing Annual Reports	0.00	0.00
Promotional Material	350.00	0.00
Comm. Forestry Association		
Newsletter	254.00	244.00
Development Fund	2000.00	0.00
Bank Charges	270.00	317.66
		<b>€ 14,163.96</b>
<b>Net Balance as at</b>	<b>1-Aug-08</b>	<b>€ 20,428.13</b>
Opening Bank Balance	<i>01-Aug-07</i>	<b>€ 8,589.68</b>
Closing Balance	<i>1-Aug-08</i>	<b>€ 29,017.81</b>

## PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2007/2008

### A. EXPENDITURE (in euro)

#### A.1. Overview of operating costs

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>
1. Personnel costs	0.00
2. Overheads:	
a) Rental and associated costs.	0.00
b) Equipment	0.00
c) Telecommunications and postal costs	7704.00
d) Office supplies	270.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,974.00</b>
3. Meetings	200.00
4. Travel and subsistence costs for the applicant organisation's staff:	
a) EU Grant	10,890.00
b) Non-Europe travel	1,950.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,840.00</b>
5. Publication, information, dissemination costs	5,004.00
6. Other costs: bank charges, insurance costs, fees	2,270.00
<b>TOTAL</b> <i>(should be equal to the total figure for sources of financing given under point B)</i>	<b>28,288.00</b>

## A.2.2. OVERHEADS

### a) Rental and associated costs

Please detail the rental and associated costs

<i>Description</i>	<i>Total costs</i>
The Secretariat is provided for by the University of Freiburg	
The Nancy office is provided by the AgroParisTech – ENGREF Nancy	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### b) Equipment

Please detail the equipment costs

<i>Description</i>	<i>Number of items</i>	<i>Cost of purchase or hire (€)</i>	<i>Depreciation rate (%)</i>	<i>Total costs</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>0.00</b>

### c) Telecommunications and postal costs

Please detail the telecommunications and postal costs

<i>Description</i>	<i>Total costs</i>
Secretariat telephone and postage	600.00
Exchange Program Office telephone and Postage	100.00
Postage costs by the Vice President and Councillor in Estonia, Treasurer and Councillor in Australia, and Councillor in South Africa.	40.00
Internet Costs	
FPEN contract	4500.00
Website and forum hosting	264.00
Maintenance of Website	500.00
Purchase of Website	1,700.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	6964.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7704.00</b>

### d) Office supplies

Please detail the office supplies costs

<i>Description</i>	<i>Total costs</i>
Office supplies Freiburg	150.00
Office supplies Nancy	20.00

Copying and printing	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270.00</b>

<b>TOTAL OVERHEADS</b>	<b>7,974.00</b>
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### A.2.3. MEETINGS

Please detail the meetings costs

<i>Description</i>	<i>Total costs</i>
Statutory meeting: IFSA Seven meeting, Nancy, France	100.00
IFSS- IFSA General Assembly (Rental of technical equipment for presentations)	100,00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200.00</b>

Please note that total costs should be identical to the amount stated under item 3 of the overview of expenditure (Table A.1)

### A.2.4. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS

#### a) EU Grant

Please detail travel and subsistence costs for the applicant organisation's staff

<i>Destination and purpose of journey</i>	<i>Number of return journeys (a)</i>	<i>Average travel costs per return journey (b)</i>	<i>Average subsistence costs per day (c)</i>	<i>Number of days' spent at the destination (d)</i>	<i>Total costs (axb)+(cxd)</i>
Statutory meeting: "Interim", Tartu Estonia. January 2008	23	200	460	6	7,360.00
Statutory meeting : IFSA 7 Meeting, Nancy, France April 2008	6	175	140	5	1,750.00
President's visit to IFSA Secretariat (every two months): Travel Nancy-Freiburg by car.	6	40	10	6	300.00
Travel of President to LARM, Colombia, Europe Travel	1	170	-	-	170.00

SILVA Network Conference, Copenhagen	1	180	50	1	230.00
Travel of direction, council and regional representative for SERM. Macedonia	2	200	20	7	540.00
Travel of direction, council and regional representative for NERM, Czech Republic. Spring 2008	2	200	20	7	540.00
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>10,890.00</b>

#### b) Non-EU Grant

Please detail travel and subsistence costs for the applicant organisation's staff

<i>Destination and purpose of journey</i>	<i>Number of return journeys (a)</i>	<i>Average travel costs per return journey (b)</i>	<i>Average subsistence costs per day (c)</i>	<i>Number of days' spent at the destination (d)</i>	<i>Total costs (axb)+(cxd)</i>
Travel of President to LARM, Colombia, Non-Europe travel	1	1000	-	-	1000.00
IUFRO Congress, Taiwan	1	800	-	-	800.00
Information Session for EU Grant, Brussels	1	150	-	-	150.00
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>1,950.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>12,480.00</b>

Please note that total costs should be identical to the amount stated under item 4 of the overview of expenditure (Table A.1)

#### A.2.5. PUBLICATION, INFORMATION, DISSEMINATION COSTS

Please detail the publication, information and dissemination costs

Description	Total costs
Printing for IFSA News (2 issues)	4,400.00
Promotional material	350.00
Commonwealth Forestry Association Newsletter	254.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,004.00</b>

#### A.2.6. OTHER COSTS

Please detail the other costs (bank charges, insurance costs, fees)

Description	Total costs
Development fund (To financially support the participation of students coming from less developed countries in IFSA General Assembly in Bulgaria)	2000.00
Bank Charges	270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2270.00</b>

Please note that total costs should be identical to the amount stated under item 6 of the overview of expenditure (Table A.1)

#### **B. SOURCES OF FINANCING (in euro)**

Only sources of financing used to cover operating costs should be indicated.

**It is absolutely essential that the amount requested from the Executive Agency is stated (item I.1).**

For item I.4 : Please give the corporate name and contact details (telephone/e-mail).

<b><u>SOURCES OF FINANCING</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>I. GRANTS</b>	
I.1. <b>EU Grant</b>	<b>23,688.00</b>
I.2 International public institutions (to be specified)	
I.3. National/regional/local public institutions	
I.4. Private enterprises – Advertisement in IFSA News	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25,870.00</b>

<b>II. OWN SOURCES OF FINANCING</b>	
II.1. Membership subscriptions	<b>3,500.00</b>
II.3. Others	
Support from private persons	<b>100.00</b>
Exchange Program	<b>200.00</b>
Development fund	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	
<i>(should be equal to the total figure for expenditure given under point A.1)</i>	<b>28,288.00</b>

### **C. PROVISIONAL BUDGET INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND**

<b><u>C.1. TOTAL COSTS</u></b>	<b>28,288.00</b>
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*Please note that this amount should be identical to the total amount stated in Part A and Part B*

### **C.2. CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND**

*Please detail the contributions in kind*

<i>Description:</i>	<i>Total costs</i>
Internet access at the office in Freiburg, estimated value 240 Euro/year	240.00
Postage from the Faculty of Forestry in Freiburg	500.00
Internet access at the office in Nancy, estimated value 240 Euro/year	240.00
Printing of 2006-07 Annual Report by Nelson Mendella Metropolitan University, South Africa	200.00
Contribution by Estonian University of Life Sciences for the Interim Meeting (Food)	1300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,480.00</b>

Please note that the value calculated for the contributions in kind must not exceed:

- ✓ the **actual costs as substantiated by accounting documents** of the third parties who made these contributions free of charge but bear the corresponding costs; or
- ✓ the **costs generally accepted on the market in question** for the type of contribution concerned when no actual costs are borne.

**Contributions involving buildings cannot be considered as contributions in kind.**

<b><u>GRAND TOTAL COSTS (C.1. + C.2.)</u></b>	<b>30,768.00</b>
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