





The newsletter of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee

on Forest Technology, Management and Training.

1. The Joint Committee, 50 years old already!



A unique institution :

The FAO/ECE/ILO Joint Committee is an international body which has been serving forestry in the countries of Europe and North America since 1954 and acts as an interface between forest practitioners, researchers and policy makers.

A hub of exchange and cooperation :

The Joint Committee organises international seminars and workshops mostly intended for specialists and practitioners and commissions teams of specialists and surveys on priority topics identified by foresters in the member countries.

> The Joint Committee website.

A forum for foresters and those interested in forestry :

Participants in Joint Committee activities come from forest services, private forests, forest industry, research and universities, training centres, forestry authorities, trade unions and others.

However, anyone with an interest in forestry from any part of the world is welcome to participate!

2. Why attend the 25th session in September 2004?



To review the work of the Joint Committee and to discuss a proposal for (a) a new name, (b) new mandate, (c) new terms of reference (d) new working methods and structure for the Joint Committee.

> See the proposal on website

3. Who, When and Where?



Who will attend the 25th session?

National forest experts who could actively work with and contribute to the future work of the Joint Committee.

Where and when ? The 25th session will be held in Groningen, the Netherlands from 9 to 12 September 2004.

A field trip may be arranged for Sunday 12 September 2004.

> More about the 25th session and registration ...

4. Contact

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