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The President words

Dear members of UEF,

The Presidency is happy to present to all of you the first number of this new publication, "the Presidency flash info". This new media will enable us to keep in touch between two issues of "the Presidency letter" and will give you short and fresh pieces of information about the main activities of the members of the Presidency, especially the important meetings.

It was your command in our last Congress in Jeldnia, in Poland and we decided about it together. It's already done. Enjoy it and please send it to every UEF member you know.

See you next year in our Governing Council Meeting in Annecy, in France, where EFA-CGC will organize a nice GCM in June, 10th to 13th.

Håkan Nystrand

Advisory Committee on Community Policy regarding Forestry and



Forestry-based industries (F-BI advisory committee)

The last meeting of the Advisory Committee on Community Policy regarding Forestry and Forestry-based industries was arranged in Brussels Friday 6th of November 2009.

The meeting was well attended and interesting. The most discussed items were the situation of the forest industry, both mechanical and chemical. As a conclusion of the discussion the chairman stated, that the most difficult situation might be over in the forestry-based industry sector, but the situation is unsure and we might still see cutting down in production capacity and other structural adjustments in order to improve productivity. The level of investments have dropped considerably during this weak market period.

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In my own statements during the meeting I stated that the most dramatic changes in employment have happened on the factory floors and the changes in the forests have been slower. Discussing about promoting building in wood, "green building" I stated that the Commission should do what is possible to promote this issue.

The plan of actions for the Committee for 2010 will be about the outcomes from the Climate Summit in Copenhagen, national plans for renewable energy and biomass and wood as a raw material actions. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to February 2010. The next meeting of the Advisory Group on Forestry and Cork has been postponed from December to the beginning of next year.

Håkan Nystrand



Annual General Assembly of PEFC in Paris, November 12-13 th

UEF was represented, as an extraordinary member, by its Secretary, Hervé Némoz-Rajot, in the 13th General Annual Assembly of PEFC.

It was also the 10th anniversary of PEFC, born in 1999.

The Assembly mainly decided to change the PEFC technical documentation, adopted a new chain of custody standard and re-elected the former chairman for a new period and elected 4 new board members. The next Annual General Assembly will take place in Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, in June 2010.

Hervé Némoz-Rajot



The Next Governing Council Meeting of UEF in Annecy, June 2010

EFA-CGC candidacy was accepted by the UEF Presidency during its last Presidency meeting in Tirana (Albania) in October 2009. The next UEF GC will take place in Annecy, in the French Alps. EFA-CGC and its chairman, Pierre Bros, are happy to invite each member organization to take part in this annual meeting.

A seminar about mountain forest will be organized. A field tour will enable the participants to discover the "Mont Blanc" and the Chamonix region. See you next year in France!

Hervé Némoz-Rajot

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