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Professor of the Department of Silviculture *Sergiy Zibtsev* and Associate Professor of the Department of Botany, Dendrology and Forest Breeding *Yuriy Marchuk* were invited as experts to the *first meeting of the Working Group of the Committee on Environmental Policy and Nature Management* and the *Committee on Law Enforcement on the causes of forest fires and their prevention in the future*, which took place on June 11, 2020 in the *Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*. The meeting was co-chaired by the Chairmen of the Committees - *Mr. Oleg Bondarenko* and *Mr. Denis Monastyrsky*.



The Working Group was set up at the suggestion of the majority of deputies of the *Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine* after the April mass fires in the *Zhytomyr region* and in the *Chernobyl Exclusion Zone*, which covered up to 95,000 hectares of different landscapes. The Working Group consists of 25 members, including *People's Deputies*, the *Acting Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine*, leadership of the *State Agency of Forest Resources of Ukraine*, the *State Emergency Service of Ukraine*, the *State Agency of Ukraine for Exclusion Zone Management*, leadership of the *Zhytomyr Regional State Administration*, Heads of the *Zhytomyr and Kyiv Forestry and Hunting Management*, Chairman of the *Society of Foresters of Ukraine*, Head of the *Regional Eastern Europe Fire Monitoring*



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Center and other organizations.

Presentation from the **Regional Eastern Europe Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC)** highlighted most important aspects and steps on fire management needed in Ukraine based on experience and long-term co-operation with **Prof. Johann Georg Goldammer** - director of the **Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)**. The cooperation has been supported by the *European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (European Open Partial Agreement EUR-OPA) of the Council of Europe* and the *OSCE* (https://gfmcc.online/programmes/europe-org/eu_multi_org.html)

The members of the Ukrainian Parliament's Working Group on fires listened with great interest and discussed the talk of **Yuriy Marchuk "On urgent steps to strengthen fire management"** and presentation of **Sergiy Zibtsev "Landscape fires in Ukraine: causes and management"**, in which main points of the Appeal of REEFMC to the President of Ukraine "On urgent measures during extreme fire danger" as well as concept and model of **the Law of Ukraine "On development of the National system of landscape fires management and professional forest firefighters service "** were presented.

Following the meeting, NULES of Ukraine representatives **Sergiy Zibtsev** and **Yuriy Marchuk** were invited to the **State Agency of Forest Resources of Ukraine** to work out joint steps to increase fire preparedness in the **Zhytomyr Forestry and Hunting Management**. It is planned to continue work on the draft law. The next field meeting of the Working Group will take place in the **Zhytomyr Oblast** in the areas most affected by fires.

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