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SEMINAR ON FOREST FIRE PREVENTION, LAND USE AND PEOPLE
Athens (Greece), 29 October (1000 hrs) to 2 November 1991

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND INFORMATION ON THE SEMINAR

The seminar on forest fire prevention, land use and people will be held in Athens from Tuesday, 29 October to 2 November 1991 under the auspices of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture of Greece. It is being arranged in co-operation with the FAO AWFC/EFC/NEFC Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - Silva Mediterranea, and the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO).

The programme will include four days of presentation of papers and discussions and one day of study visits North-Eastern Peloponnes.

This document contains:

- the provisional agenda of the seminar
- the provisional timetable and programme of study visits
- explanatory notes to the provisional agenda
- information on the organization of the seminar
- registration form

It would be appreciated if the information in this document could be distributed as widely as possible, so that everyone likely to be interested in the seminar is informed about it in good time. Additional copies can be obtained from the ECE/FAO Agriculture and Timber Division, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10 (Switzerland); fax +41 22 7343345.

Note: To facilitate the preparatory work of the organizers, registration forms should be forwarded as soon as possible and not later than the deadline of 15 September 1991.

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Introduction to the seminar: land use and fire risk
 - 3.1 Interface of forests, agricultural land, wildlands and residential areas
 - 3.2 Social, economic and cultural aspects of forest and wildland fires
4. Reducing the forest fire hazard
 - 4.1 Fuel management
 - 4.2 Silvicultural methods
 - 4.3 Policies and legislation
5. Conclusions and recommendations
6. Any other business
7. Adoption of the report of the seminar

Tentative timetable

<u>Tuesday, 29 October,</u>	morning	Items 1 - 3.1
	afternoon	Item 3.2
<u>Wednesday, 30 October,</u>	morning	Item 4.1
	afternoon	Items 4.2 - 4.3
<u>Thursday, 31 October,</u>	morning	Items 4.3 (cont.) - 5
	afternoon	Group discussions
<u>Friday, 1 November</u>	all day	Study visits in the Peloponnese region
<u>Saturday, 2 November,</u>	morning	Items 6 - 7
		Closure by 1200 hrs

Explanatory notes to the provisional agenda

Objectives

The seminar will provide a forum for the international exchange of information and experiences in the prevention of forest fires, taking into account the fact that the vast majority of forest fires, in Europe at least, are caused by human negligence or criminal act (arson). It will concentrate particularly on the socio-economic and land use problems associated with the forest fire hazard.

Scope

The seminar will focus upon the information and technology relevant to the ECE region (Europe, the USSR, North America). Accordingly, the seminar is aimed primarily at those concerned with forest fire prevention in the countries of Europe and North America, including forest managers, other land managers, fire services, local authorities, etc.

Item 1 - Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the ECE rules of procedure, the first item is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2 - Election of officers

In accordance with the ECE rules of procedure and established practice, the participants in the seminar should elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and designate discussion leaders for each of the main items of the agenda.

Items 3 and 4 - Substantive items of the agenda

Discussions under these items will be based on basic papers presented by invited experts as well as voluntary papers tabled by participants.

Item 5 - Conclusions and recommendations

Participants in the seminar will draw conclusions and make recommendations on the basis of their discussions under items 3 and 4.

Item 6 - Any other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat has no points to propose under this item.

Item 7 - Adoption of the report of the seminar

In accordance with established practice the seminar will adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

Organisation of the seminar

Documentation

1. Basic papers

Basic papers will be prepared by selected experts at the invitation of the secretariat and in accordance with the suggestions of the host country. They will be issued in one of the three official languages (English, French or Russian) under the symbol (TIM/EFC/WP.1/SEM.35/R...) with a summary in the other two official languages, and will be distributed to registered participants before the seminar, provided they are received by the secretariat not later than 31 July 1991. A limited supply of basic papers will be available at the seminar, but participants are requested to bring with them the papers they have received beforehand.

2. Voluntary papers

In addition, participants are welcome to table voluntary papers in one of the official languages on any topic of their choice falling within scope of the agenda. Participants intending to submit voluntary papers should note this on their registration form (including the subject to be treated).

Authors of voluntary papers should ensure that 80 copies are available at the seminar, either by bringing copies to the seminar or sending them in advance to the following address:

Mr. V. Frangos, Section Chief, Directorate General of Forests and Forest Environment, 3-5 Ippokratous Str., GR-101 64 ATHENS (Greece).

Five copies should also be sent in advance to the secretariat:

ECE/FAO Agriculture and Timber Division, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 GENEVA 10 (Switzerland)

Authors of basic papers will be invited to introduce their papers, taking not more than 10-20 minutes to do so. Since the papers submitted in time will have been circulated to participants in advance, they should not be read in full. Time permitting, authors of voluntary papers will be invited to highlight the contents of their papers, taking not more than 5-10 minutes to do so. The organizers reserve the right to make a selection, if necessary, of the voluntary papers to be introduced. It is important that sufficient time is reserved for discussion amongst participants under each item of the agenda. All voluntary papers that are submitted in a form suitable for reproduction will form part of the published proceedings of the seminar.

Films, videos, slides and transparencies

The following audio-visual aids will be available: film projectors (16 mm and Super 8 mm), video player and monitor for VHS video films; slide projector and overhead projector. Participants wishing to show films, videos, slides or transparencies are requested to give the necessary information on their registration form (title, length of projection time and format, etc.).

Study visits

Friday, 1 November 1991 will be devoted to study visits in the Peloponnese region. The participants will visit forest areas damaged by fire and study the impact on forest sites and local communities. Visits will also be made to famous touristic sites in the region, including Epidauros.

Languages

Simultaneous interpretation into the official languages of ECE (English, French and Russian) will be provided during the seminar.

Practical arrangements

Meeting place

The seminar will take place at: ZAPPIO MEGARO - PLATIA SYNIAGMATOS - ATHENS.

Mailing address: Directorate General of Forests and Forest Environment
(Attention: Mr. V. Frangos)
(Address as given above)
Telephone + 30 1 360 1951
Fax + 30 1 360 7138

Participants should make reservations direct with the hotel of their choice. The organizers (Mr. V. Frangos) will provide a list of medium priced hotels on request.

Registration

Participants are requested to send their completed registration form (Annex) not later than 15 September 1991 to:

Mr. V. Frangos, at the address or fax number given above,

with a copy for information to:

ECE/FAO Agriculture and Timber Division, at the address given above or fax no. +41 22 734 3345.

For practical and logistical reasons participation will be limited to 70, and the organizers reserve the right to make a selection in the event that the number of registrations exceeds this limit.

Costs

There will be no participation fee for the seminar and study visits. On the other hand, participants will be responsible for the costs of travel to Athens and between their hotel and the meeting place and all meals and incidental expenses.

Cancellation of registration

The latest date for cancellation is 30 September 1991.

Weather

Temperatures are likely to vary between 15 and 20°. For the study visits raincoats and rubber-boots (or heavy shoes) may be needed.

To be completed and sent not later than 15 September 1991 to:

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REGISTRATION FORM

(please use typewriter or block letters)

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Athens (Greece), 29.10 - 2.11.1991

1. Family name (Mr/Mrs/Miss*)

First name(s)

Functional title

Office or mailing address

Tel no. Fax no.

Representative of (country/organization)

Accompanied by (Mr/Mrs/Miss*)

2. Preferred language

ENGLISH*

FRENCH*

RUSSIAN*

3. I intend to prepare a voluntary paper on the theme of:

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4. I intend to show

Film*

Title

Videos*

Format Length (mins)

Slides*/Transparencies*

Approximate number

*/ Delete whatever does not apply.

Date: Signature: