

Innovation in Forestry for Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Closing remarks

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In the past, Central European forestry was seen in a quite positive way:

- forest have grown constantly
- important resource
- ability to generate significant profits
- fulfillment of social and beneficial functions

Sustainable forest management has supported the effectiveness of the forest's diverse functions.



Current situation with many calamities resulted in a completely different picture:

- forest companies are helpless in many regions
- disappointment and resignation
- extreme situation on the timber markets

Forests, the mixture of trees and landscapes will change significantly in future.

Strong impact on diverse functions of forests.

Functions of forest are getting a different, much higher appreciation.



Biosecurity is gaining importance that we have not been aware of. It deals with a diverse package of measures to reduce risks on forests.

Biosecurity requires the cooperation of scientists, forest technicians, policy makers, law enforcement officials.

<u>Innovations in forestry</u> and new approaches for the improvement of <u>biodiversity</u> are enormously important.



- 1. Selection of trees species and provenances
- 2. Forest genetics, conservation and improvement of genetic diversity
- 3. Silviculture, natural regeneration, afforestations
- 4. Regulatory incentives
- 5. Forest enterprises need to be more broadly based
- 6. Public relations activities



Summary

The current challenging situation must not withdraw us from active forest management.

Forest companies must be increasingly open to innovations in many directions.

Foresters have to be ready for new cooperations.

Biodiversity needs again a higher status in forests, for more genetic diversity, higher species diversity und more colorful and stable ecosystems.

This will strengten the resilience of our forests.

The various functions of forests will get a different weighting in future.



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