

PREFACE

In view of the increasing importance of forests in the integral development of society and the problems associated with the conservation and rational use of forest resources, including the regeneration of forests and environmental protection, the Ukrainian State University of Forestry and Wood Technology (UkrSUFWT) would like to commemorate the occasion of the 130th anniversary of forestry education in Western Ukraine with an international scientific conference on "FOREST ENGINEERING: NEW TECHNIQUES, TECHNOLOGIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT" which will take place on October 5-10, 2004 at UkrSUFWT in L'viv, Ukraine. The Conference is supported by: the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO); the European Society of Agricultural Engineers (EuAgEng); the Ukraine Forestry Academy of Sciences (LANU); the Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSH); the Ukrainian Research Institute of Mountain Forestry (UkrRIMF); the State Forestry Union "Lvivlis" and the Hutsulshchyna Regional Association of Science Researchers (RODoH).

The Department of Timber Transport Machinery and Forest Roads of UkrSUFWT is an initiator and main organizer of the Conference.

The basic focuses of the conference are:

- the presentation of accumulated knowledge on research and practical experience in the field of environmentally sound forest harvesting techniques and technologies of forest utilisation;
- the determination of basic priorities of sustainable development of Ukrainian forestry;
- the intensification of collaboration between researchers and representatives of forestry industry in different parts of the world.

The conference will present scientific papers from more than 100 conference participants from universities, research institutes and the forest products industry representing 18 countries and almost all continents of world.

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