

MSc European Forestry 2002

A student's perspective

BACKGROUND



Introductory Course

Applied Period

- Forestry Commission, Scotland
- Stora Enso, Finland (tbc)
- METLA, Finland (tbc)
- EFI, Finland (tbc)
- NFB, Sweden (tbc)
- FAO, Budapest
- Montseny Natural Park, Spain
- IKEA, Russia
- SLU, Sweden
- Forest Komi, Russia
- Ponsse, Finland (tbc)

Problem Oriented Course

Thesis

Started with the IC (4 ECTS), Garpenberg January 2002

Applied Periods (10 ECTS)- mixed results

POC (2 ECTS) - Solsona, Spain (June 2002)

Thesis periods (30 ECTS) - All bar one in Joensuu

Also need to do Final exam: 7,5 ECTS

Courses: 6,5 ECTS

TOTAL = 60 ECTS

Garpenberg (Sweden)

Environment

Production

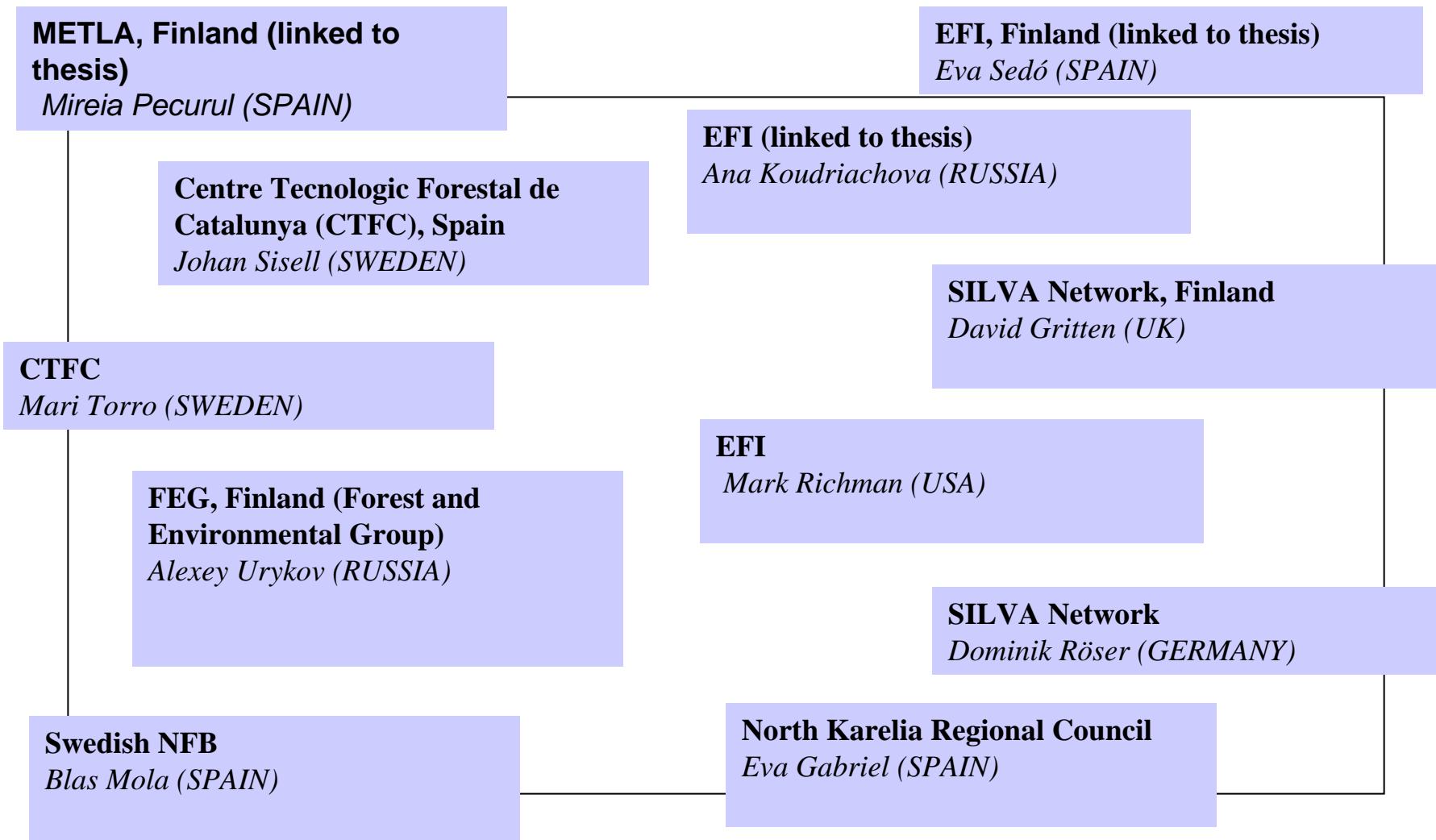
Society

Policy

Markets & Industry

Administration

+ Panel debate



The assignment

Background: A large fire burned 30.000 ha of land in NE Spain in 1998. Of this, 20.000 ha were forests.

You are the team assembled by a consulting agency hired by a local entity to prepare a plan of recovery of the burnt land.

Upon your arrival at Solsona you will receive information about the land, the forest and the people that live in the area. You will be exposed to the ideas that the public and private sector have for the burn. And also you will have access to experts that will provide you with the information necessary to develop your task.



You must identify priorities. Divide your team in groups according to those priorities and elaborate sound proposals that would meet the demands of the different interest groups.

Based in Solsona, about 90 minutes from Barcelona

Facilities - hostel (convent) next door to CTFC

- use classrooms and equipment of CTFC

- experts from Solsona

_____ - lots of sun, great food and wine at lunch (really improves afternoon work performance)

Areas covered included fire prevention, tourism, fire ecology, game management, forest management simulations, Mediterranean silviculture, truffles etc.

Results - 3 “recovery” plans

- One covering whole Solsones region - truffles, agroforestry, agrotourism, hunting, ecological corridors, pig farming, aromatic and medicinal plants, social recovery plans such as creation of co-operatives
- One 300 ha site - local landowner lost all in 1998
- Fire prevention scheme for neighbouring area - education, silviculture

Problem Oriented Course - Issues

- Very intensive
- Language
- Thesis updates
- CTFC hours
- Distractions of abundance of cheap wine and great food

“Nature Oriented Silviculture and Biodiversity of Scots Pine Forest

Mireia Pecurul (SPAIN)



“Review of current national forestry policies focusing on adaptive management to climate change”.

Eva Sedó (SPAIN)



“Competitiveness Between European Countries in the Coniferous Sawn Timber Market Through Comparative Advantage.”

Johan Sisell (SWEDEN)



“Wood Trade and Possible Future Developments of the Forest Resource of Novgorod Region”.

Ana Koudriachova (RUSSIA)



“Bioenergy potential in Leningrad Region (Russian Federation)with view to export to European markets”.

Alexey Urykov (RUSSIA)



“The Comparative Analysis of Forestry Curricula for the Development of ICT in Education”.

David Gritten (UK)



“Forest Fire Evolution In Two Different European Countries”.

Eva Gabriel (SPAIN)



“Marketing Christmas Trees to Christmas Tourists.”

Mark Richman (USA)



“Analysis of growth and yield from natural stands of *Picea abies* and *Pinus sylvestris* in Finland, Lithuania and Spain”.

Blas Mola (SPAIN)



“Current and Potential Wood Fuel Resources and Bottlenecks of Utilisation in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden”.

Dominik Röser (GERMANY)



The World outside

Works in CTFC (Spain) in the Forest Policies Department
Mireia Pecurul (SPAIN)

IKEA (Moscow) – Stora Enso (Saint Petersburg)
Alexey Urykov (RUSSIA)

Service of Forest Fire prevention, Catalanian Government, Spain
Eva Gabriel (SPAIN)

Works for SILVA Network
Blas Mola (SPAIN)

Doing PhD in University of Alabama (also teaching there)
Eva Sedó (SPAIN)

Doing PhD at SLU
Mari Torro (SWEDEN)

Works p-t for SILVA, and starting PhD at Joensuu (Finland) in Forest Ethics
David Gritten (UK)

Works on projects at EFI (Finland), still doing thesis
Mark Richman (USA)

Senior Researcher METLA (Finland)
Dominik Röser (GERMANY)

Dominik Röser (Germany)



Mr. Dominik Röser

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Dominik Röser was the first graduate as a European Master. He is currently working as a senior researcher in international forest technology at the Finnish Forest Research Institute. (METLA)

Antti Asikainen, professor at METLA, says that the MSc. European Forestry has given Mr. Röser an excellent background to study forestry related topics in Europe.

“It has enabled him to look at forestry issues from a broader perspective and his position, as a researcher in International forest technology in particular, calls for knowledge about current status and challenges of forestry in countries of the European Union and possible future member states. In addition, to international experience, however, a researcher must have a solid knowledge in some field of forest science” says Professor Asikainen.

Alexei Urykov (Russia)

Alexei Urykov felt that his options for working in forestry were limited, and so he began to look to Europe to see if he could gain some international experience. The result of which saw him enrolling in the MSc in European Forestry starting in January 2002. A year later, he is now working for IKEA in Moscow as a Timber Procurement Co-ordinator.

“If I had applied to IKEA a year ago I probably would not have even got to an interview, but I think that the Masters in European Forestry has helped me a lot.”

“The experience I gained from studying in Sweden, Spain and Finland, and to work for a Finnish Forestry Company during my Applied Period has given me a great advantage over other students. In Russia very few forestry students have international experience, which probably made my application to IKEA stand out.”
says Mr. Urykov



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