

Subject Area Forestry

Activity report 2006

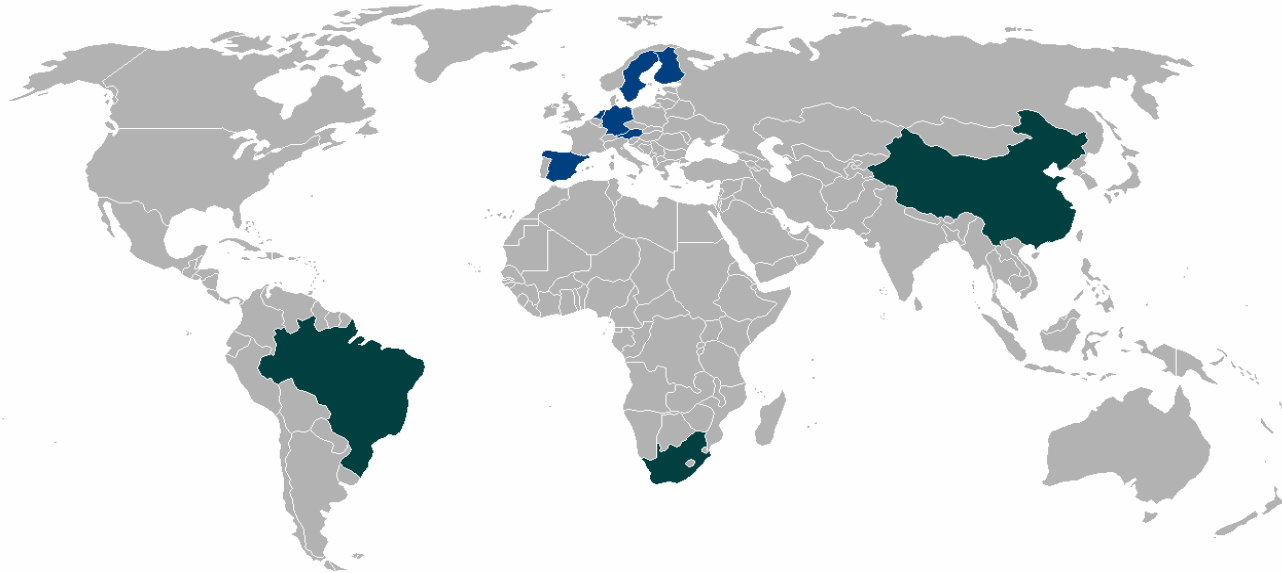


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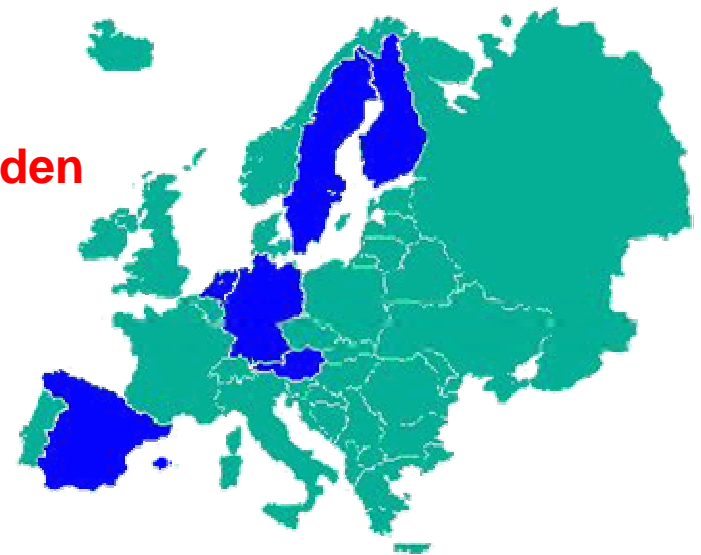


A 2-year double-degree Erasmus Mundus Course

Introduction

A programme co-organized by 6 European Universities:

- Albert-Ludwig University of Freiburg, **Germany**
- University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU), **Austria**
- University of Lleida, **Spain**
- University of Joensuu, **Finland** (Coordination)
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, **Sweden**
- Wageningen University, **The Netherlands**



In Partnership with:

- University of KwaZulu-Natal, **South Africa**
- Federal University of Parana, **Brazil**
- Northwest Agriculture & Forestry University, **China**

Structure of the Studies

YEAR 1 60 ECTS	Courses	ECTS	Location
Autumn semester	Introductory Course	8	Garpenberg (Sweden)
	Applied period	12	International forest organizations
Spring semester	Seminar period	8	Joensuu (Finland)
	Research Methodology	4	
	Problem Oriented Course I	4	
	Other common and elective courses	12	
	European Forestry Field Course	8	Spain, France, Germany, The Netherlands
	Problem Oriented Course II	4	Austria

YEAR 2 60 ECTS	Courses	ECTS	Location
	Elective Courses	30*	Student's preferred Partner University/ies
	Master Thesis	30*	

* Required ECTS credits slightly vary among Partner Universities

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Year	Nr of students enrolled	At ELLS University
2004	10	9
2005	27	18
2006	24	12

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Summer course

Participatory forest policy planning and management

Why this course?:

Participation is increasing due to

- Increasing number of conflicts regarding forest resources
- Decentralisation and devolution of bureaucracy
- Growing importance of social involvement



Foresters need to deal with the public as well as with the trees. Forestry curricula often do not include such subjects.

Summer course 2006

Participatory forest policy planning and management (June - September)

Objective of the course:

Advanced understanding of the concept participation and its role in national forest policy



Organisation of the course

- Self-study of background literature
- Assessment of the meaning and scope of participatory forestry in a specific European country or region and preparation of country report
- Attendance of workshop with introductory lectures, presentation of country reports and exercises on comparative analysis of country reports
- Preparation of final synthesis course report

Summer course evaluation

- 6 student participated, 4 countries
- Expectations were met, international perspective enhanced understanding
- Criticism:
 - Number of country reports too limited
 - Difficult to compare country reports
 - Focus on a specific item(s) of participation

Planned development of the summer course

- New summer course in 2007
- Structuring of discussion towards:
 - Participatory forest planning
 - Participatory tools and techniques
 - Community forestry
- Renewed application to EU intensive programme.