

Procès verbal IEFC Assemblée Générale 2010

Bertiz, Navarre, le 18 Mars 2010

L'assemblée Générale de l'IEFC a été organisée en partenariat avec le Gouvernement de Navarre, et s'est tenue dans les locaux du Parc Naturel Señorío de Bertiz, le jeudi, 18 mars 2010 à 9h00. La réunion était suivie d'un séminaire sur les défis du changement climatique pour la forêt après Copenhague.

Cette réunion a été présidée par le président de l'IEFC Inazio Martinez.

Des vingt huit organisations membres de l'IEFC 15 étaient représentées et 34 personnes assistaient à l'assemblée générale. Une feuille d'émargement a été signée. Les votes se sont fait à main levée. Il n'y avait aucun membre associé présent. Les débats bénéficiaient de la traduction simultanée en anglais, français, espagnol. Les partenaires avaient reçu l'ordre du jour et les invitations dans les délais. Dans le cadre de la convention avec l'EFI, faisant de l'IEFC la structure de d'accueil de l'Office Régional EFIATLANTIC, le directeur adjoint de l'EFI était présent. Les financeurs de l'organisation au titre d'EFIATLANTIC, avaient reçu une invitation personnalisée par courrier.

Participants

Membres:

USSE	Inazio Martinez
INRA	Patrick Patuszka
GAVRN	Carmen Traver
ISA	Margarida Tomé, Maria Helena Almeida, Manuela Branco
UCD	Ted Farrell, Áine ní Dhubháine
IKT	Alejandro Cantero, Ibai Portu Zuloaga, Eider Arrieta
CRPF	Yves Lesgourgues, Amélie Castro
NEIKER	Ander Gonzalez Arias, Nahia Gartzia-Bengoetxea
CINAM-CIFL	Francisco Sylva-Pando, Gabriel toval
FR	Richard Jinks
FGUVA	Julio Diez, Cristina Prieto Recio, Gabriela Ritokova
CETEMAS	Celia Martinez
FCBA	Guillaume chantre

Autres participants

IEFC	Christophe Orazio, Claudia Antoniotti, Marie-pierre reviron, Francisco ureña
Gobierno de Navarra	Fermin Olabe, Yolanda Hernandez, Inigo Villanueva
CNPPF	Eric paillassa
EFI	Gert-Jan Nabuurs
Bangor University	Christine Cahalan
Université Bordeaux 1 (UMR INRA)	Sylvain delzon
Conseil Régional d'aquitaine	Bernard Lazarini
FORESNA	Juan Miguel Villaroel
EAS	Marina Conway

Décisions

Les délibérations suivantes ont été soumises aux votes et approuvées :

D1: Le rapport financier 2009 et le budget 2010 présentés par Christophe Orazio ont été approuvés à l'unanimité par l'Assemblée générale.

D2 : le mandat du commissaire au compte M. Giraud a été reconduit par un vote à l'unanimité.

D3 : les frais d'adhésion 2010 restent inchangés.

D4 : En accord avec les délibérations de la précédente assemblée générale, le nouveau conseil d'administration a été élu à l'unanimité moins deux voix (abstentions). Conformément aux statuts, il a élu en son sein les membres du bureau. Il se compose des personnes physiques suivantes :

- M. Ted Farrel, Président,
- M. Yves Lesgourgues, Vice-président,
- Mme Margarida Tomé, Vice-présidente,
- M. Christian Pinaudeau, Trésorier,
- M. Julio Diez, Secrétaire,
- M. Jean-Michel Carnus
- M. Peter Free Smith
- M. Fermin Olabe
- M. Agustin Merino
- M. Inazio Martinez

Ce conseil d'administration auquel s'ajoutent les représentants des donateurs (Conseil régional d'Aquitaine, Ministère de l'Agriculture) constitue le comité consultatif d'EFIATLANTIC.

Les résolutions suivantes ont été approuvées :

R1: Les minutes de l'assemblée générale précédente transmises en ligne et disponibles sur le site web de l'IEFC ont été approuvées.

R2 : Le vote en ligne des partenaires pour le choix de l'image représentant EFIATLANTIC a été validé (aiguille de pin avec une goutte d'eau perlant).

R3 : la prochaine assemblée générale de l'IEFC se tiendra au Portugal en 2011.

Fait le 24 mars 2010 à Cestas France

Signature du président sortant
Inazio Martinez

Signature du président élu
Ted farrel

Minutes of the meeting

Opening of the annual meeting

By the IEFC president Inazio Martinez

The president opened the meeting explaining that since 2009, the IEFC general assembly is also the EFIATLANTIC annual meeting where donors and members can exchange their opinions on the work implemented inside the network and the future opportunities and needs. Since 2009, official starting date of the regional office, the work done by IEFC team and network is made in the name of EFIATLANTIC. He also reminded audience of the long experience of cooperation without competition accumulated by IEFC.

The previous minutes sent in 2009 and available on the iefc intranet where approved.

The agenda of the day was approved.

Welcome address by fermin olabe (Navarra)

The speaker welcomed the participants explaining that the location was managed by Navarra. Then he described some of the specifics of forestry in Navarra such as :

- An uncontrolled expansion of forest areas,
- 70% of area certified,
- Fight to keep forest industry,
- 400 000 cubic meters of wood produced but also lots of services such as mushrooms, pecharan, honey, ...
- Many factors limiting wood mobilisation whatever the end-use
- NATURA 2000 good fund raising opportunity

Activity report of 2009

Past projects management

FORSEE project

C. Orazio reminded that the last payment of an amount of 411 137.62 euros occurred in March 2009. The translation of the synthesis done by M. Martre in May was completed in summer and sent to EFI for publication in October. Feed back from Risto Paivinen the chief editor for discussion papers came only in March 2010.

On IEFC website (forsee.iefc.net) on-line consultation of by indicator is now available.

The methods developed in FORSEE project have been taken up by NFI for dead wood and for Carbon stock assessment in France and Aquitaine. C. Orazio participates in the national committee on indicators in France to promote methods developed in the frame of the projects.

I.M.: Asked if equivalent committees exists in other countries. He also encouraged the FORSEE members to promote the results.

DEFOR :

The closure of the DEFOR project took a long time after the end of the project (June 2008). A long administrative dialogue with INTERREG has been done with many audits so that all missing documents were provided in early January 2010. Last payment (590 000€) should occur in few weeks;

I. M. reminded that many regional events were organised in the frame of the DEFOR projects; regional impact was quite high for such a short project.

Projects initiated in 2009

REINFFORCE

This INTERREG project, started in February 2009, has been focusing on the selection process of the 32 species and 195 provenances for the network of 35 arboretum.

The main challenges for 2010 are: to refine the design of the arboretum, to produce the 100000 seedlings, to draft the protocols for monitoring of phenology, forest-health and growth, to design the demonstration sites.

STORM

The selection process of the 10 most damaging storms was presented; From these storms, policy advice for the European Commission will be prepared. C. Orazio announced a workshop organised for July the 1st in Brussels to define an appropriate policy mix.

Post-doc on nematode risk management

The content of the report made in November and December on nematode vector biology was explained.

YL asked to consider the new European policy for agriculture in the storm project.

2009 Events

Marie-pierre reviron recalled the events organised in 2009 :

- Launching of EFIATLANTIC (February 23) Regional Council of Aquitaine, Bordeaux, France : more than 55 persons from the European Atlantic Arc countries attended the launch
- REINFFORCE (European Feder Interreg IV project) kick-off meeting (February 24) Regional Council of Aquitaine, Bordeaux, France : 53 persons
- « Stand stability and climate change » (May 20) Edinburgh, Scotland, seminar organised by REINFFORCE : 18 persons
- « Climate change, new threats for Atlantic forests: pest and diseases » (September 30) Lisbon, Portugal, seminar organised by REINFFORCE : 25 persons

M.-P. Reviron also listed events where the network was represented.

2009 Publications

M.-P. Reviron also listed the publication of the network in 2009.

Some of the partners asked why the detail of only one of the scientific publications was listed.

C.O. Explained that only publications with the name of a team members are planned to be taken into account by EFI.

MT. : suggested account should also be taken of all PhD related papers published after FORSEE, as they are the direct result of the group activity. She also asked if instead of only putting references to the project in the acknowledgement, it was possible to associate the author to the institute directly (putting two organisations names). The idea was approved, but since 2009 the question is to know if we should put EFIATLANTIC or IEFC. It was suggested that either is welcome according to the official project coordinator.

GJ N asked if we consider that we reached a satisfying information transfer?

IM answered that during the project many events are organised with a targeted audience and that a lot of transfer of information is done that way. The composition of the consortium is also part of the transfer strategy.

Management

C. Orazio reminded that in 2009, we announced that IEFC will be used as a foundation collecting funds for EFIATLANTIC, and providing the advisory group. Finally, for taxation reasons, and as long as France has not signed a host agreement, it is easier to keep salaries paid by IEFC and seconded according to a term of references (distributed as background material) to EFI. Problems for Spanish donors to fulfil commitments were also discussed. This uncertainty made it difficult to contract people from the beginning of 2009.

YL : noted that because of this uncertainty, we must have huge cash flow problems.

C.O.: answered, that now that we have four employees, it can be a real problem. It is the reason why we have to increase the cash-reserves from 100 000 € to 200 000 €, to be sure to pay the salaries and the partners on time. To reach this objective we need again a net result of 40000€-50000€ in 2010. Then cash flow will be less problematic.

Perspectives

Research

C. Orazio presented the concerted action on “profitability of the forest sector” that should be a shared effort between EFI regional offices. Contacts with Castilla y Leon to get a PhD on this topic will be made.

Presentation of the ROKFOR project aiming at a coordinated funding for forest research in between the five participating regions was also discussed.

Most of the time was dedicated to the presentation of the new INTERREG proposal. This proposal will focus on Sylviculture and Risk management. At this stage, it was agreed to organise all the technical activities under 3 groups of task to increase the chance of success : “System for region management of risk”, “Practices on the field for risk management” and “decision support tool for risk management”. In this new frame, only INRA, CRPF, ISA, UCP, CETEMAS y NEIKER/IKT confirmed their contribution, UTAD is leaving the partnership to join the proposal on biodiversity management with USSE. Portuguese from ALTRI want also to work on particular diseases of eucalyptus. TRAGSA and FCBA, did not confirm that they are still interested by this new approach, further contact will be done. It was pointed out that we should not exceed 10 partners and a budget of 1.5M to have chances of success. The next step is to provide to IEFC a detailed description of the tasks that will be done in the frame of the project with a budget and commitment letter for co-funding before end of March.

Maria Helena Almeida informed the attendees that she will start to draft a COST action on reproductive material availability to harmonize European classification on this topic;

C.O. Announced that Barry Gardiner is also drafting a COST action titled COST ACTION – FOREST DISTURBANCE: RISK AND IMPACTS. It will be submitted next week.

Advocacy

Inazio martinez described the main activities done for advocacy of the regional office activities : visits to regional governments, meetings with forest platform, attendance to European committees, ...

G-J. N asked what is the main message of EFIATLANTIC

I.M. Said that it is the benefit of planted forests, but that there is no formal consultation or statement on this, it is a shared feeling from the network members.

Networking

F.Ureña reminded all the channels and tools available. He also explained that the experts' database of IEFC was supposed to be used as seed for a more European one inside EFI.

Communication

M-P reviron mainly reminded the communication material that is in preparation for EFIATLANTIC (leaflet distributed) and the main publications expected dealing with storms and Criteria and Indicators for sustainable forest management.

The workshop on forest policies on storms in bruxelle in July and the one on research needs in forest in Aquitaine in October were also announced.

The decision was made to organise the workshop on nematode in January 2011 in Galicia.

The next annual meeting of EFIATLANTIC will take place in Portugal.

Budget

The past budget and 2010 budget was approved. The renewal of the account auditor also.

EFI-IEFC matters

C. Orazio started a discussion about the double membership fees : for IEFC and for EFI.

T.F: reminded that the main challenge is to keep the dynamic of IEFC group in the new frame of EFIATLANTIC. It is important that the benefits that IEFC has offered to its members should not be diminished by the establishment of the regional office. He suggested that the principal function of IEFC should be in technology transfer, communicating the results of research to members; for the most part, membership would consist of non-research organisations, who did not have a direct interest in EFI. No organisation would be obliged to pay a subscription to both organisation. Scientific organisations would subscribe to EFI, others to IEFC.

Y.L: said that doing so we would come back to separate transfer organisation from the scientific organisation, loosing the main interest of the network. He felt the issue needed further careful thought and discussion.

M.T said that she was happy to pay for both and that both have interest.

GJ Nabuur supported this opinion, and said that for the coming years it should remain like that and that term of reference should integrate the special connexions between IEFC and EFIATLANTIC .

The decision was made to keep IEFC membership fees, and to discuss about the future options with the advisory group.

No time left to discuss about databases property rights.

GJ N presented the regional offices' development in Europe, showing that mainly EFIATLANTIC and EFICIENT had started work, EFIMED having started two years ago.

He also reminded that countries will be part of EFI council, and that the ROs can play a role to keep contact with countries.

Then the new board was elected.

The General Assembly was followed by a seminar on the topic 'Forests, forestry and climate change'. Papers presented and speakers were as follows :

- What happened (and didn't happen in Copenhagen): The Copenhagen Accord and Forestry. (Inazio Martinez de Aranio, USSE)
- Impacts of climate change and EU global policies (Gert-Jan Nabuurs)
- Carbon Sequestration and Plantation forestry: The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (Marina Conway, Private Consultant)
- Prospects of the forest carbon promotion in Aquitaine (Yves Lesgourgues, CRPF Aquitaine)
- Bionergy and Plantation forestry: Potential Contribution of plantation forestry to the energy challenge (Fermin Olabe, Navarra Government) -(Guillaume Chantre, FCBA)
- Phenological adaptive responses of oak and beech to altitudinal gradients in the Pyrenees (Sylvain Delzon, University Bordeaux I – INRA BIOGECO)

Fait à Cestas le 24 Mars 2010,
Président,

Vice-président,