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Preface

The Scandinavian Society of Forest Economics held its Biennial Conference 2012 during four sunny and warm days of May 23-26. As a conference venue we had an opportunity to visit premises of University of Helsinki Forestry Field Station in Hyytiälä by Kuivajärvi lake, a place with over one hundred years of traditions in teaching and practicing forest sciences in Finland.

Altogether 70 participants from over 10 countries gathered together over 3 keynote and 64 parallel session presentations. The keynote presentations were held by professor Richard Vlosky (Louisiana State University, USA), adjunct professor Jari Kuuluvainen (University of Helsinki, Finland) and professor and dean Jaana Sandström (School of Business, Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland). During conference a lunch excursion was provided to SMEAR II research station and Siikanева peatland reserve close to Hyytiälä. On May 24, international guests were entertained by “Logger’s life” show by Jyri Makkonen and his team. After conference tour excursion was hosted on May 26 by Metsä Goup in Mänttä and Vilppula region, with since sincere thanks going to environmental manager Janne Soimasuo.

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Long live the spirit of Scandinavian forest economists!

Anne Toppinen

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