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Regional Forest Information Week

State of forests and forest management in the UNECE region
in the context of current needs and challenges

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Chairperson

Linda Langner, USA



Welcome address

Mr. Ján KUBIŠ,
Executive Secretary of the Economic
Commission for Europe



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Seminar Programme

- **Session 1. A picture of the present and the past: overview of twenty years of SFM**
Chairpersons: Simon Gillam and Patrick Miles
- **Session 2. Wood resources – status, trends and challenges**
Chairperson: Mette Løyche Wilkie
- **Session 3. Criteria and Indicators – how useful are they for SFM assessment?**
Chairperson: Aljoscha Requardt



Seminar Timing

- *10.00 – 13.00* *Sessions 1 and 2*
 – *11.35 – 11.50* *Coffee break*
- *13.00 – 15.00* *Lunch Break*
- *15.00 – 18.00* *Sessions 2 cont. and 3*
- *18.30* *Reception*



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Session 1. A picture of the present and the past: overview of twenty years of SFM

Chairpersons:

Simon Gillam, UK and Patrick Miles, USA

Presentations:

- Extent of forest resources, *Claude Vidal*
- Forest health and vitality, *Jesus San Miguel Ayanz*
- Productive functions of forest resources, *Annemarie Bastrup Birk*
- Forest biological diversity, *Jari Parviainen*
- Socio-economic functions of forest resources, *Simon Gillam*



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Session 1. A picture of the present and the past: overview of twenty years of SFM

Questions:

- What would be consequences of the recently reported state and trends for future forest conditions and forest management?
- Which improvements should be introduced to current reporting systems to make them more relevant for that?





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Session 2. Wood resources

– status, trends and challenges

Chairperson:

Mette Løyche Wilkie, FAO

Presentations:

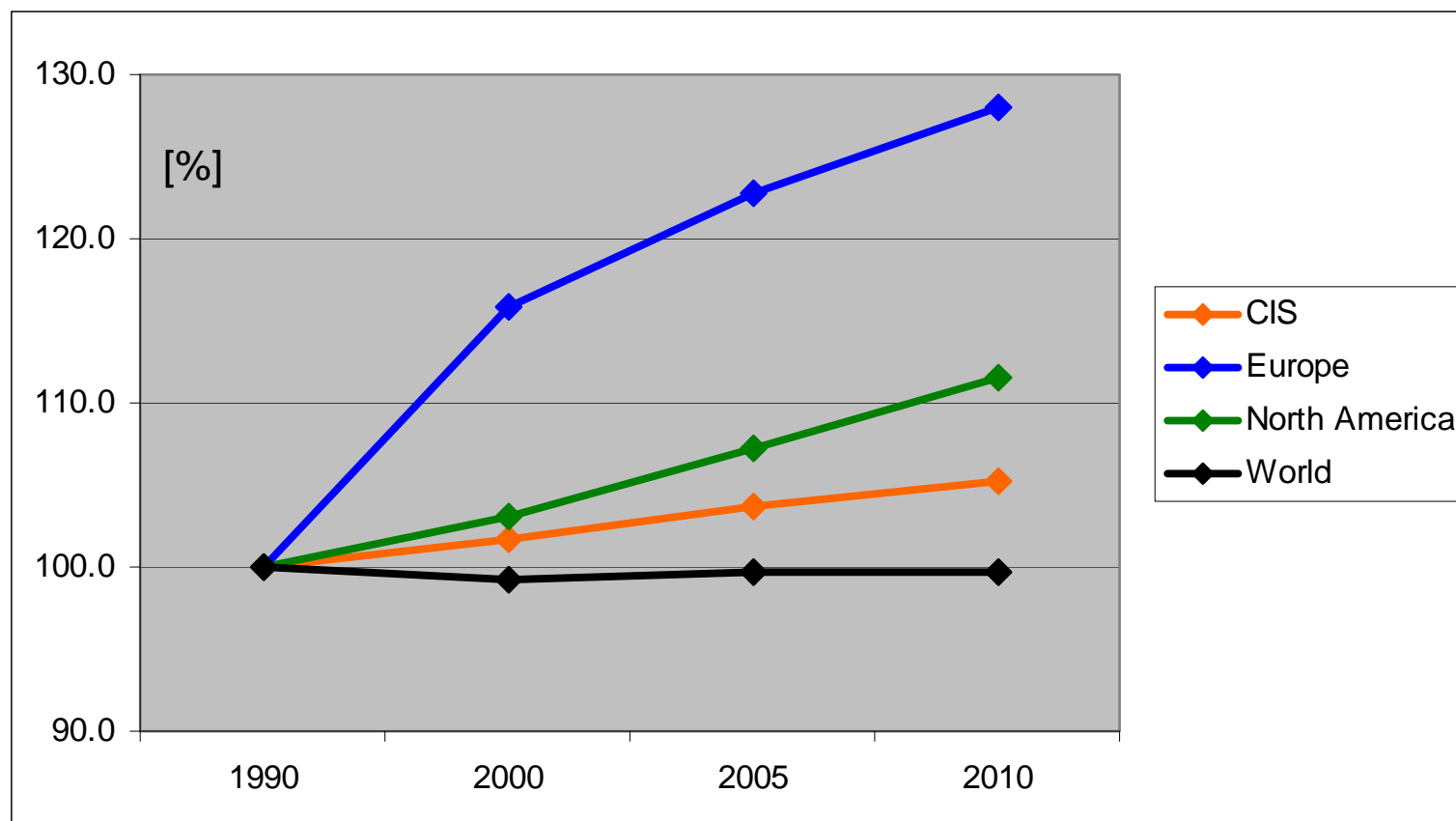
- Status, trends, plans and forecasts for wood resources management in the United States of America, *Linda Langner, Jeff Prestemon*
- Status, trends and plans for the wood resources management from the Russian Federation, *Andrey Filipchuk*
- Results of EUWOOD project to assess “real potential for change” in EU wood supply, *Kit Prins*
- Work of COST ACTION FP1001 on improving data and information on potential wood supply, *Annemarie Bastrup Birk*



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Change of growing stock in the UNECE region



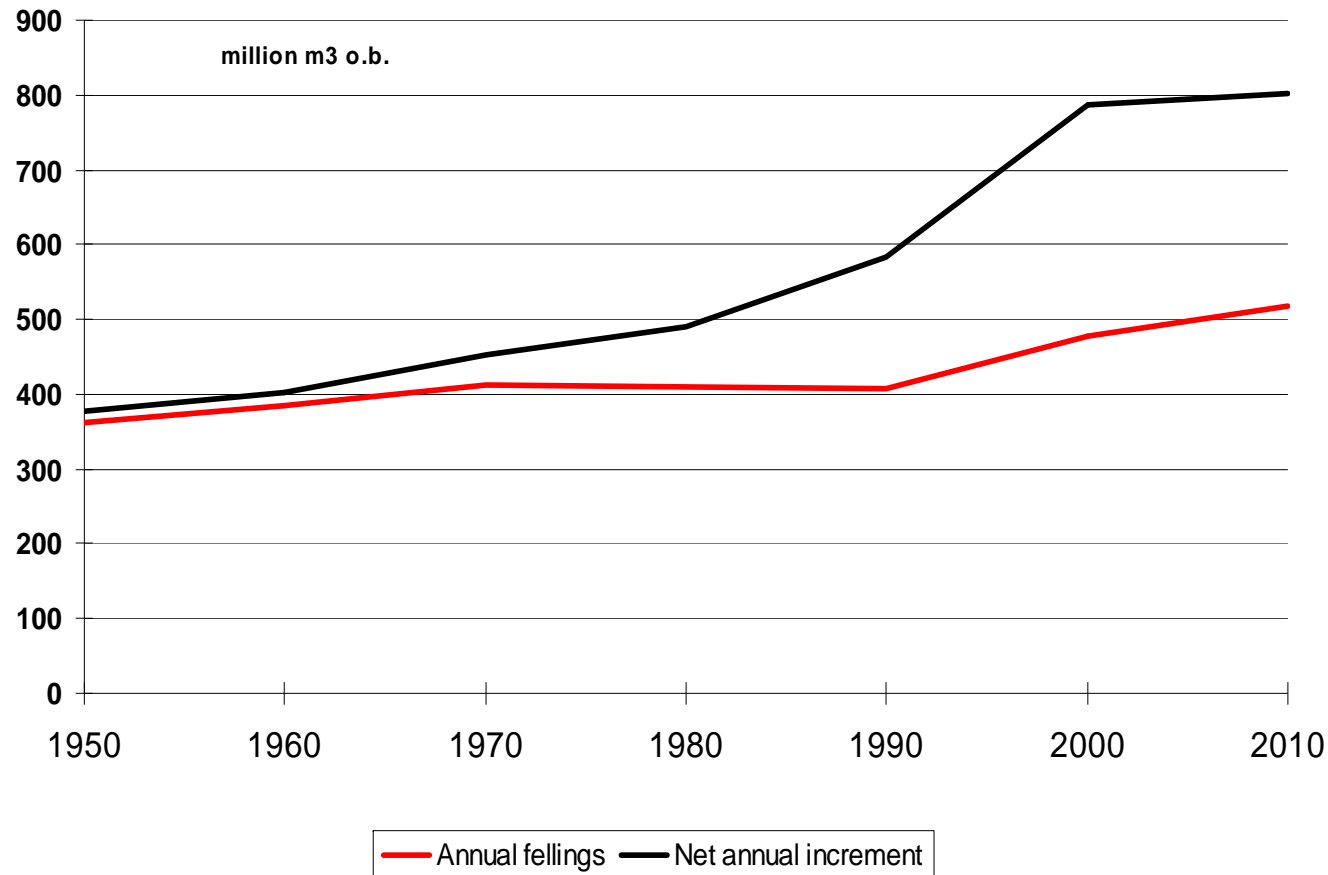
Source: FAO FRA 2010



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Annual fellings and net annual increment on forest available for wood supply in Europe

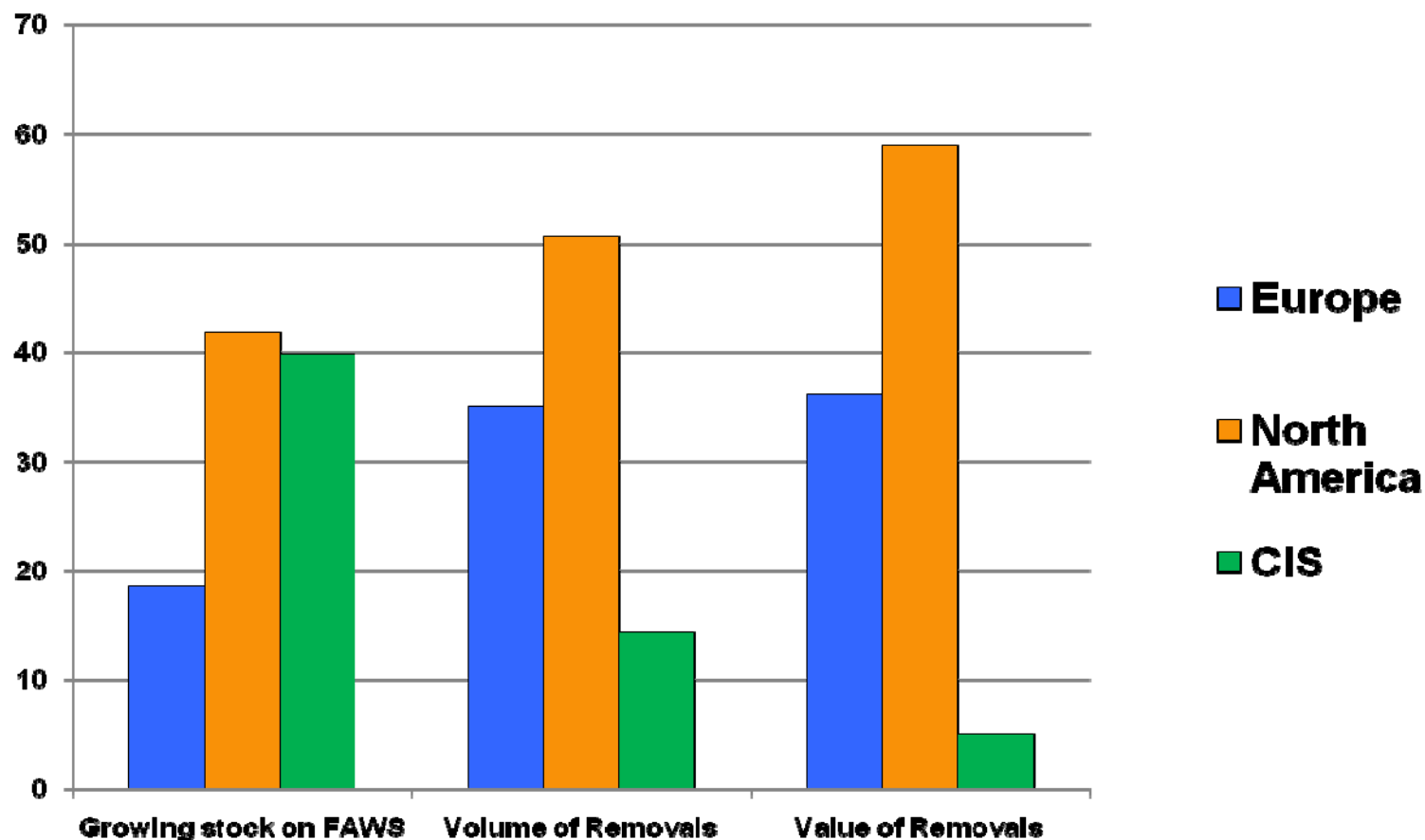


Source: Kuusela, 1994 and SoEF 2011 (manuscript)

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Distribution of growing stock, volume and value of removals among the UNECE sub-regions



Source: TBFRA 2000, SoEF 2007, FAO FRA 2010.



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Session 2. Wood resources

– status, trends and challenges

Questions:

- Are the trends on wood related indicators reported for the last two decades worrying or satisfactory?
- Will their continuation be beneficial to the future state of forests resources, health, provision of goods and services and for economic aspects of forest management?
- Are the current reporting system, data quality and coverage sufficient for concluding on development of wood resources and related services?





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Session 3. Criteria and Indicators – how useful are they for SFM assessment?

Chairperson:

Aljoscha Requardt, EFI

Presentations:

- Lessons learnt and information on plans for:
 - Global FRA, *Mette Løyche Wilkie, FAO Rome*
 - Forest Europe C&I, *Stein Tomter, Forest Europe*
- Usefulness of criteria and indicators from the perspective of experts external to the process:
 - *Peter Duinker, Dalhousie University, Canada*
 - *Thorsten Arndt, PEFC, Geneva*
 - *Kit Prins, international forestry expert*



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Session 3. Criteria and Indicators – how useful are they for SFM assessment?

Questions:

- How successful the C&I were, in responding their main role?
- How relevant were they for other uses (e.g. policy formulation, forest certification, education) at international and national levels?
- What is the future of the C&I concept and which direction should be taken in terms of development and future application?





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The poster features a circular graphic divided into four quadrants, each showing a different forest scene: a snowy mountain landscape, autumn foliage, a dense green forest, and a view through tree branches. At the top, it includes the logos of the FAO and the UNECE. At the bottom, it features a stamp-like graphic for World Forest Day on 21 March 2011 and the United Nations logo.