Team of Specialists on Wood Energy
Items for regular reporting
April 2016 – March 2017

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29-31 March 2017, Geneva
Leadership
- Leader: Dinko VUSIC
- Deputies: Francisco AGUILAR, Matthias DEES
- Secretary: Claudia TRENTINI / Florian STEIERER

Members
- 46

Countries (19)
- Austria, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan
Past and upcoming meetings

- Third Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy (14 - 16 June 2016), Zagreb, Croatia.

- Fourth Meeting of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy (17 - 19 May 2017), Durham, North Carolina, USA
Outputs during last year

- Working on the “Wood Energy in Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States, and North America”
  - A new publication, planned as a regularly updated series
  - To effectively communicate the relevance of wood energy & bridging the forest and energy sectors in the UNECE.
  - Contributions from secretariat, TOS members and external experts
  - Strong external reviewer team from IEE, IRENA, WB

- Fourth Meeting ToS Wood Energy held in Zagreb, June 2016
  - 24 participants, hosted by Forest Faculty, Zagreb
  - JWEE 2013 presented and discussed
  - ToS members commented on proposed changes and welcomed the new structure and presentation of the work on the conversion factors.
  - New ToS Leadership elected at Zagreb meeting.
  - Workshop to revise and outline the contents the new publication
Outputs during last year

- ToS members actively participated in the Workshop *Bioenergy from the Forest Sector - Budapest, Hungary, held 6-8 December 2016*

- The ToS provided a speaker for the celebration of the *International Day of Forests* on 21 March 2017 on “Forests and Energy”.
Outputs for this year

- ToS Annual meeting hosted by the US Forest Service in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA (16-19 May 2017).
- “Wood Energy in Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States, and North America”
  - Conduct external reviews and ToS final peer review at annual meeting.
- Offer feedback for improvements in data collection and members participation in the JWEE.
Wood energy is a salient source of energy; scalable, flexible and carries very important societal functions ranging from energy security to cultural values.

The JWEE is an evolving instrument with increasing participation in data collection but greater participation is key to better document the importance of wood energy.

ToS envisions to continue playing an important role in improving the JWEE as an instrument for data collection, and to be fully engaged in data analysis and interpretation.

WP support to publication ‘Wood Energy in Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States, and North America’
Activities proposed for the IPoW 2017-2021

- Hold annual ToS meetings to:
  - Analyze wood for energy generation and the implications for the forest sector;
  - Offer guidance and recommendations to Joint Wood Energy data collection.

- Actively disseminate publication and key messages synthesized in first issue of “Wood Energy in Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States, and North America” series.

- Coordinate and complete a second issue of Wood Energy in ECE publication series.

Publish scholarly manuscripts (2) examining trends in JWEE data and socio economic and environmental aspects of wood energy use in UNECE countries including its contribution towards the attainment of SDGs and mitigation of climate change.

Issue a revised list of recommendations on the methods for, analysis and, implementation of the JWEE.

Enhance capacity of ECE member States to develop reliable wood energy statistics (2 capacity building workshops).

Improved quality and quantity of replies to the JWEE.

Yearly, draft a chapter on wood energy for the Forest Products Annual Market Review.
Thank you!

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