

10th anniversary of the Forum Forestier Lémanique
(13th meeting)

Wednesday 27 May 2009
Chartreuse de Pomier, Présilly (F)

Payment of forest ecosystem services: solution or illusion ?

The economic situation of forest enterprises has degraded since the eighties in Switzerland and the early nineties in France as timber revenues no longer cover the costs of interventions serving the diverse forest functions and subsidies tend to decrease. At the same time the multiple services of forest ecosystems are playing an increasingly important role and are also recognized for this.

Communal, private and public forest owners seek solutions to finance the costs of the sustainable management of the full array of forest services, even if only to balance their budget. Is the payment of forest ecosystem services a solution? How can the price of these various services be estimated at the level of a forest management unit, including protection against natural risks, water conservation, climate, conservation of biodiversity and landscapes, recreational and educational use, health and quality of life? And through which financial and institutional mechanisms can the various beneficiaries of these multiples forest services contribute to the sustainable management of the forest?

What have been the successes and the difficulties of applying PES systems in general and in particular as it affects our region's forests in Switzerland and in France? These will be the questions that we invite you to discuss on the 27th of May 2009, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the FFL, which will be celebrated in a beautiful setting: La Chartreuse de Pomier!

You may be interested in this event...

because you are a public or private forest owner, a representative of a local or regional authority, a professional working with an environmental protection agency, a private enterprise, the media or in education and research on forestry and environment related matters, **or simply because you feel personally interested !**

What is the Forum Forestier Lémanique ?

Created in spring 1999, the Forum Forestier Lémanique (FFL) is a meeting point bringing together numerous actors and managers in forestry and natural resources living in the Franco-Swiss arc of Lake Léman. Its mission is to facilitate contacts and to promote exchanges between professionals and experts active at the local, regional and international levels. For this purpose it organises *thematic meeting days* and *field visits* open to all. These events are intended to provide opportunities for getting together and sharing experiences on topics of common interest. You will find more about the FFL on www.f-f-l.org

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Program

Facilitation: Mr. Rodolphe Schlaepfer, Honorary Professor, Ecole Polytechnique de Lausanne

- 09h00 Introduction with Tim Peck, founder of the FFL and Andréa Finger, current FFL president
- 09h20 **"PSE – Quelques perspectives internationales"**
Jeffrey SAYER, Senior Scientific Advisor, Forest Conservation Programme
IUCN - Union mondiale de la conservation de la nature
Questions (10 min.)
- 10h00 **"Valorisation des services des écosystèmes du Pays d'Enhaut"**
Yves Christen, président d'AventiBOIS et de Swissolar
Questions (10 min.)
- 10h30 Coffee break
- 11h00 **"Valorisation de la protection des eaux souterraines: expériences et perspectives"**,
Robert Jenni, bureau Nouvelle Forêt
Questions (10 min.)
- 11h30 **"Charte forestière du Haut-Chablais – vers une valorisation des services de protection"**
Bernadette Jordan, animatrice territoriale et François-Xavier Nicot, Office National des Forêts
Questions (10 min.)
- 12h00 Open debate
- 12h30 BUFFET
- 14h00 Presentation of the Chartreuse de Pomier and visit of the beech forest with the owner
Mr. Girod
- Conclusions of the day
- 16h15 Departure

The presentations will be in French, but you are very welcome to take part in the discussions in English