



Global Forest Information Service (GFIS) Workshop for Forest Information Provider Organizations in UK

Oxford, UK

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Organizers

- Oxford University Library Services, <http://www.ouls.ox.ac.uk/rsi>
- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), <http://www.iufro.org/>

Sponsors

- Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft, Austria, <http://www.lebensministerium.at/en/>

Instructors

- Roger A. Mills, Head of Science Liaison and Specialist Services
Acting User Education Co-ordinator, Biosciences and Environmental Sciences Librarian & Oxford Forest Information Service Manager
- Mr. Eero Mikkola, GFIS Coordinator, IUFRO
- Mr. Juha Hautakangas, GFIS Developer, IUFRO

Participants

Communication and information managers, webmasters of forest organizations in UK

Objectives

- Discuss challenges to manage and share forest information
- Introduce GFIS to participants;
- Introduce the GFIS information exchange standard and provide RSS2.0 experience to participants in describing information resources;
- Discuss how GFIS and other forest portals could be developed in order to offer a better service for users and information providers

Expected outputs

- Enable participants to provide RSS2.0 feeds from information resources of their institutions and link them to GFIS in order to share their information to the global forest community

Program on Thursday, 11 June 2009

Time	Activity	In-Charge
09:30-10:00	Breakfast	
10:00-10:10	Welcome Remarks	Roger A. Mills
10:10-10:30	“Mess of portals”, challenges to share and find information	Eero Mikkola
10:30- 10:50	Future of publications and libraries	Roger A. Mills
10:50-11:10	Challenges to manage and share information with users	Invited participant
11:10-12:00	Discussion	Roger A. Mills
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13 :30	Introduction to GFIS, partnership development and gateway	Eero Mikkola
13:30-13:45	Web Content Syndication and syndication Technology: RSS 2.0	Juha Hautakangas
13:45-14:30	GFIS Application Profile and creation of RSS feeds	Juha Hautakangas
14:30-15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00-15:50	Discussion, How portals could be developed in order to offer a better service for users and information providers	Roger A. Mills
15:50-10:00	Closing of day	Roger A. Mills