Quality wood products from plantation forestry: poplar and black locust in Hungary

Post-session field tour of the 25th Session of the International Poplar Commission (IPC)
17-20 September 2016

Participation fee (per person in single room): 550 €
Services included: one-way flight Berlin-Budapest, 3 lunches, 1 dinner with cultural program, 4 nights in good hotels, land travel and boat trip,

Preliminary program

Fri. 16 September
18.00-21.00 Flight Berlin – Budapest, Liszt Ferenc Int. Airport.
Accomodation in Vecsés – 10 minute drive from the airport.
Day 1: Sat, 17 September
9.00 - 10.30 Bus trip from Vecsés to Pusztavacs (50 km, 50 min), visit to NEFAG Forest Share State Company, Pusztavacs Forest Management Unit.
10.30 - 13.00 Workshop about fast growing tree management in Hungary
  - Presentation of poplar improvement and management: from the SRC plantation to gene conservation of native poplar
  - Presentation of the black locust (Robinia pseudoacricia) improvement and management
13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
14.00 - 17.30 Black locust field program: Black locust seed production stands, vegetative propagated cultivar trials, seed management, stand establishment, forest tending, wood utilization.
17.30 - 18.30 Travel to Szolnok (70 km, 70 min),
20:00 Hotel accommodation in Szolnok.

Day 2: Sun, 18 September
9.00-13.00: Field program at NEFAG Forest Share State Company, Szolnok Forest Management Unit.
Hybrid poplar forest-like management on floodplains with 35-40 year rotations: establishment, tending, production, economy
13.00-14.00: Lunch at Szolnok.
14.00-17.30: Boat-trip on the Tisza River to visiting riverside native poplar-willow gallery forests, discussing about forest management and water management, nature conservation.
20:00 Hotel accommodation in Szolnok.

Day 3: Mon, 19 September
9.00 - 13.00 Field program at Corporation of Private Forest Owners, Szolnok - Kötelek.
Activities of the Hungarian Association of Private Forest Owners
Current poplar management in short rotations at the region of Szolnok and Tisza River riparian forest.
13.00-14.00 Lunch.
14.00-17.30 Field program at Derula Ltd. (Bonzano Industries Group), Szolnok
Poplar industrial plantations of Derula Ltd: establishment, tending, production, economy
Visiting of the Derula factory: wood processing, plywood production utilization, markets, trends
Accommodation, social dinner and cultural program in Szolnok

Day 4: Tue, 20 September
Travel to Budapest, Liszt Ferenc Int. Airport by bus (100 km, 90 min).
End of program.