



## Nordic Forest Research Cooperation Committee

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**Network no:**

## REPORT NETWORK ACTIVITY (meeting, conference etc.)

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1. Aktivitetens titel	Nordiska arbetsgruppen för boreala naturskogars historia - PRIFOR
2. Activity title	Nordic working group on the ecology of primeval boreal forests (PRIFOR)
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4. Duration	The activity started 1/Jan 2010 and ended 31/Dec 2010 However, the network was initiated from Jan 2007 and continues during 2011
5. Cost	SNS-grant: <b>167 042 SEK</b> Total activity cost (estimate): <b>&gt;1 000 000 SEK</b> Major cost has been the conference Prifor2010

<p>6. Description of activity (incl. objectives, results, conclusions)</p>	<p>During 2010 one larger conference has been arranged and a field excursion held</p> <p><i>Prifor 2010 - Northern primeval forests: ecology, conservation and management</i></p> <p>The conference aimed to provide an opportunity for researchers working within Northern primeval forests to meet and share their results among each other and also to make this research available to a wider group of persons working with applied conservation. A total of 210 persons participated in the conference representing 21 different countries. More than 100 oral presentations and 40 posters were given.</p> <p>The conference filled an important function to bring together researchers and persons with more applied tasks and within these groups share the latest and ongoing research. Both quantitatively and qualitatively the conferences was successful and it clearly filled an important need. Although difficult to evaluate the long term value of a single meeting, science and research needs to be communicated and together with scientific publications, conferences play a central role. The Prifor 2010 was also successful in attracting person from the applied sector and therefore able to disseminate the latest scientific findings to an important group of persons within applied conservation</p> <p>The journal <i>Silva Fennica</i> will publish a special issue completely focusing on contributions from the conference. By submission deadline in October 2010, about 40 manuscripts were submitted. These are currently under review and the journal estimate that the issue will be published during the summer 2011.</p> <p><i>Field excursion</i></p> <p>Cross the border – Sundsvall to the boreal rainforests in Trøndelag, Norway</p> <p>The boreal rainforest is a special forest type confined to a small area in Trøndelag Norway. In total the area that could be defined as rainforest comprises less than 800 km<sup>2</sup> out of which only a minority remain in natural conditions. Due to the high rainfall, these forests harbor a unique biodiversity. The excursion showed some of the best examples of this forest types. In addition the excursion also brought participants cross the Scandinavian Peninsula and provided examples of mountain forests and other forest with high natural values.</p> <p>The excursion started in Sundsvall on Thursday (early morning) August 5 and with a chartered bus travelled cross Sweden (Medelpad and Jämtland regions), over to the Scandinavian mountain range and down to the Norwegian coast. During Friday and Saturday excursions to valuable and interesting sites in the Namsdalen area were held. On Sunday the excursion bus will took participants back to Sundsvall for the Prifor 2010 conference. Shorter excursions was made during the travel days.</p>
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<p>7. Evt. publication/ communication</p>	<p>Finally the supplement issue of Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research devoted to the “Classics workshop in December 2008 was published in late 2010  A special issue of Silva Fennica based on contributions for the Prifor 2010 conference is being processed.  Webpage updated regularly (<a href="http://www.miun.se/nat/prifor">www.miun.se/nat/prifor</a>)  Webpage of the 2010 conference (<a href="http://www.prifor2010.org">www.prifor2010.org</a>)</p>
<p>8. Activity summary (about 1/3 page) for possible use in the News &amp; Views section of Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research</p>	<p>The Nordic working group on the ecology of primeval boreal forests (PRIFOR) is by the end of its fourth year a very active network. Starting from a relatively small group, the network now comprises more than 60 persons from 13 countries representing around 20 research groups. During its fourth year, two major activities have been preformed. A larger scientific conference (Prifor 2010) was arranged in Sundsvall, Sweden. The conference attracted more than 200 participants from 21 countries. It provided an opportunity for dissemination and interaction on current research frontiers and was overall very well received and should be seen as a major success, making “Prifor” a brand name of North European forest ecology.</p> <p>In association with the conference a four day excursion to the boreal rainforests of Trøndelag was arranged, exemplifying the unique characters of these forests and highlighting the large conservation value.</p>
<p>9. Date and signature</p>	<p>Date: Sundsvall, February 28, 2011</p> <p>Signature of project leader/coordinator:</p>