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## ANNUAL STATUS REPORT for CARE-FOR-US

### YEAR: 2011

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1. CAR titel	Nordic-Baltic Centre of Advanced Research on Forestry Serving Urbanised Societies II – CARE-FOR-US II
2. CAR coordinator (name, address, telephone, e-mail)	Prof. Dr. Cecil C. Konijnendijk Forest & Landscape, University of Copenhagen Rolighedsvej 23, 1958 Frederiksberg, Denmark E-mail: <a href="mailto:cck@life.ku.dk">cck@life.ku.dk</a> ; Tel.: +45 29176092
3. Duration	1 January 2011 – 31 December 2015
4. CAR status	So far CARE-FOR-US has progressed according to plans. The work in four thematic groups was started, e.g. by developing workplans and by initiating a series of activities under these. These activities include ‘state of art’ assessments on specific topics, such as municipal woodland resources, urban tree resources, and forest and health research. One aspect that requires further development is the setting up of a network of partner municipalities. However, although this network has not yet been formalised, regular contact has been established with a series of municipalities in the different countries (e.g. Holstebro in Denmark, Malmö in Sweden, Helsinki in Finland).

## 5. Activities during the reporting year

### **Work in the thematic groups**

Project meetings in Copenhagen and Stavanger were used to develop workplans under the CAR's themes of Governance; Recreation and Tourism; Nature and Health; and Quality Woodland Management. Several activities were started (see examples below). Also, possible additional experts were identified. Some specific activities undertaken under the respective themes were:

- Governance: preparation of application for PhD course (see below).
- Recreation and tourism: start of compilation of state of art on relevant Nordic and Baltic Research.
- Nature and health: start of review article on research in the region.
- Quality woodland management: survey carried out of urban tree populations in ten Nordic cities (article submitted); survey of municipal woodland resources and management in Denmark undertaken and draft article prepared; funding secured for study on field layer preferences among forest visitors in DK, NOR, SWE.

### **Hosting of PhD courses**

CARe-FOR-US II co-organised two PhD-courses during 2011. The first, on Urban Dendrology (<http://www2.nova-university.org/chome/cpage.php?cnr=48-100412-371>), was co-funded by NOVA and attracted about 15 PhD-students. The course was held at SLU Alnarp from January 24<sup>th</sup> until February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Part of the course was an open seminar on urban dendrology attended by close to 100 experts and students. Speakers at this seminar were, among other, prof. Nina Bassuk from the US, as well as several Nordic experts. The second PhD course was a three-day PhD-course at the University of Copenhagen (during December 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>). The course, attended by 13 students from Denmark, Estonia, Sweden and the US, focused on how science can best be integrated into the practice of landscape architecture. Professor Roger Ulrich provided interesting cases from the field of health design and students were asked on the communication aspects of their own research. Course leaders were Cecil Konijnendijk and Ulrika Stigsdotter. Moreover, NOVA funding was secured for a PhD-course on 'Governance in Urban Forestry & Urban Greening to be held in Denmark at the end of April 2012.

### **Project meetings**

Two project meetings were held during 2011: A start-up meeting in Copenhagen during March 24-25, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting in Stavanger during August 24-25. The first, attended by about 20 experts from the 7 participating countries, included an excursion to the Vestamager and Amager Strandpark areas. Read more about the meeting [here](#) (pdf). The latter was hosted by the Bioforsk team under the leadership of Dr Arne Sæbø. Apart from e.g. the development of workplans for the four thematic areas of the CAR, participants engaged in an interesting excursion. Among the visited sites was that of a future Landscape Laboratory. Read more in the [Minutes](#) from the meeting.

### **Other**

Other activities included the co-hosting of an EU workshop on urban and peri-urban forestry on January 28<sup>th</sup> in Brussels and involvement in preparing background documents on e.g. urban forest resources and governance. CAR members also played a leading role in the 14<sup>th</sup> European Forum on Urban Forestry in Glasgow.

6. Results achieved during the reporting year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workplans developed for the four thematic areas within the CAR.</li> <li>• Two draft articles prepared, based on surveys of urban tree resources and municipal woodlands and their management.</li> <li>• Funding secured for Nordic study on field layer preferences.</li> <li>• Two PhD courses held, with about 30 students enrolled.</li> <li>• NOVA funding secured for a third PhD course.</li> <li>• Two project meetings held.</li> <li>• Contributions to two briefing papers for EU workshop on sharing experiences in urban and peri-urban forestry as well as planning and moderation of the meeting.</li> </ul>								
7. Selected publishing and communication during the reporting year	<p><b>Konijnendijk, C.C.</b>, Lacan, I., McBride, J., <b>Sjöman, H.</b>, <b>Nielsen, A.B.</b>, Escobedo, F., Chen, B., Nakama, Y., Kurima, G., Ricard, R.M., 2011. Editorial. Ten years of Urban Forestry &amp; Urban Greening – The stories behind the articles. <i>Urban Forestry &amp; Urban Greening</i> 10(4): 257-259.</p> <p>Lawrence, A., Johnston, M., <b>Konijnendijk, C.C.</b>, De Vreese, R. 2011. The governance of (peri-)urban forestry in Europe. Briefing paper submitted to the European Commission, DG Environment for a workshop on urban and peri-urban forestry. Available from <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/fore/events/28-01-2011/lawrence_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/fore/events/28-01-2011/lawrence_en.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Sangster, M., <b>Nielsen, A.B.</b>, Stewart, A., 2011. The physical (peri-)urban forestry resource in Europe. Briefing paper submitted to the European Commission, DG Environment for a workshop on urban and peri-urban forestry. Available from <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/fore/events/28-01-2011/sangster_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/fore/events/28-01-2011/sangster_en.pdf</a></p> <p>The project also developed and launched its new website at <a href="http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/care-for-us2/">http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/care-for-us2/</a></p>								
10. Short economic report (overview) of the reporting year	<p>SNS part:</p> <p>Funding received: 400,000.00 DKK</p> <p>Funding spent (see below): 285,315.99 DKK</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 1451 1394 1597"> <tr> <td>Salaries and partner contributions</td> <td>88,202,36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travels, accommodation</td> <td>145,152.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Materials, meetings, services</td> <td>45,524.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other costs</td> <td>6,436.58</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transferred to 2012: 114,684 DKK</p>	Salaries and partner contributions	88,202,36	Travels, accommodation	145,152.98	Materials, meetings, services	45,524.07	Other costs	6,436.58
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