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Nordic Forest Research
Co-operation Committee (SNS)

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ANNUAL STATUS REPORT for CARE-FOR-US

YEAR: 2012

1. CAR titel	Nordic-Baltic Centre of Advanced Research on Forestry Serving Urbanised Societies II – CARE-FOR-US II
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3. Duration	1 January 2011 – 31 December 2015
4. CAR status	Does the CAR develop according to the plans? Please describe: So far CARE-FOR-US II has progressed according to plans. The work plan is continuously adapted according to emerging needs and opportunities – such as the closer collaboration with EFINORD – but the overall aims and frame for the network have remained the same. Moreover, as described below, the CAR partnership has expanded during 2012, with the inclusion of Lithuania.

5. Activities during the reporting year

Expansion of the network

Lithuania became an active member of the CAR during 2013, with Remigijus Zalkauskas (Lithuanian University of Agriculture) taking part in the Recreation and tourism working group. Moreover, Grete Patil from UMB, Norway joined the Nature and Health working group. Through joint activities with EFINORD (see below), the wider CAR network was expanded further.

Work in the thematic groups

Project meetings in Alnarp and Helsinki were used to develop activities under the CAR's themes of Governance; Recreation and Tourism; Nature and Health; and Quality Woodland Management. Several activities were undertaken (see one example for each group listed below) and additional Nordic and Baltic experts were involved.

- Governance: hosting a PhD course (see below).
- Recreation & tourism: assessment of urban forestry in Baltic countries under transition.
- Nature and health: continuing work on review article on research in the region.
- Quality woodland management: ongoing work on field layer preferences among forest visitors in DK, NOR, SWE.

PhD course

The premises of the Danish Forestry College in Nødebo provided the setting for a NOVA and CARE-FOR-US II supported PhD course on issues of governance in green space management. Twelve PhD-students from Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Italy, Malaysia, Norway, Sweden, the USA participated in the course. Among the course teachers were professor Bas Art from Wageningen University, Dr Daniela Kleinschmit of SLU in Uppsala, and Kine Thorén from UMB in Oslo. Course organiser was Professor Cecil Konijnendijk, who also heads the CAR.

Research scoping workshop with EFINORD

The North European Regional Office (EFINORD) and CARE-FOR-US explored possibilities for future cooperation during foresight workshop "Ecosystem services provided by forests serving urban societies in Northern Europe". The workshop took place in the premises of the Swedish University of Agriculture Sciences (SLU) in Alnarp, Sweden on 14-15 May, 2012 and a joined work plan for the next five years took a shape in an enthusiastic atmosphere. Concrete joint actions were drafted under four tentative titles: 1) Social and demographic trends and drivers for urban forestry in the Nordic-Baltic regional population; 2) Urban green infrastructure resources; 3) Role of health benefits and their economic value; 4) Integrated governance of forests serving urbanised societies.

Project meetings

Two project meetings were organized in 2012. The first one was held at SLU Alnarp during May, in conjunction with the research scoping workshop mentioned above. The second meeting was held in Helsinki/Vantaa during December. In Alnarp, an excursion of the city's community gardening activities was part of the programme, while focus in Helsinki was on green infrastructure planning.

Planning of international conference

Work started to plan the CAR's international conference on 'Urban Forestry under Transition', to be held in Tartu, Estonia during 9-11 October 2013. Local host would be the Estonian University of Life Sciences.

5. Activities during the reporting year (contd.)	<p>Other CAR partners contributed actively to a new EU FP7 proposal on green infrastructure, as well as to getting approved a new COST Action on the same topic. Three CAR researchers also prepared a systematic review on urban park benefits for the International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration (Ifpra).</p>								
6. Results achieved during the reporting year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two project meetings held. • Joint research scoping workshop held and work plan developed with EFINORD. • One PhD courses held, enrolling 12 students • Several articles published in peer-reviewed journals. 								
7. Publishing and communication during the reporting year International scientific peer reviewed journals, other scientific publications, short communications, web etc.)	<p>Annerstedt, M., Nielsen, A.B., Maruthaveeran, S., Konijnendijk, C.C., 2012. Benefits of urban parks – A systematic review of the evidence. <i>Ifpra World</i> 2012 (June): 10-11.</p> <p>Konijnendijk, C.C., Annerstedt, M., Maruthaveeran, S., Nielsen, A.B., 2013. Benefits of urban parks – systematic review of the evidence. Report for Ifpra.</p> <p>Nielsen, A.B., Konijnendijk, C.C., Wiström, B., Jensen, R.B., 2013. Municipal woodland in Denmark: resources, governance and management. <i>Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research</i> 28(1): 49-63.</p> <p>Nilsson, K., Konijnendijk, C.C. Rodbell, P., 2012. Urban Forestry. In: Sievert, B. (Eds.), <i>The Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability – Ecosystem Management and Sustainability.</i> Berkshire Publishing, pp. 395-397.</p> <p>Sjöman, H., Östberg, J., Bühler, O., 2012. Diversity of the urban tree population in ten major Nordic cities. <i>Urban Forestry & Urban Greening</i> 11 (1): 31-39.</p> <p>Moreover, regular updated were made to the website: http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/care-for-us2/</p>								
10. Short economic report (overview) of the reporting year	<p>SNS part:</p> <p>Funding received: 514,684 DKK (including 114,684 DKK transferred from 2011)</p> <p>Funding spent (see below): 514,684 DKK</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="456 1554 1350 1706"> <tr> <td>Salaries and partner contributions</td> <td>314,684</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travels, accommodation</td> <td>190,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Materials, meetings, services</td> <td>10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other costs</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	Salaries and partner contributions	314,684	Travels, accommodation	190,000	Materials, meetings, services	10,000	Other costs	0
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11. Date and signature	<p>Date: 28/02/2013</p> <p>Signature of CAR coordinator:</p> 								