

Between 13 and 15 of April, there was a conference in Łagów (Poland) which concerned the decision making support systems in the National Forests. The conference was organized in cooperation with the General Directory of National Forests, under the patronage of the Forest Sciences Committee of Polish Science Academy.

The conference lasted for three days and over 90 people participated in it, including guests from Canada, Finland, Sweden, Austria, Slovakia and the Netherlands. It was divided into the presentation part (the first day) and the training course (next two days) when participants could learn about decision making support systems in different countries. The interest in the presented topic was simultaneous with the project realized by the National Forests which concerned long-term financial and economical planning.

The guests were greeted by the local host, the Regional National Forests Director in Zielona Góra, Mr. Leszek Banach. The introducing presentation was mouthed by Dr. Krzysztof Janeczko, the assistant of Mr. Adam Wasiak, the General Director of National Forests. The presentation was about the situation of decision making support system in the National Forests. There were 12 presentations mouthed, half of them by foreign guests, representing science institutions and forest practitioners. The first day of the conference was finalised by a solemn diner on the St. John's Order castle which included the degustation of some local specialities.

The next two days, the participants were divided into two groups and worked intensively on sharing their experiences. The participants highly appreciated the ability to confront their ideas and visions of supporting the decision making systems in Poland in the context of foreign achievements in this subject.



Fig. 1. Mr. Leszek Banach (the Regional Director of the National Forests in Zielona Góra).

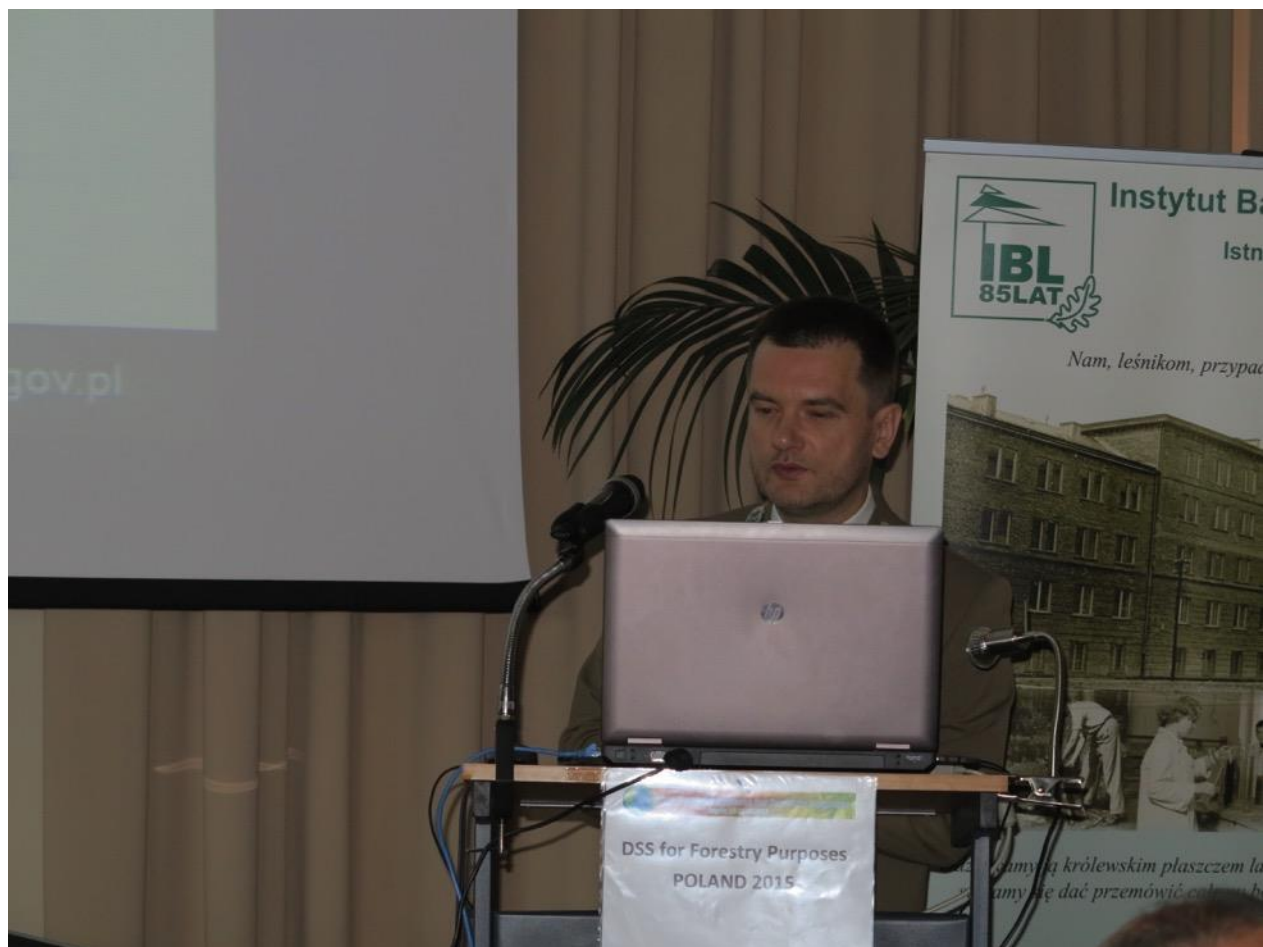


Fig. 2. Dr. Krzysztof Janeczko (the General National Forests Director's assistant).



Fig. 3. Dr. Harald Vacik (Austria).



Fig. 4. (from the left) Dr. Jussi Rasinmäki (Finland), Dr. Janusz Czerepko (the Forest Research Institute Director) and Mr. Leszek Banach (the Regional Director of the National Forests in Zielona Góra).



Fig. 5. Dr. Tomas Lämås (Sweden).



Fig. 6. Mr. Andrew B. Martin (Canada).



Fig. 7. Dr. Marek Fabrika (Slovakia)



Fig. 8. Mr. Hubert Kowalczyk (the chief of the Analysis and Planning Department in the Regional Directory of the National Forests in szczecin) and Dr. Janusz Czerepko (the Forest Research Institute Director) leading the session.



Fig. 9. Practical activities in one of the computer rooms.



Fig. 10. Practical activities in one of the computer rooms.