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International Paper holds a workshop as part of the XVIII St. Petersburg International Forestry Forum

Saint Petersburg, 4 September 2016 – On September 26 International Paper carried out a practical workshop under the title “New forestry regulations as a basis for efficient forest management”. The event took place in Lisinsky forestry complex and was organized by Saint Petersburg Forestry Research Institute, International Paper and Forest Industry Union of the Leningrad Region as part of the XVIII St. Petersburg International Forestry Forum.

The workshop was dedicated to the prerequisites for transition to the sustainable forestry model (SFM) and included a demonstration of pilot areas that will be used for developing new forestry regulations and for analyzing the results of such regulations. The event was attended by more than 40 people, among them representatives of the government (Federal Forestry Agency, Roslesinforg, Natural Resources Committee in the Leningrad Region), business (Ilim Group, Segezha Group, Mondi, Metsya Forest Podporozhe), NGOs (WWF Russia, FSC, Greenpeace), science and other stakeholders.

On September 27, a conference titled “Implementation of sustainable forestry and reforestation model” was held as part of the XVIII St. Petersburg International Forestry Forum, where the participants continued discussing the conditions for the transition to SFM. The conference discussed the requirements for new legislation as well as the needed changes to the education system for professionals working in the industry.

Pavel Nemchinov, Deputy Chairman and Head of Forestry Department at the Committee for Natural Resources of the Leningrad Region, said:
“It is crucial that the master class brought together all the responsible stakeholders, since forest is not only our country’s wealth, but also our joint responsibility. We will continue our dialog with representatives of business, academic world and general public.”

Boris Romanyuk from Saint Petersburg Forestry Research Institute said:
“It is crucial for us to bring together the key industry stakeholders – representatives of business, state and NGOs, for an efficient transition to SFM is only possible if there is a constructive dialog between and efforts from all the stakeholders.”
Fedor Grabar, Forest Department Director at International Paper in Russia, said: “This workshop was helpful in that it demonstrated key economic, environmental and legal aspects of SFM in practice. Together with other events of the Forum this workshop was yet another step towards implementation of SFM in the Leningrad Region.”

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