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Seminar for presentation of results from the pilot project in Småland_SE

The Linnaeus University and Energikontor Sydost organized a seminar on the 20th November in Växjö, Småland. It has been held once a year since 1999 and is traditionally called "The bioenergy day of Växjö".

One purpose of this year's meeting was to promote the SIMWOOD-project and another to report of the results from the regional pilot project.

The meeting was attended by 75 people, covering various parts of the value chain for bioenergy, e.g., forest owners, practitioners in the forests, forest fuel sellers and purchasers, district heating companies, officials and regional decision makers.



Professor Thomas Thörnqvist gave a lecture about the results from the pilot project concerning techniques for increased and more efficient extraction of forest residues from clear cutting areas.

PhD-students gave presentations about other close related subjects, e.g., factors of the fuel which affect the combustion process.



The event also included a panel discussion, with participants from various parts of the bioenergy chain, and led by the Linnaeus University.

The bioenergy day of Växjö was appreciated by the different categories attending the meeting. It has contributed to strengthening the cooperation between the University, related companies and the official actors in the region – a good example of Triple Helix cooperation in an important context.

The event was financed by the SIMWOOD project and provided important input for the ongoing work in the project, which will from now on focus on disseminating the results of the focus studies and pilot project.



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Workshop on forest operations

FCBA hosted a one day workshop on forest operations in mountain and steep terrain areas on November 19 in Grenoble.

More than 90 local and national stakeholders participated and contributed to the success of the meeting.

Morning presentations on logging technics, mountain-specific logistics and collaborative innovation contributed to disseminating state of the art knowledge to forest practitioners.