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**JOINT FAO/ECE/ILO COMMITTEE ON FOREST TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND
TRAINING, 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

(Item 8 of the provisional agenda)

Note by the secretariat

In 2004 the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment. The present document provides information on the events which will be organised during the joint session to mark the anniversary.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Steering Committee of the Joint Committee at its sixteenth session in October 2003 agreed to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment in 2004 by its parent bodies the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission.
 2. The celebrations will take place on the occasion of the twenty-fifth session of the Joint Committee in the Netherlands in September by holding a special topic on the achievements of the Joint Committee since its establishment and the presentation of a publication on the same topic.
 3. At the joint session of the TC and the EFC in October in Geneva certificates will be awarded to past Chairmen, Steering Committee members and long-time delegates in recognition of their contribution to the Committee's work as well as the presentation of the publication on the achievements of the Joint Committee during fifty years.
 4. At the invitation of the Swiss Authorities a study visit will be organised for joint session delegates on Saturday 9 October and a short presentation on the Joint Committee activities will be made on that occasion. The programme is reproduced in the annex.
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ANNEX

STUDY VISIT

The Tower of Sauvabelin, Lausanne

9 October 2004

At the kind invitation of the Swiss Government a half-day excursion will take place on Saturday morning 9 October following the joint session of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission (4-8 October 2004). Set out below is the preliminary programme. As participation is limited to 50 persons, please indicate in the form in annex II if you wish to take part.

The Tower of Sauvabelin (Lausanne): aesthetics and high-tech in wood construction in the context of urban forestry

The tower was opened to the public in December 2003 and was designed by Prof. Julius Natterer (EPF-Lausanne). This high-tech and very aesthetic wood construction is perched on the heights of the city, the 151 steps of the tower lead out on to a platform situated more than 30 metres above ground-level, from which one enjoys a splendid view of the City of Lausanne, the Lake of Geneva, the Jura Mountains and the Alps. This new feature of the city of Lausanne is constructed entirely from wood from the city's forests, which are also intensively used for recreation.



Total height:	35 metres
Level of the platform:	30 metres
Diameter of the base:	12 metres
Construction:	wood from the forests of Lausanne (Douglas fir)
Weight:	approximately 80 tons
Numbers of steps:	150 half-walks for the way up 150 half-walks for the way down
Cost:	approximately CHF 1' 190' 000.-
Architect:	Prof. Julius Natterer Bois Consult Natterer SA - Etoy

More information:

www.lausanne.ch/view.asp?DocID=2615&Language=F&DomID=63055

On the way back to Geneva, a farewell aperitif would be organized in Mont-sur-Rolle (La Côte), where participants will have the chance to visit a wine cellar and to taste the famous wines of the City of Lausanne.

Note:

Clothing

The visit of the Tower of Sauvabelin does not require special walking equipments. However, if weather conditions require, warm and waterproof clothes are strongly recommended.

Provisional programme (to be confirmed)

Schedule	Programme
08.45 hours	Meeting time for the participants Meeting place: Place des Nations
09.00 hours	Departure from Geneva to Lausanne, Bois de Sauvabelin
10.00 hours	Presentation of the Tower of Sauvabelin (technical and architectural aspects)
11.00 hours	Visit of the Tower of Sauvabelin
11.30 hours	Departure from Lausanne to Mont-sur-Rolle
12.00 hours	Visit of the vineyards and the wine cellar of the Abbey of Mont-sur-Rolle (City of Lausanne)
12.30 hours	Farewell aperitif with light meal
13.00 hours	Fiftieth anniversary of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training (H. Höfle and/or W. Schaerer)
13.30 hours	Departure from Mont-sur-Rolle to Geneva
14.00 hours	Arrival in Geneva (Place des Nations)