

Book reviews

Konijnendijk C. C. 1997. Urban forestry: overview and analysis of European forest policies. Part 1: conceptual framework and European urban forestry history. EFI Working Paper 12. Joensuu, 130 pp.

Konijnendijk C. C. 1999. Urban forestry: comparative analysis of policies and concepts in Europe. Contemporary urban forestry policy-making in selected cities and countries of Europe (Urban forestry: overview and analysis of European forest policies – Part 2). EFI Working Paper 20. European Forest Institute, 266 pp.

These two outstanding monographs are dedicated to the urban forestry and the forest policy. The books have special meaning for the Baltic States because both of them include also data about Tallinn, thanks to the investigations on the urban vegetation and urban forestry carried out in Tallinn Botanic Garden during several years. At the present time these investigations go to mainly in the Forest Research Institute of the Estonian Agricultural University.

The first monograph by C.C. Konijnendik published in 1997 gives a conceptual framework and a historical description of the urban forestry and is finished with a general conclusion and discussion. The historical description is based on the data of 30 cities from 16 countries and gives quite a good overview of the development of the forestry of European cities from the Middle Ages until now.

The second monograph published in 1999 is dedicated to the urban forest policy. The problems of urban forestry of 15 cities of 10 countries (Denmark, Finland, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Poland, Czech Republik, Russia, Italy and Estonia) are analysed. The theoretical framework, methodology, case studies of urban forestry in Europe (character, structure, owner-

ship, structure a.s.w. of cities), comparison and analysis of urban forests are dealt with. The policy-making conflicts connected with the urban forests are discussed separately

These books are outstanding investigations in the development in the urban forestry of Europe and will remain on the working desks of the researches for many decades. The young author of the books C.C. Konijnendijk graduated in forestry, with specialization in forest policy and forestry in urban areas in 1995 (Wageningen, Netherlands). 3.5 years he is working at the European Forest Research Institute. He is Ph.D. student at the University of Joensuu and works as a researcher at the Danish Forest and Landscape Research Institute, carrying out various urban forestry studies.

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The book published at the end of the last year reviews the presentations given at a workshop at the beginning of December 1997 in Tallinn. A total of 22 authors of the papers come from all Nordic and Baltic

States, from 8 countries altogether. The book includes 16 papers, 5 of them come from Estonian authors. The papers deal with the ecology and management of the urban forests, woody vegetation of urban cemeteries, the dendrological assessment of forest health. Reviews of investigations on urban forestry in several countries are also presented. At the end of the book the description of the study tour in Tallinn and also the program of the workshop are given.

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