



## **The Finnish Forest History Society**

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**The Finnish Forest History Society aims at promoting interest in and research into forest history and tradition. It also supports the documentation and preservation of forest heritage, and tries to increase public awareness in this field. The society wishes to encourage communication between people interested in forest history and provide a forum for forestry professionals, researchers in various fields and other persons involved in forest history.**

The society arranges study tours and seminars and carries out research projects, often in cooperation with other institutions. The members of the society provide expert assistance for various forest history publications and events. The Society co-operates closely with Lusto - the Finnish Forest Museum.

During 1999-2002 the society carried out a comprehensive history project "Forestry professionals in the changing society". In the project more than one thousand forest professionals were interviewed. In 2006 a book in English "Essays on the history of Finnish forestry" about the long term development of the Finnish forestry was published in cooperation with Lusto. There is in progress a project on an illustrated book about the history of the forest utilisation. The society also takes part in some other forest history projects.

The Finnish Forest History Society arranges annually a couple of study tours, e.g. in 2009 a study tour in Western Estonia and another tour in Eastern Finland were arranged. In 2010 the study tours will be in Austria and Hungary and another tour in Southern Finland. The Society organises seminars and special lectures on topics related to forest history.

The Finnish Forest History Society cooperates with Finnish and foreign history and heritage societies as well as with other organisations interested in forest history. The society is an active member of the affiliation of the Nordic forest history societies and forest museums. The Nordic Forest History Conference was organised August 25-28th in Helgeland, Norway. The next comparable conference will be organized in 2010 in Sweden.

Chairman of the Society: Mr. Juhani Huittinen and Secretary: Mrs. Leena Paaskoski, curator. The society has 326 ordinary members and 10 supporting members.