

ALECIF- IFSA Cooperation Plan

Introduction

Latin-American's Forestry students Association (ALECIF) is a non-political, non-religious and non-profit organization that gathers Forestry Students from Latin American contributing with their education. The association promotes the cooperation between students from different countries, enhancing the knowledge and comprehension in the forestry sector of America Latina.

International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA) is a non political, non religious and not-for profit organization that exists to connect students studying forests and related sciences from all around the world for knowledge exchange. IFSA actively works to enhance formal and informal forestry education by participating in International Processes, partnering with like-minded organizations in order to develop professional forestry leaders and decision makers for the future of forests and the world.

Since 2002, ALECIF and IFSA have had conversations about ways to collaborate with each other, culminating in this "Co-operation Plan" in 2015. With this collaboration, IFSA aims to increase opportunities for student networking within the Latin America region, and ALECIF aims to participate more actively in global decision making processes and in international events.

This "Cooperation plan" outlines planned activities for 2015-2016. After a board is voted in for both organizations in 2016, this cooperation plan can be reviewed and renewed if both ALECIF and IFSA agrees.

IFSA and ALECIF will strive to:

1. Create awareness of each other through respective communication channels, especially about participation opportunities at principal events (such as IFSS, LARM & CLECF):
 - a. The partner organization will be presented at principal events (its mission, vision and events)
 1. During IFSS, ALECIF will be included in Latin America Regional Representative exposition;
 - b. Try to carry out the ALECIF-CLECF event before the IFSA Latin America Regional Meeting, to encourage participation at IFSA LARM.
2. Communicate regularly by having monthly meetings between focal points, where:

a. Both parties will try to comment (where appropriate) on important themes (events, congresses, and other opportunities) relevant to the region in the given moment;

3. A Regional newsletter will be published and disseminated within the members of both organizations every 6 months (tentatively):

- i. It will be Bilingual – Spanish and English versions will be available
- ii. The structure could include:
 1. Articles (about relevant issues of the region)
 2. Research projects
 3. Narrative section (tentative)

ABBREVIATIONS:

ALECIF: Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudiantes de Ciencias Forestales (Latin American Forestry Students Organization)

CLECF : Congreso Latinoamericano de Estudiantes de Ciencias Forestales (Latin American Congress of Forestry Students)

IFSA : International Forestry Students Association

IFSS : International Forestry Students Symposium

FOCAL POINTS:

Latin American Regional Representative 2014-2016: Irma Verastegui

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