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MEETING

PRESENTATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SILVICULTURE

Piazzola sul Brenta (PD), 17 September 2009

The «Third National Congress of Silviculture for the Improvement and Conservation of Italian Forests» was held in Taormina (Sicily, Italy), from 16 to 19 October 2008; the meeting in Piazzola sul Brenta took place one year after, on September 17, 2009.

The meeting was organized for two reasons. First, as the National Congress' presentations were condensed in parallel sessions due to short time, to provide participants and those who could not take part in it with an overview of its topics and results. The second reason is related to the meeting venue, chosen to give continuity to the Second National Congress that took place in Venice in 1998.

During the meeting, the chairs introduced conceptual frameworks and presented the main emerging issues and conclusions for each of the eight sessions.

The Third National Congress of Silviculture suggested new theories in the field of silviculture concerning biodiversity, genetic resources, protected areas and fauna, forest fires and grazing, soil conservation, water resources, desertification, climate change, Kyoto protocol, air and water purification, atmospheric carbon fixation, forest protection, forest production, certification,

wood chain, protection of the territory's landscape identity, social and cultural aspects of forests and forest policies. To sum up, the Congress emphasized the need to spread the so called "forest culture". Outputs represent important recommendations for politicians at local, regional, national and international level.

A special thank is given to the Veneto Region for their sensibility in organizing the meeting, whose results are here presented.

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