



PEFC - Promoting Sustainable Forest Management

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## Panel of Experts

### **FORESTRY**

#### **Hugh Miller**

Hugh Graham Miller OBE is an Emeritus Professor of Forestry, University of Aberdeen and a Chartered Forester. He holds B.Sc. (Forestry), Ph.D., D.Sc. from the University of Aberdeen. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Foresters and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He received the Gold Medal of the International Union of Forest Research Organisations and the Institute Medal of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. He was the Head of Department as a Professor of Forestry of the University of Aberdeen. He served as the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Forest Education of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation.



He was on several committees of the Forestry Commission, among them the Regional Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Forest Research as the chair; and the Environment Committee and the Grampian Forestry Forum as a member. He also was a member of the Scottish Forestry Trust; the Forest Industry Development Committee; and the Forest Research Coordinating Committee, and continues to be a member on the Board of PEFC UK Ltd and the Aberdeen Countryside Project.

He has evaluated research or forestry education for the Royal Society of Canada, the Finnish National Academy; the Estonian Environment Ministry; the Swedish Academy; the Forest Research Institute Malaysia; the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia; the University of Toronto; the University of Warsaw and the European Commission. He also externally examined for a number of Universities, among the University of Bangor; University College Dublin; Oxford University; Universiti Pertanian Malaysia; Melbourne University; University of Western Australia; Australian National University; Lincoln College NZ and University of Reading. He has published in about 75 scientific journals and about 20 other publications on forest education.

### **CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION PROCESSES**

#### **Stefan Czamutzian**

Stefan Czamutzian is head of the certification body HolzCert Austria. He has a forestry degree from the University of Agriculture in Vienna and also studied at the University of Wales, Bangor, UK where he later worked as a project assistant on an EU Project.

He has qualifications as an internal auditor for Quality Management Systems, and has also been involved in the development and management of forest certification and chain of custody standards and systems. From 1999 to 2001 he was Secretary General of PEFC Austria.



## **NGOs (including social and environmental interests)**

### **Hans Köpp**

Hans Köpp is a Professor Emeritus for Nature Conservation, Forest Policy and Forest History at the University for Applied Sciences at Göttingen. He has degrees in forestry from the universities at Göttingen and Oxford, England, with practical work experience in Germany, the UK and North America. He served as senior district officer in the Lower Saxony State Forest Service and turned to an academic career with a PhD in forestry. He has been active for many years in IUFRO and IUCN, as Chairman of the former NW Europe Committee of the IUCN's Commission on Education.



He worked for the Council of Europe in Strasbourg during the first European Conservation Year (1970) and for the first EU Environmental Year (1987/88). He served with the Northern German Academy for Nature Conservation and became its first Director.

He was, respectively is on the Boards of the German environmental organisations, Schutzgemeinschaft Deutscher Wald (SDW), Vereinigung Deutscher Gewässerschutz (VDG) and (the former) Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Umweltfragen (AGU).

He was the editor of the international journal Nature and National Parks (EUROPARC). He represented the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) in the EU Advisory Committee for Forestry and Cork. His international experience includes missions for FAO in Iran and UNESCO in Greece. He is a member of the Boards of PEFC Germany and the PEFC Council.

## **MARKET ACCESS**

### **Andrew Venman**

Andrew Venman has spent his working life within the UK Timber Distribution industry, involved in importing, merchanting, and manufacturing. Joining Montague L Meyer as a management trainee in 1997 moving through various roles he spent many years purchasing timber products for it and its successor the UK's largest timber group Meyer International PLC.



During this time he has represented the company on several trade organisations with particular interest in Softwood grading representing the UK trade on several European Standards and other committees.

He realised as early as the late 1980's that proving the environmental credentials of timber and of differentiating products purchased from well managed forests from that of poorly managed sources was an issue of growing importance. Since the Meyer group was acquired by Saint-Gobain Building Distribution (SGBD) in 1999 Andrew has led the implementation of the groups Responsible Timber Procurement policy for the companies UK and Ireland division initially alongside his procurement responsibilities

Appointed full time Environmental Manager for Timber products in 2004, he added the introduction and development within the SGBD subsidiary Jewson Ltd. of a Chain of custody system. This is now one of its type, with a diverse multisite and multibrand estate, covering all recognised certification schemes including PEFC. This he coordinates with SGBD UK & Ireland brands who in total SGBD UK & Ireland currently hold 21 certificates including 9 for the PEFC.

Andrew represents SGBD UK and Ireland on Timber Environmental issues in many forums and groups and is an expert in the complexities of the route to market, in particular he sees that by improving Chain of Custody it will be better able to support the marketing of and trade in Timber Products from Responsibly Managed Forests.

## Hannu Valtanen

Hannu Valtanen is a senior consultant and owner of a firm providing consulting services in the timber and forest industry. He has a MS degree from the University Helsinki both in Forest Products Marketing and Forest Economics. He has been eleven years senior Vice President of the national forest industry federation and responsible for seven experts in the field of national and international forest policy, raw material logistics and wood procurement issues including wood imports from Russia and lobbying in the EU. He has also worked for non-industrial private forest owners as a forest director in the national federation of agricultural producers and forest owners. He has three years experience in Finnish Foreign Service, when he worked as forest and environmental expert in the Finnish embassy in Germany; he has also worked three years as a managing director of a R&D company with more than 35 academics in the field of wood procurement and logistics.



In the Finnish Forest Industries Federation he has familiarized himself with the problems of market access of large multinational forest industry companies when environmental forestry related issues become in focus as early as mid 1990's. Questions to manage stakeholder relations and companies' social responsibility issues have been central part of his responsibilities in the federation.

He was one of the key industry persons in the process to build up both the Finnish forest certification system as well as the international framework of national certification schemes. The latter initiative resulted in the creation of PEFC in 1999; he held the position of the first vice chairman in the Board of PEFC Council from the establishment of PEFC until autumn 2006. He also chaired the Chain of Custody Working Group which succeeded in building up the international Chain of Custody standard, which is today widely used by national forest certification schemes.