

## MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR FOREST PRIZE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear colleagues,

Forests of the Earth are our joint global heritage, which provides us with possibility to survive the path of the sustainable development of the human civilization.

In the frameworks of international forest cooperation different measures on forest protection and reforestation are under implementation. On the other hand, twelve World Forest Congresses hold till now were not able to pay enough attention to young generation and junior movement toward nature and forest protection.

The Russian Federation – the largest forest country considers involvement of the young people into forest conservation as of great importance.

In March, 3, 2004 the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation with support of the Committee on Ecology of the State Duma (Parliament) and non-governmental organization - Ecological Project Consulting Institute - is going to announce the Moscow International Junior Forest Prize from 2004.



The Moscow International Junior Forest Prize invites young people: scholars or college students under 20 (except students of universities, institutes and high schools), which are winners of national forest competition of the countries – participants.

## THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- support of young people initiatives on forest protection, management, defence and reformation on local and global levels;
- attract attention of young people to research and project development relevant to forest inventory and monitoring, sustainable forest-use, estimation of anthropogenic impacts, biodiversity conservation, use of additional forest resources on the basis of upto-date methodologies;
- involve young people in activities on public awareness in sustainable forest use with participation of the different social groups.

Working languages of the competition: English and Russian. Project should be applied in one of the working languages as written text and poster report before 1-st July 2004.

In 2004 final ceremony of the Moscow International Junior Forest Prize will held on 15-19, September during all-Russia forest days.

The winner of the Moscow International Junior Forest Prize will receive 5000 USD cash and a Big Forest Prize of wooden art.

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