



Invitation to the Society of Wood Science and Technology from the UNECE Timber Committee

to hold joint meetings in Geneva in 2010



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Goals

- Joint market discussions
- Collaboration on mutual interests
- Savings in time and costs
- Preserving each group's identity



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Ultimate goal

Successful
joint SWST
and TC
meetings in
Geneva



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What's the Timber Committee?

- UNECE sectoral committee
- Forum for cooperation and consultation
- Collection of statistics, validation, analysis, and distribution
- Within context of government and market policies
- Focus on sound and legal use of forest products and services
- Info for policy- and decision-making
- 56 member countries
- Always with partners, especially FAO, MCPFE



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Who's the Timber Section?

- 10 people
- Markets, resources, policy, outlook studies
- Collection of statistics, validation, analysis, and distribution
- Secretariat of Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission (FAO)
- Conduct their work, meetings, etc.
- Not a funding organization

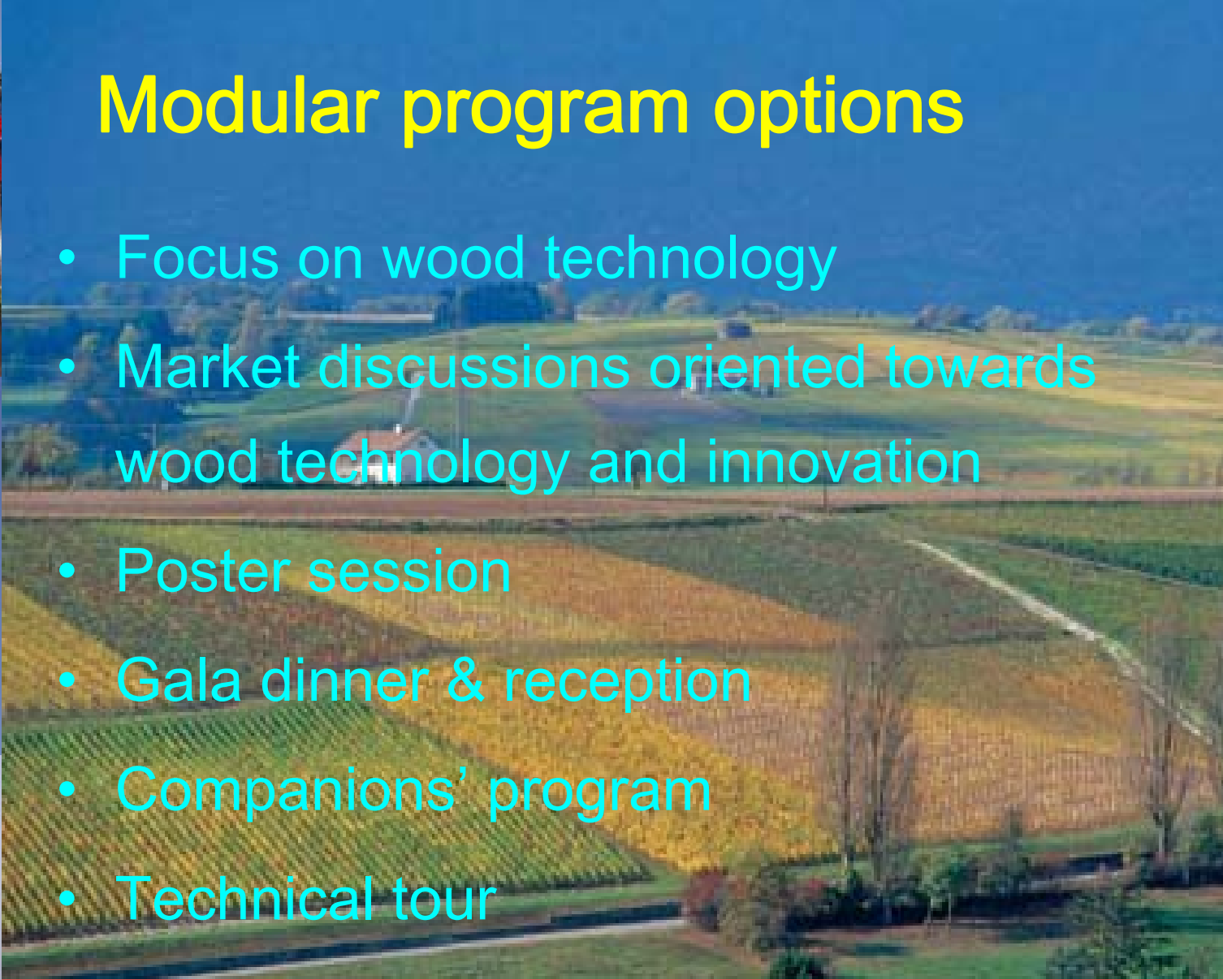


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Modular program options

- Focus on wood technology
- Market discussions oriented towards wood technology and innovation
- Poster session
- Gala dinner & reception
- Companions' program
- Technical tour



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Market sectors

- Softwood – sawnwood & logs
- Wood raw materials, including energy
- Hardwood – temperate & tropical
- Panels – particleboard, OSB, MDF
- Paper & pulp
- Certified wood products
- Value-added products



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Market / policy issues

- Energy and the forest sector
- Climate change and forest products markets
- Green building movement
- Public procurement policies
- Chinese and Russian markets
- Corporate social responsibility
- R & D



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Timber Committee 2008 composition

- Government: 23
- Trade: 40
- University & institutes: 20
- International organizations: 7
- NGOs 2
- Students 20



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Organization

- Palais des Nations
 - UNECE/FAO Timber Section
 - Conference services: interpretation, translation, rooms, logistics
 - Technical program
 - Reception
- Outside Palais
 - SWST
 - Partners & sponsors
 - Technical tour
 - Gala, companions' program



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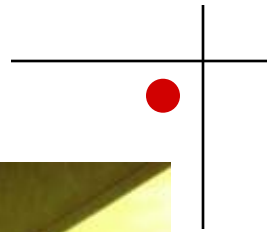
Palais des Nations: Europe's largest conference center



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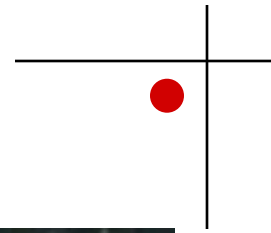
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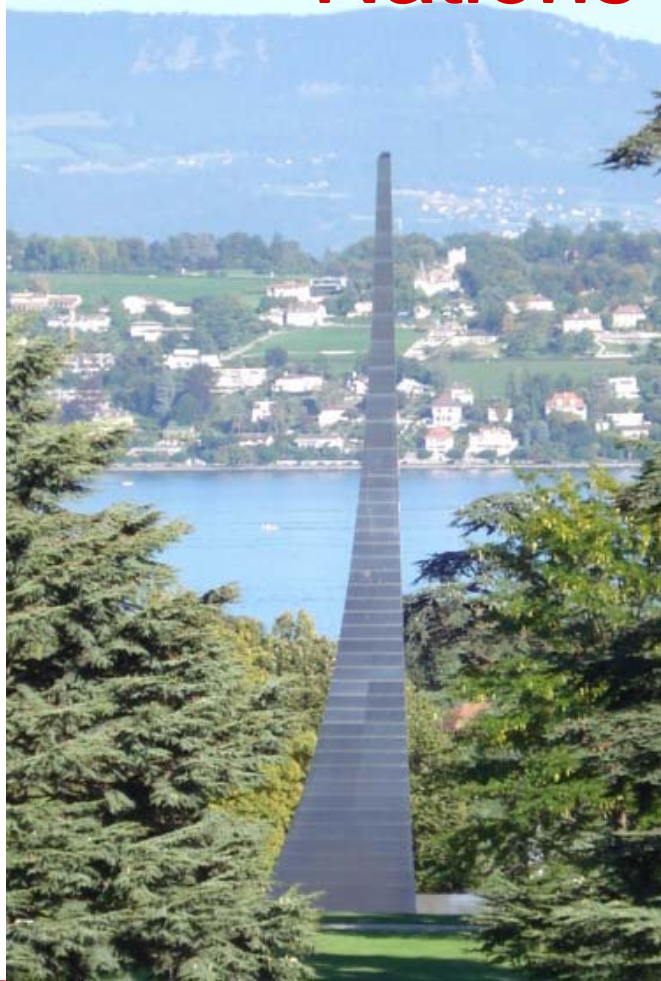
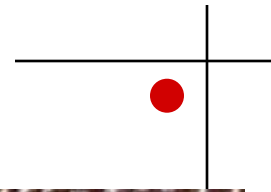
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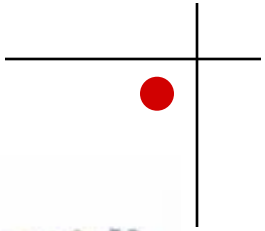
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Botanical gardens



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Geneva's history

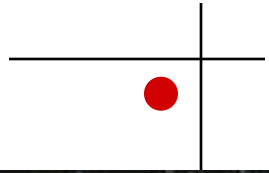
- 10,000 BC first inhabitants
- Roman city at mouth of Rhone river
- Medieval city
- Banking & watch center since 16th century
- 1917 League of Nations
- 1945 UN and Timber Committee



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Geneva: City of parks



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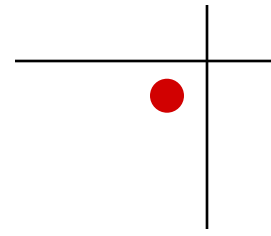
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Vin & Gastronomie.

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Un itinéraire thématique autour des plaisirs du palais en Suisse 2003/2004.



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Gastronomie et vin



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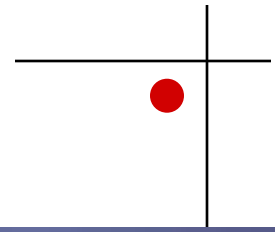
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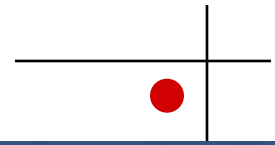
Cross road of religion



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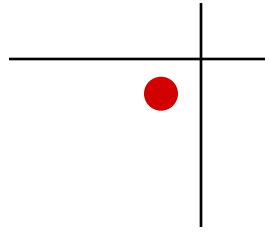


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