



**ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI**



## **FACULTY OF FORESTRY AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

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# Forestry at A.U.Th. – Historical Account

- **1917: FACULTY OF FORESTRY** (NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS)
- **1926: A.U.Th. FOUNDATION: FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY**
- **1927: FACULTY OF SCIENCES** (**FORESTRY** TRANSFERRED FROM NTUA AS ITS 1<sup>st</sup> SCHOOL)
- **1937: FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY**

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

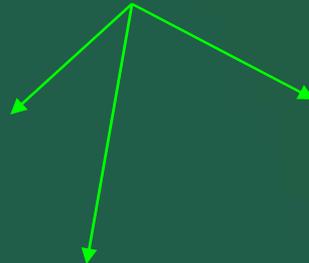


SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

- **1981: FACULTY OF FORESTRY AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

- **1983: FACUTLY OF GEOTECHNICAL SCIENCES**

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE



SCHOOL OF FORESTRY  
AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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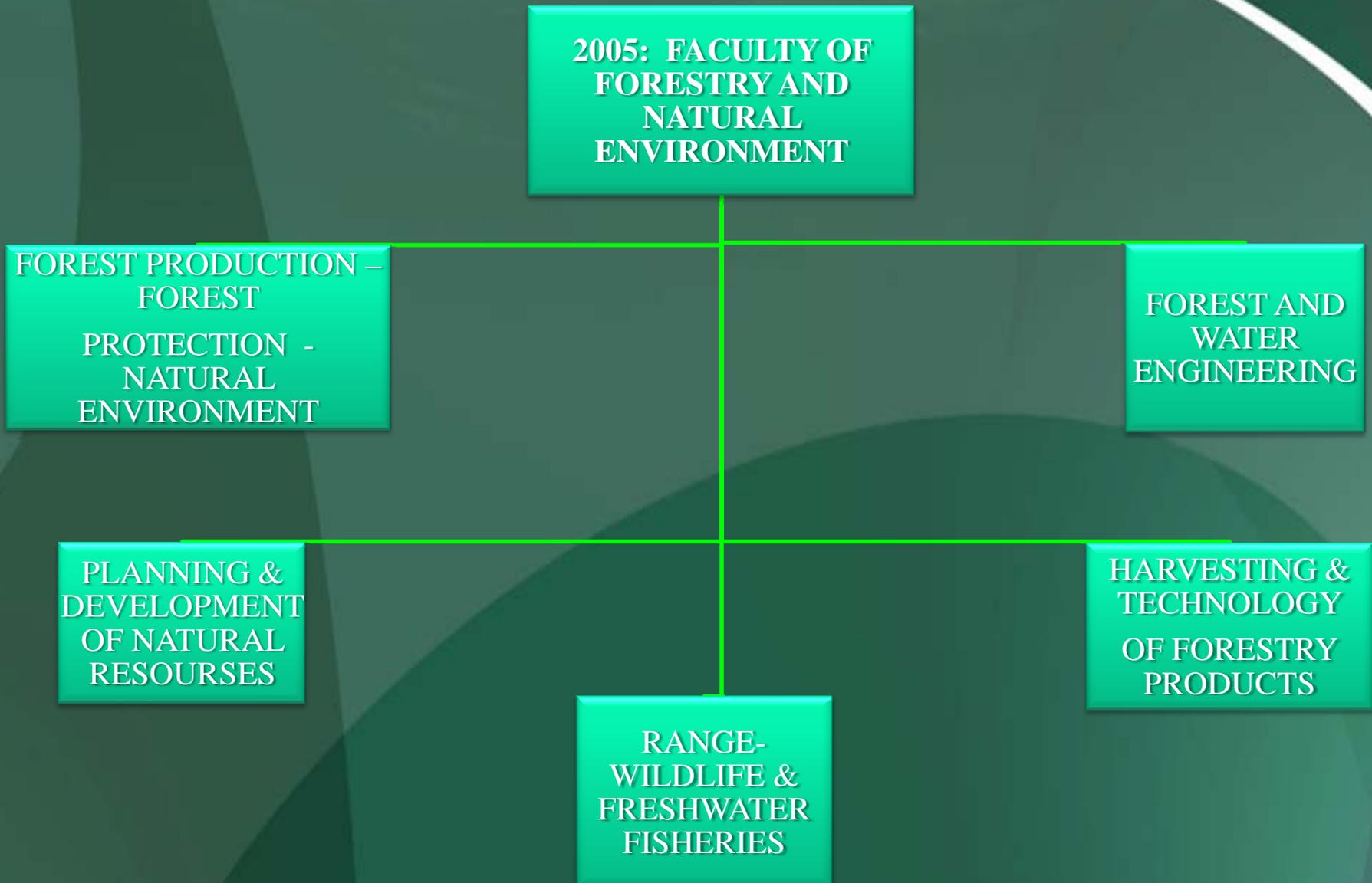
- Since 2005: independent FACULTY OF FORESTRY AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

# Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

- 10 Faculties
- 49 Schools
- 42000 full-time students
- 2300 academic staff, 2000 technical support and administrative staff
- 10882 research projects completed in the past 15 years
- 1031 research projects in progress (429 funded by the EU)
- 1700 research partners (Universities, Research Institutes, Private Companies) have collaborated with 1340 A.U.Th. staff and 12000 external collaborator personnel, in 3500 research projects completed in the past three years with a total budget of 150 M €

# FACULTY OF FORESTRY & NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

## DEPARTMENTS



# FACULTY OF FORESTRY

- Mission statement
  - To study, teach and research on sustainable multipurpose forestry and terrestrial environmental science

# Faculty of Forestry – Personnel (2008 census data)

- 63 Members of the Academic Staff
  - 17 Full Professors
  - 19 Associate Professors
  - 14 Assistant Professors
  - 13 Lecturers
- 42 Technical Support Staff & University Forests' staff
- 920 undergraduate, 105 graduate (M.Sc.) students and 80 doctoral candidates

# Faculty of Forestry - Infrastructure

- 2 University Forests (9200 Ha), 2 University Forest District Offices & University Forests Administration Fund Central Office
- 1 Building in the main Aristotle University Campus
- 1 Forestry Campus in Phoenix (east Thessaloniki) – 5 buildings – 15000 m<sup>2</sup> of labs, lecture rooms and offices
- 1 Botanical Garden
- 1 Museum of Natural History
- Nurseries and Greenhouses in the A.U.Th. Agricultural Farm
- Experimental Plantations in Vassilika - Thessaloniki



## FOREST PRODUCTION – FOREST PROTECTION - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

General & Forest Ecology, Forest Soil Science, Forest Genetics & Forest Tree Improvement, Forest Protection, Forest Botany and Geobotany, Nature Conservation & Landscape Architecture

# Laboratory of Forest Botany - Geobotany



*Lilium rhodopaeum* Delip



Plant socio-enosis of *Alnetum incanae*  
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# Laboratory of Forest Genetics & Forest Tree Improvement



**Experimental Center for Fast Growing Hardwoods; A.U.Th. Agricultural Farm**



***Pinus nigra* Seed Orchard,  
Taxiarchis University Forest, Chalkidiki**

# Laboratory of Forest Genetics & Forest Tree Improvement



# Laboratory of Silviculture



**Fir natural regeneration at the University Forest of Pertouli**



**Coppice oak forest under conversion at Chalkidiki area**

# Laboratory of Forest Protection



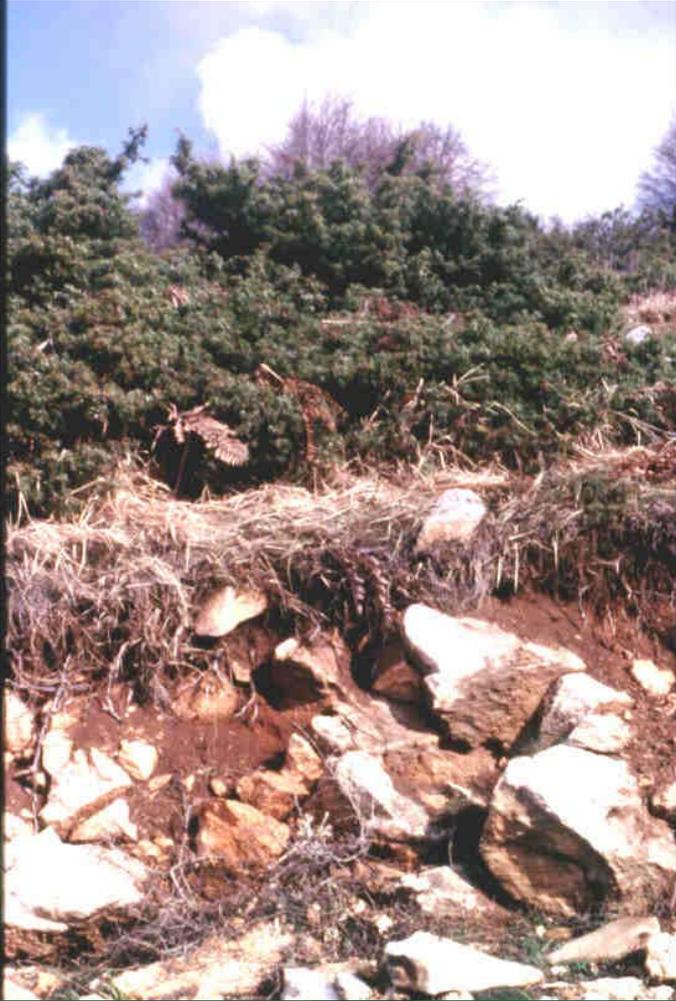
**Ice-crevice seen in a fir trunk  
found  
at the University Forest of  
Pertouli**

**Forest fires**



**A pine-tree larva eating  
pine-needles**

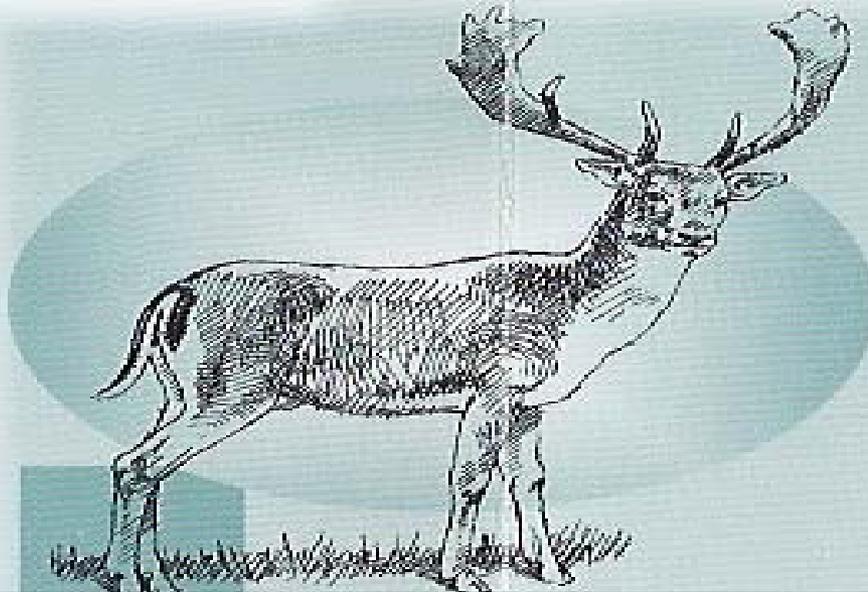
# Laboratory of Forest Soil Science



**Degraded forest soils in a hard limestone**



**Complete soil erosion and land degradation  
due to long-term land use**



RANGE SCIENCE – WILDLIFE  
AND FRESH WATER FISHERIES  
Rangeland Ecology, Wildlife Biology  
and Freshwater Fish Culture

# Laboratory of Rangeland Ecology



**Forest rangeland-Agroforestry Systems**

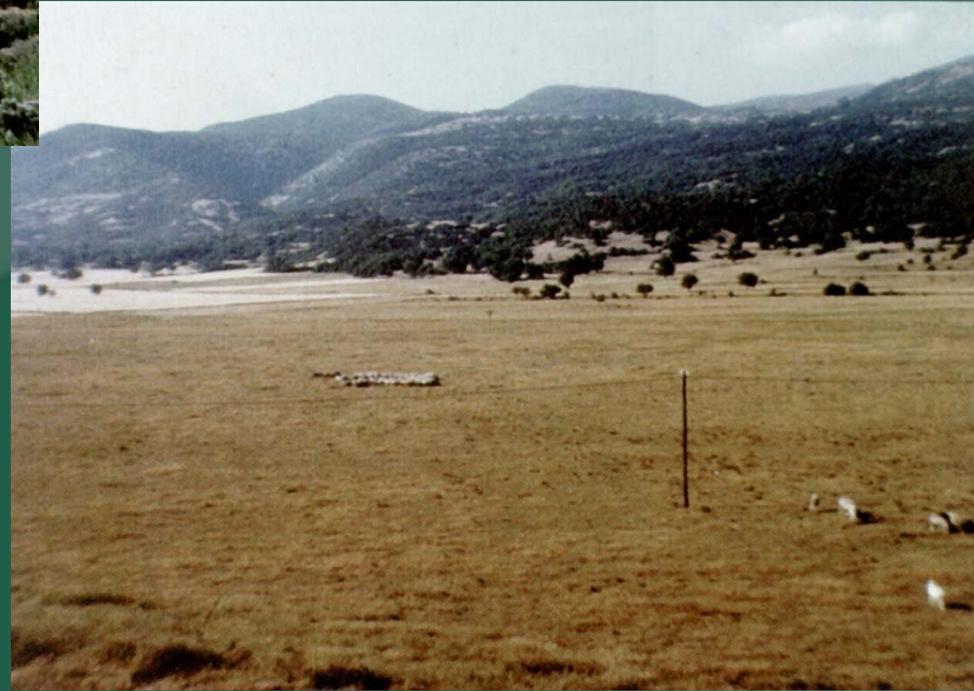


**Biodiversity in rangelands**

# Laboratory of Rangeland Management



Sheep grazing in a pseudo-  
alpine meadow  
in Crete

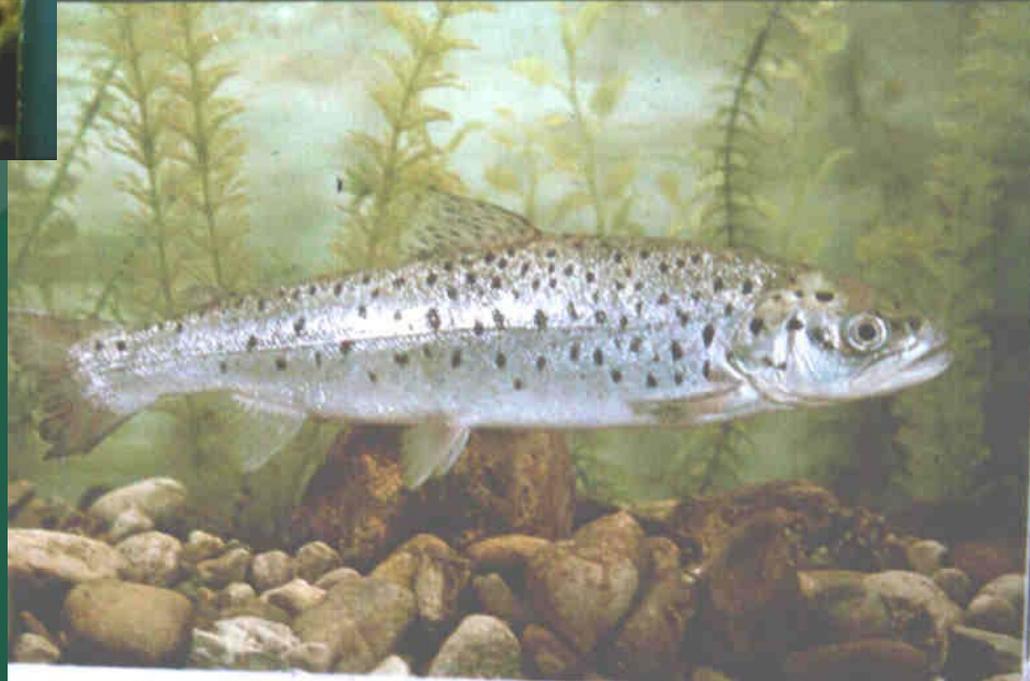


Sheep grazing in a turf meadow

# Laboratory of Wildlife Biology and Fresh Water Fisheries



*Carpeolus carpeolus* (Roe)



*Salmo trutta m. fario*



## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

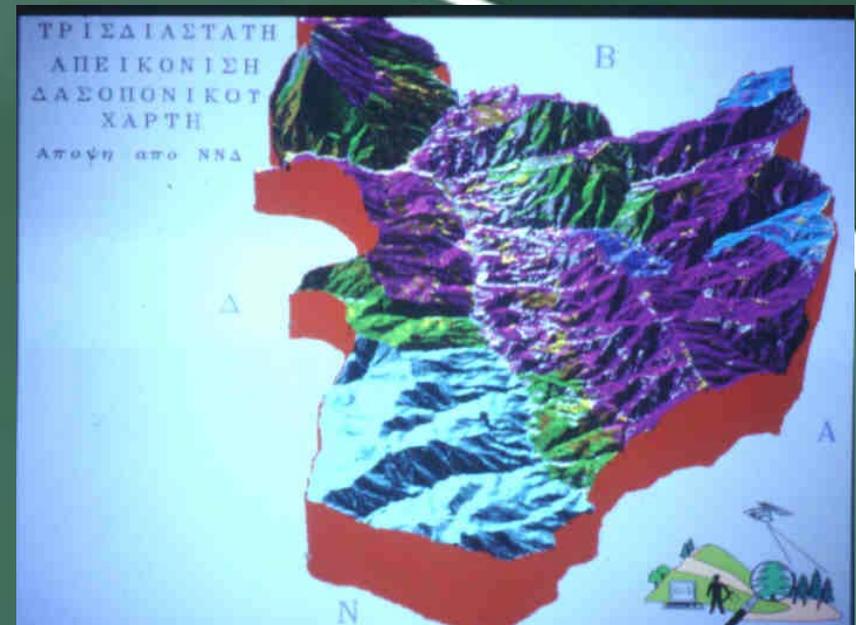
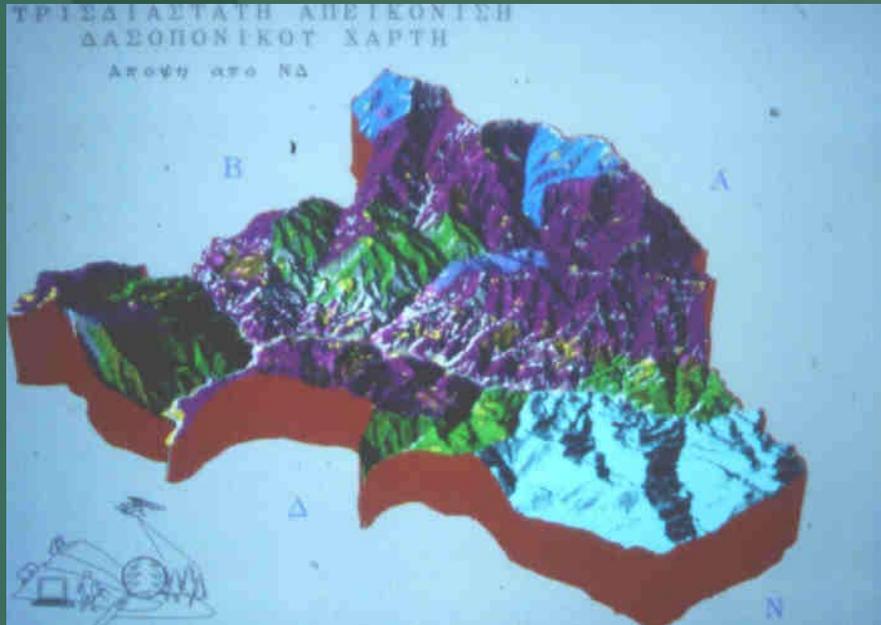
Forest Biometry, Forest Management, Forest  
Policy, Forest Economics, Forest Remote  
Sensing & GIS, Forest Recreation,  
Environmental Education, Sociology

# Laboratory of Forest Biometry



Use of biometric instruments

# Laboratory of Forest Management & Remote Sensing



Digital forestry map and three-dimensional depiction from two observation points



# Laboratory of Forest Economics

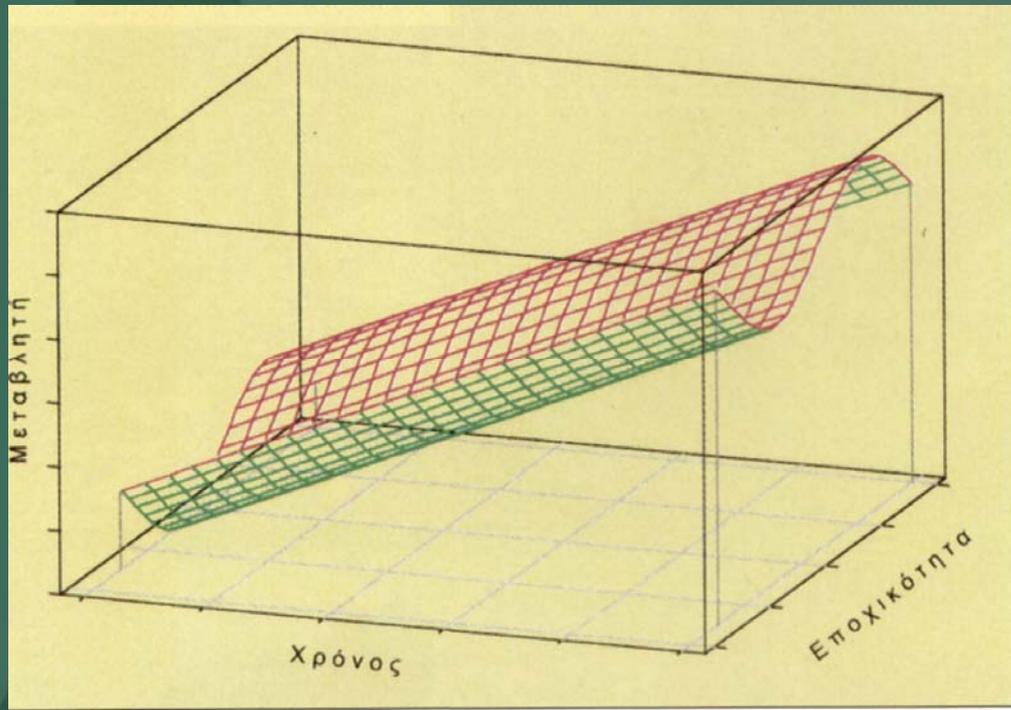
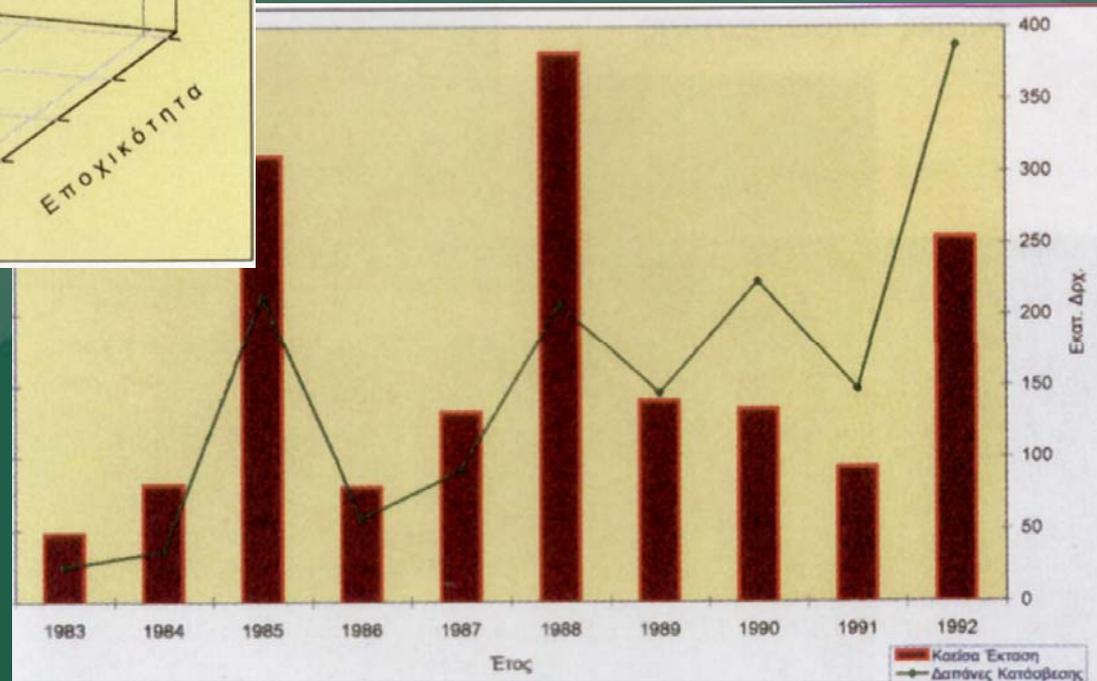


Figure of time course tendency with seasonal influence



Burnt area and cost for putting out forest fires. Greece 2002-2003

# Laboratory of Forest Policy



**Ski center at Mt. Parnasos**

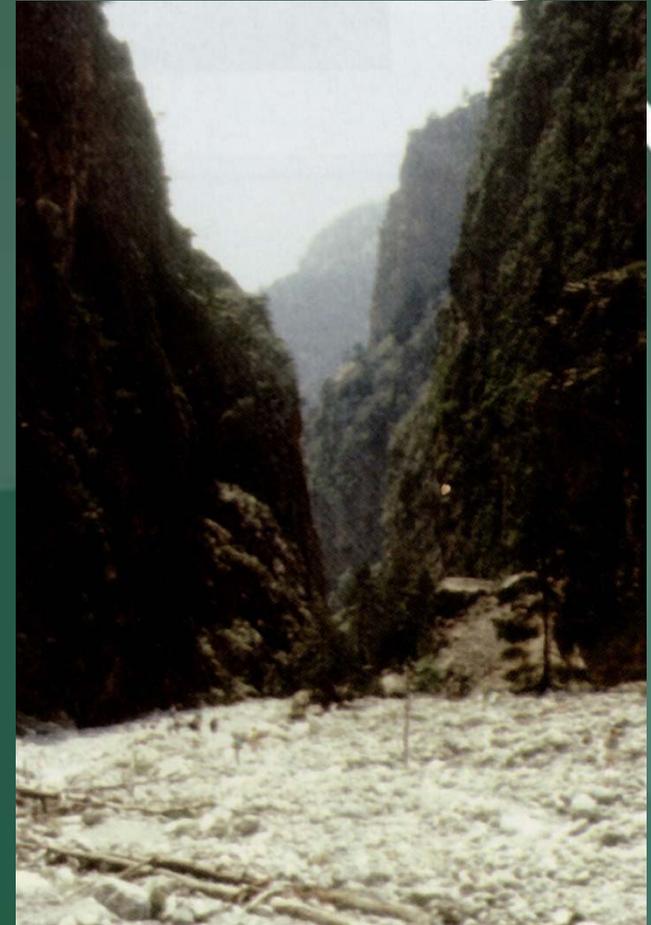


**The University Forest of Pertouli – Rural  
Community Policies**

# Study of Forest Recreation, Environmental Education and Sociology



**Recreation center in the urban forest  
of Kedrinos Hill, Thessaloniki**



**Recreation center in the  
National Park  
of the Samaria Gorge (Crete)**



## FOREST AND WHITE WATER ENGINEERING

Management of Mountainous Water, Hydrologic  
Management of Basins, Forest Constructions,  
Forest Road Construction and Forest Products  
Transfer, Topography

# Laboratory of White- Water Management and Torrent Control



**Dam for consolidation of the river bed  
in a Mt. Pindos torrent**



**Dam for erosion control in the  
Aridaia area, NW Greece**

# Laboratory of Forest Engineering and Topography

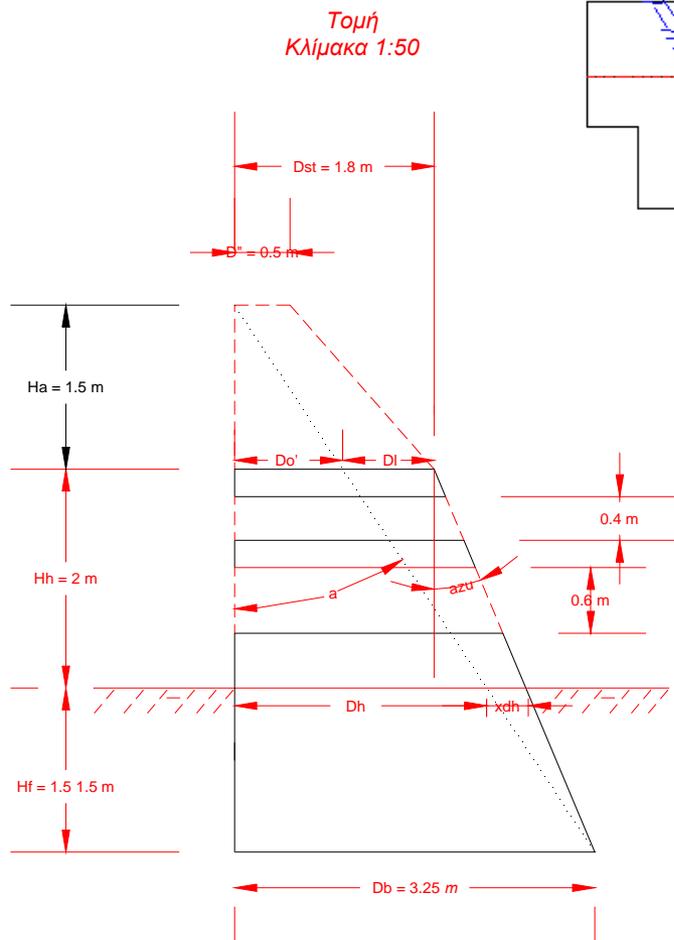
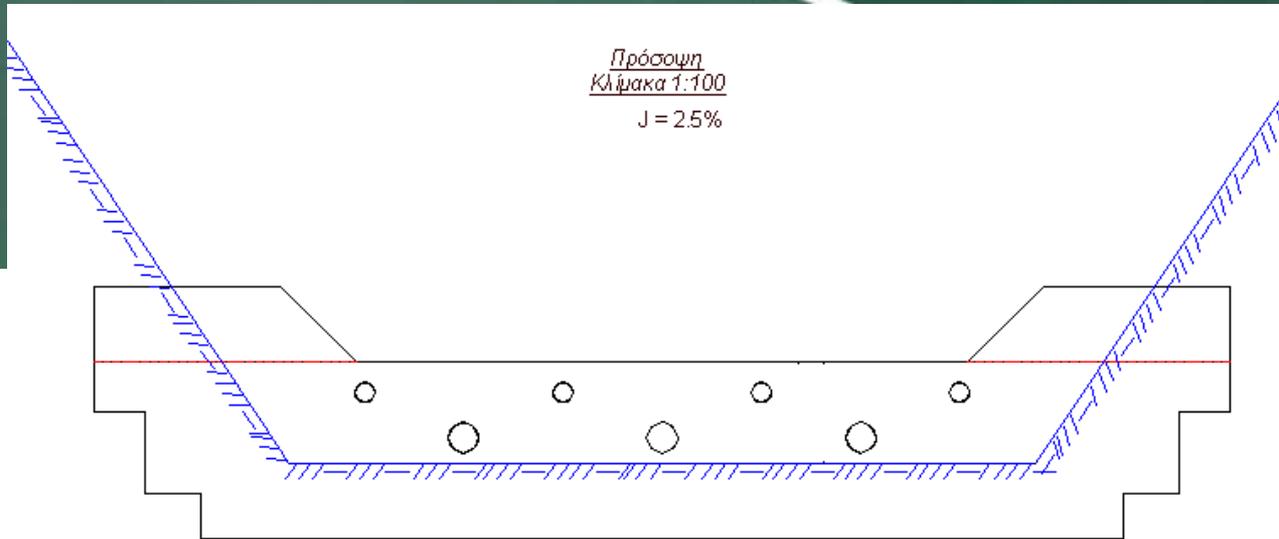


**Transportation of timber**



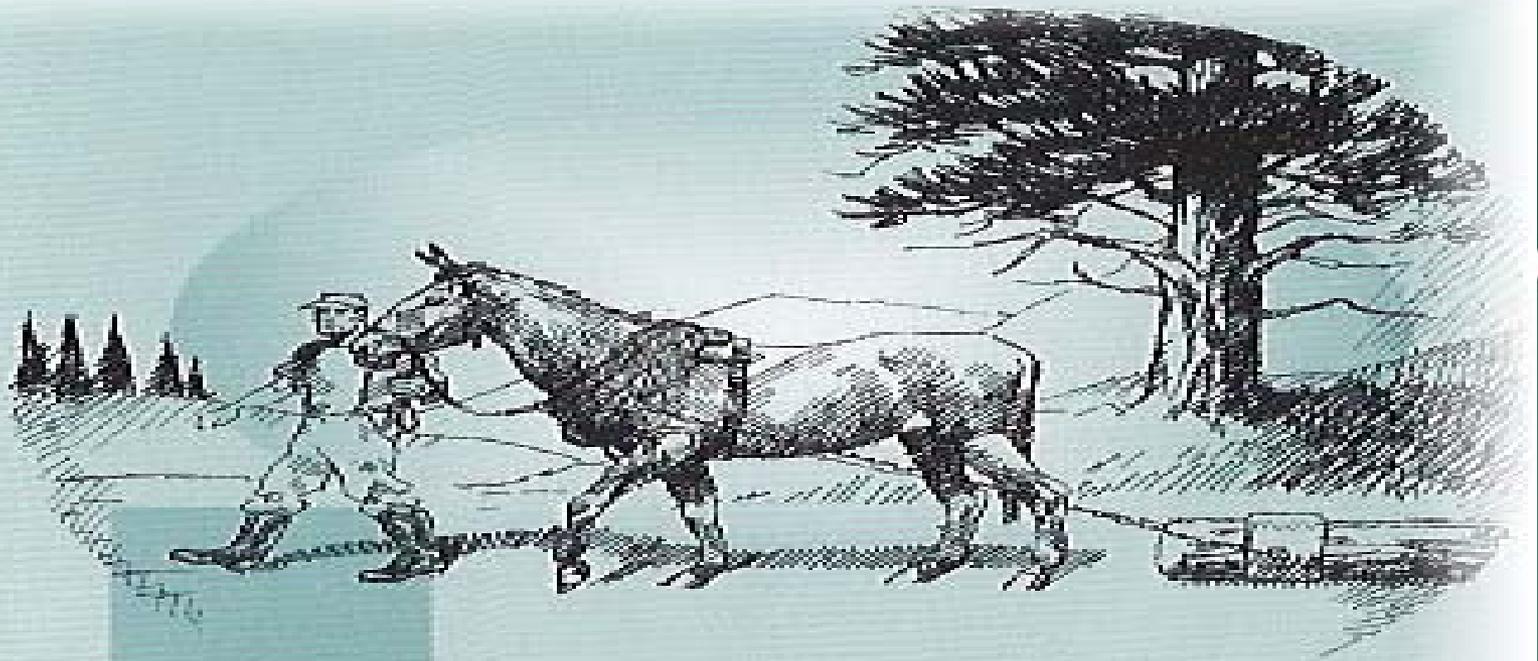
**Forest road construction**

# Technical Design Study



Σχ. 3: Μορφοποίηση της διατομής του φράγματος βάρους

Σχ. 4: Πρόσψη του φράγματος συγκράτησης φερτών υλικών



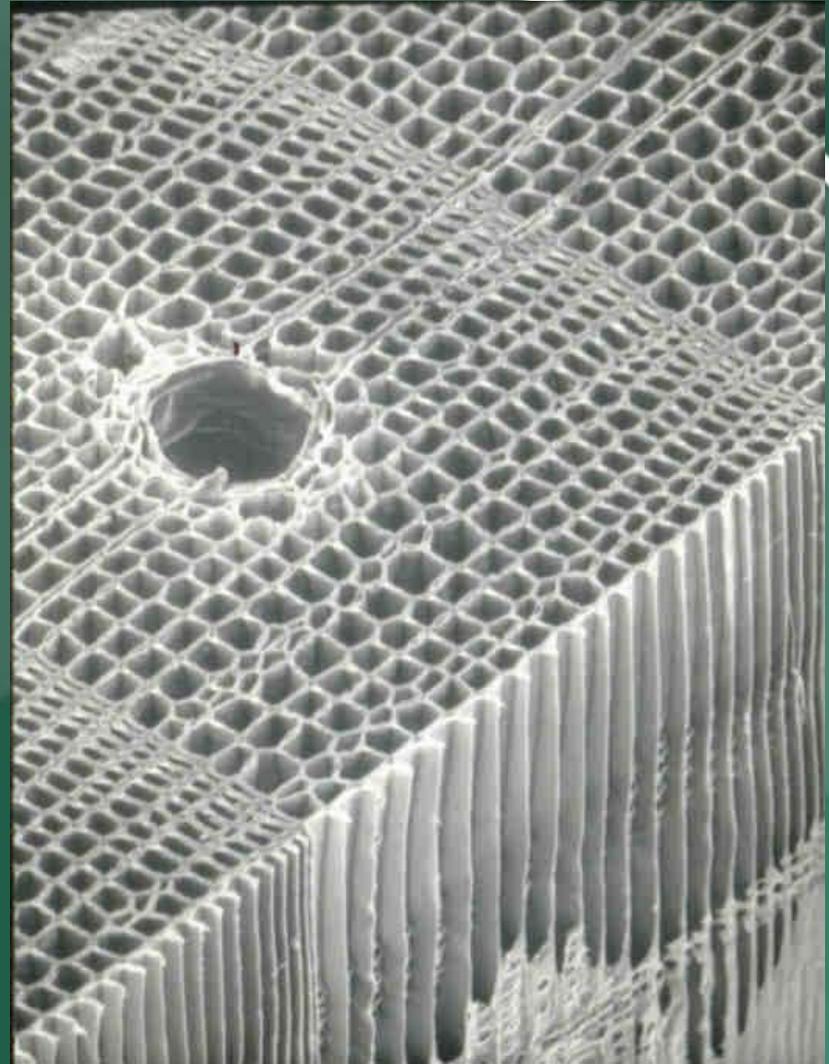
## HARVEST AND TECHNOLOGY OF FOREST PRODUCTS

Harvesting of Forest Products, Structure and Properties of Wood, Chemical and Mechanical Processing of Wood and its Products, Wood Industries

# Laboratory of Forest Utilization



**Wood harvesting**



**Three dimensional coniferous wood  
(pine) in stereoscopic electronic  
microscope**

# Laboratory of Forest Technology



Wood products and usage

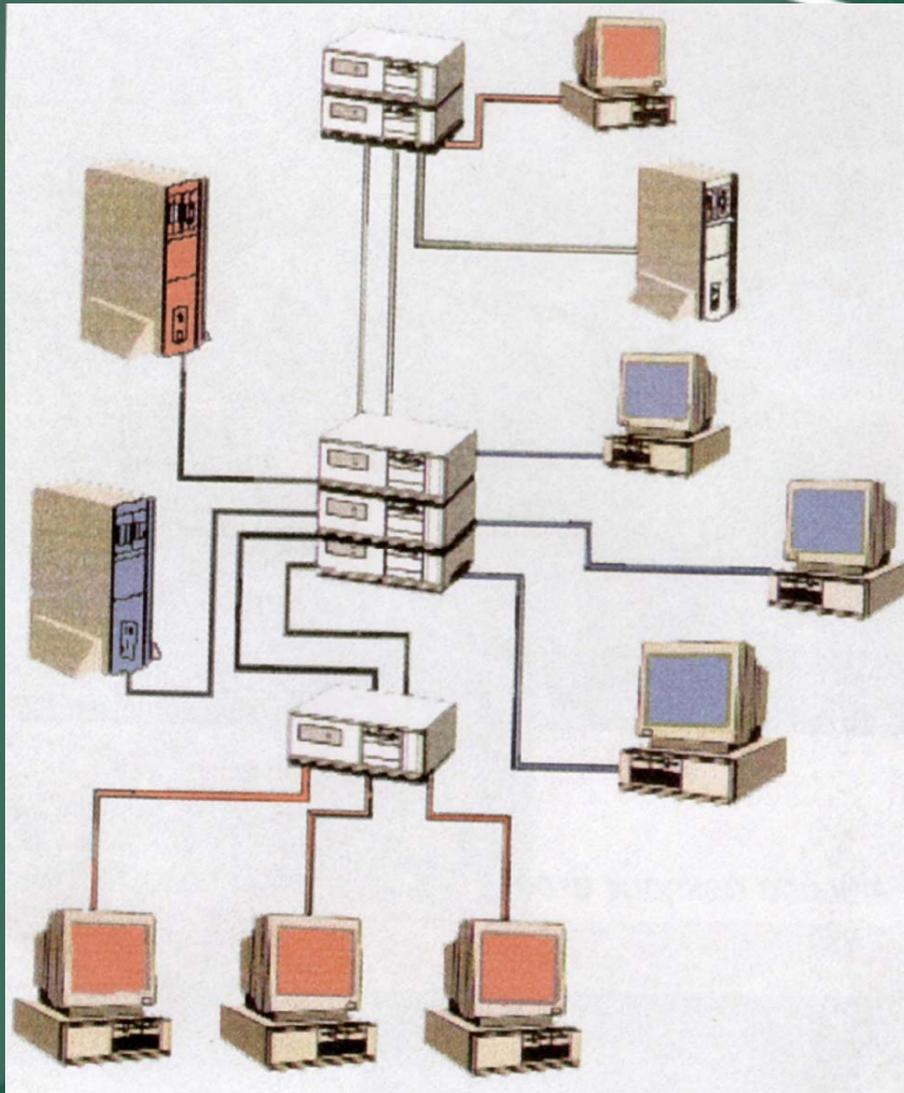
Wood logs for industrial exploitation

# Laboratory of Forest Informatics (Faculty wide)



Computer rooms





**Computer Network Facility and Workstations**

# University Forests



**View of the Central Administration  
Building of the  
University Forest of Pertouli, Trikala,  
central Pindos mountain range**

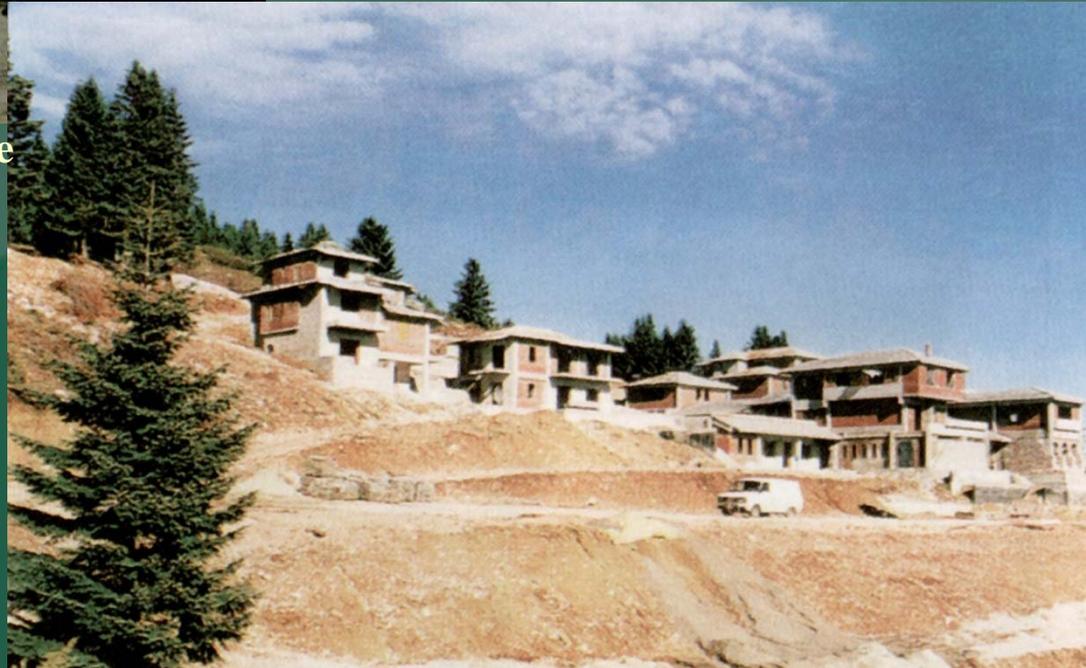


**View of the Central Administration Building at the  
University Forest of Taxiarchis, Chalkidiki**

# University Forests Infrastructure

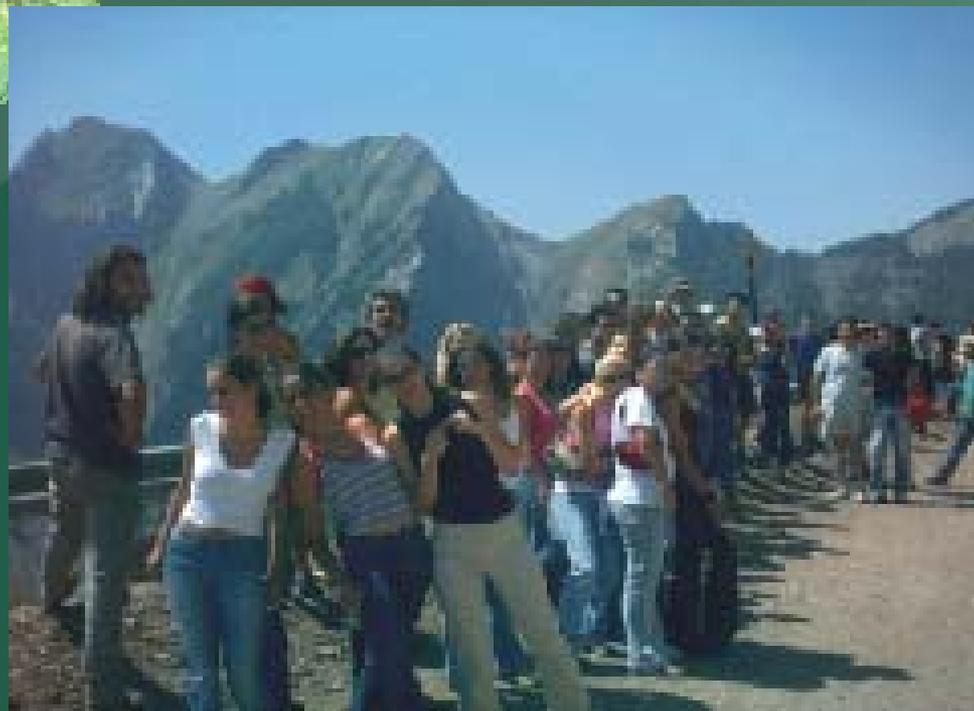


**View of the student dormitories and labs at the University Forest of Taxiarchis, Chalkidiki**



**Novel infrastructure under construction at the University Forest in Pertouli, Trikala**

# University Forests – Field Practice



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# Participation in National and International Exhibitions



# Undergraduate Program

- 5 years (10 semesters)
- 60 half-year compulsory courses
- 12 half-year courses chosen from 92 elective courses
- Minimum of 265 credits
- 4 months of additional practical training (3 months at University Forests each after the end of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semester respectively; one month practicum at the National Forest Service)
- Diploma Thesis

# Graduate Programs

- Two levels:
  - Post-graduate Specialization Diploma - PSD (M.Sc. Equivalent)
  - Doctorate (PSD or equivalent needed to enter a Doctorate program)
- Duration
  - PSD: min. 3 semesters, max. 6 semesters
  - Doctorate: min. 6 semesters, max. 12 semesters
- PSD - 6 specializations:
  - Forest Production & Management
  - Wood Science
  - Range Science & Game Management
  - Forest & Hydronic Engineering
  - Planning & Development of Natural Resources
  - Forest & Environmental Conservation

# Graduate Programs

- PSD - Requirements:
  - 1 compulsory course (Research Methodology)
  - 6 elective courses out of 96 offered in the graduate program (typical courses + directed studies courses)
  - extra courses can be taken either from the Faculty or the University at large, but do not count in the calculation of GPA
  - Graduate Thesis (involving a minimum of 12 month work)
- Doctorate – Requirements:
  - Doctorate Thesis (based on hypothesis-driven research)
  - Graduate courses may be taken from the Faculty or the University at large (optional)

A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water, likely a lake or reservoir, surrounded by dense green forests. In the background, a prominent mountain peak is visible under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows a steep, forested slope. The text "Thank you for your attention" is overlaid in the center in a yellow, serif font.

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