

P R E F A C E

This booklet contains mainly contributions by the IUFRO Subject Group S1.04-00 for Torrents, Snow and Avalanches, at the occasion of the Subject Group Meeting in Thessaloniki, held within the frame of the Congress of IUFRO Section 1 "Site and Silviculture" in Greece from September 25th to October 3rd, 1978. The first two contributions (ANDERSON, KRONFELLNER-KRAUS) belong to the so-called Satellite Meeting of the Subject Group on the occasion of the 8th World Forest Congress in Jakarta, Indonesia, in October 1978 resp. to the 12th Session of the Working Party for Management of Mountain Watersheds (MW) in the European Forest Commission (EFC) of FAO in Rome, in September 1978. The latter contribution presents a survey of the Institute's activities, especially to English speaking colleagues. Then a comprehensive report follows about the International Meeting "Mountain Forests and Avalanches" (FREY, IN DER GAND, RYCHETNIK), organized by the IUFRO Working Group S1.04-02 in Davos, Switzerland, also in September 1978. The contributions by RUF and SASSA, TAKEI, KOBASHI and KOBASHI, TAKEI form a transition to the next Subject Group Meeting in Grenoble, France, in June 1981.

The Subject Group Meeting in Thessaloniki consisted of a meeting at the chair of the Mountain Water Management and Control at Aristoteles University, attended by a dozen participants who had come from Greece, Japan, Austria, and Switzerland, and of a two-day excursion to research and torrent areas of the regions Serres resp. Edessa in the north-east resp. west of Thessaloniki on September 29th and 30th. The following places were visited:
Forest hydrological research institutions in the Lahanas area (influence of different types of land use such as grasslands on water discharge and quality as well as erosion) and in Christopigi (influence of brushwood, longos, on discharge and erosion);
Phenomena of torrent erosion, check dams, revegetation and afforestation in the Kamenika Torrent (32 squ.km) near Serres

in the torrents "Christos" (24 squ.km), "Amouda" (5 squ.km) and "Krousobitis" (275 squ.km) in Sidirokastro of the region of Serres, as well as in the torrents "Orma" (70 squ.km) and "Loutra" (37 squ.km) near Aridea in the region of Edessa; Sedimentation problems in the melioration area west of Thessaloniki.

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