

90 years of East European forest experiment station: past, present, future

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The article covers the background of East European (former Tatarskaya) forest experiment station one of the oldest VNIILM subsidiaries established in 1926. It comprised 4 departments: silviculture, forest inventory, forest conservation and economy.

Key research target is development of forest management issues. The station research goal is study of Mid-Volga forest growing conditions, various forest management application results and generalization of its experiment research activities.

Outstanding research foresters who worked at the station over decades developed forest management recommendations for various forest growing regions. The recommendations proposed by the forest station researchers were successfully introduced in forest management practices. Many researchers got government awards and titles such as «Distinguished forester of the Tatarstan Republic» or Distinguished forester of the Russian Federation».

The station has a unique forestry research works.

The station closely cooperates with forest researchers of the Tarandskaya forest school (Dresden Technical University) and regional forest management boards and research and educational institutions.

The station keeps undertaken research. It explores new areas such as environment, forest recreational impacts and protective afforestation, reclamation of disturbed lands and plantation afforestation, forest structure and optimization of forest species pattern with regard to forest growing conditions.