Trip Report Sweden and Finland, March 2013

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Fred Cubbage visited SLU in Alnarp and in Uppsala from 18 March 2013 to 22 March 2013. At each location, he presented a talk on Global Timber Investments and met with forest economists and others professors.

• **Alnarp / Malmo**

He visited were Ola Salinas (Forest Management), Vilis Brukas (Policy), and Jonas Ronnberg (Docent), SLU, Malmo.

He discussed timber supply modeling with Ola Salinas, the joint Atlantis program and students with Jonas Ronnberg and Forest Policy with Vilis Brukas. Ronnberg has visited NCSU in 2014 as well.

• **Uppsala**

Fred met with Lars Lonnstedt, Anders Roos, Economics, and Denise McCluskey, Forest Marketing. Roos is the "new" chaired professor in forest economics and marketing, and performs modeling and business administration projects. He also works on bioenergy projects. The policy persons there -- Sara Holmgren and Daniel Kleinschmidt -- also work on many bioenergy projects, REDD, and Swedish Climate Policy. Lonstedt leads the Master’s program in forest business at Uppsala.

After that visit, Cubbage helped Lonnstedt arrange and make a tour with a group of about 25 visiting Swedish masters' students and professors to North Carolina forests and companies in the first week of November 2013.

From Sweden, Fred continued on to Finland, and also talked about the Atlantis student exchange Program, as well as forest economics research projects with MS/PhD student Jaana Korhonen, Professor Anne Topinen, and Jari Kuuliuvainen. At least two joint papers have stemmed from that work via Jaana and Anne--on global plantation investments and corporate social responsibility.