

## CONCLUSION

The 16 lectures, even if presented in a practical way and innovative style by several authors of different Mediterranean countries, have been always based on the most recent knowledge, which concern the poly-functionality of cypress in the Mediterranean regions, by utilising the studies and results obtained in the several EU projects (Agrimed 1, Agrimed 2, Camar, Air, Concerted Action, CyprAll) and the Interreg IIIB MedOcc (CypMed and MedCypre). The simple structure and the numerous illustrations of this Manual can help the technicians to enlarge their own observations and provide means to improve their biological and technical understanding of this species.

The lectures deal with most of the aspects of the Cypress-forest fire, help the participants to compare their ideas on this subject with those of the other technicians and, finally, address their convictions towards the application of some described practices at local, regional and European level.

The main objective of the Training School was to improve the level of the knowledge of each of the participants on the use of cypress. The active role in the discussion of the most important aspects and problems played by teachers and participants measures the success of the Training School. There is also an indirect measure given by the determinant role which participants may have in the sensibilisation of the public institutions and the civil population towards the risks of forest fires in their countries.

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