

In agriculture, forestry and agroforestry, criteria for model formulations are necessary which reflect the site-specific ecological components of the land-use system in question.

People living in urbanized and/or industrialized zones must be convinced that the maintenance of sound environmental conditions in nature creates costs which have to be paid by all.

These services, inevitably connected with ecologically controlled land use, have to be included in the economic models as internal costs.

Non-conventional efforts are needed to overcome the traditional constraints against a new land-use policy which corresponds to an economic thinking in which the ecological requirements are correctly evaluated.

With these general remarks on the socio-economic and ecological function and consequences of all land-use systems I want to close this very successful symposium, but not without many thanks to all who are engaged in this international conference in any way.

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I am sure I speak in the name of the whole audience in congratulating both for these excellent achievements of the Organizing Committee. In this context, our sincerest gratitude goes to the Centre of Agricultural Landscape and Landuse Research of Müncheberg, represented by its Director Prof. Dr. H.-R. Bork, and particularly to the Institute of Forest Ecology Eberswalde of this new Center. Many thanks also to the Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus, which provided excellent support to this international meeting.

We have spent days of hard work, but also have had opportunities to enjoy the very attractive city of Berlin and the hospitality of our German hosts. It is my conviction that this symposium will contribute effectively to agroforestry in temperate zones - also under the conditions of industrialized nations - and encourage new and fruitful activities in the future.