

have been teaching the managers of our economy (and not only them) to adopt a consumer's approach to Nature, and so a certain stereotype of thinking eventually formed in relation to these matters. We have to get rid of this stereotype, and teach our economic managers the new, ecologically literate approach to Nature, utilizing for this purpose a wide diversity of means. This, by the way, was discussed at the last board meeting of the Ministry.

"Definite changes have been taking place recently in the organizations and enterprises of the timber industry. At the planning institutes, positions of Chief Ecologists have been created, nature conservation departments established, and proposals submitted which have to do with the specific character of the organizations in our industry to be concerned with research, design, start-up and adjustment activities in the environmental protection field. These and other measures are subordinated to a single goal: to achieve a fundamental turning point in nature conservation activity, and make it multidisciplinary. At the last board meeting, it was decided that ecological programs are to be developed for all the sub-sectors of the timber industry complex. The formulation of these programs, or rather their implementation, will mark the beginning of a new stage in the solving of ecological problems in this sector of the economy. One other significant decision was reached at the board meeting. In order to upgrade the responsibility attaching to nature conservation practices, it was considered desirable to make the senior managers of enterprises and organizations of the Ministry more strictly accountable, with economic pressure applied should this be necessary.