

L.P.: Why is that?

L.G.K.: The problem is that there has been no competition up to now. Quite the contrary. For many years the institutes quietly duplicated each others' efforts and this was considered the only thing to do. Almost every institute has its own break-clearing vehicle. And they are all similar. Take the following example. Someone asked me to sign the specifications for one of them. I looked at it and saw that there really wasn't much of a difference. "What's so special about it?", I asked. The man answered: "It's from a different institute!" You find this funny? We don't find it so amusing when we have to manufacture one variation of a machine and then another. We make five of them and that's all that's needed. We then have to reset our production lines to manufacture the other type and then produce only ten of them....

L.P.: But now you will have the right to accept, or more exactly, buy or not to buy any new design or other. Or else you can order any design you want to be developed.....

L.G.K.: We do not intend to pay for any fundamental research. The forest sector has to pay for the developing of any of the designs it needs. Right now we are discussing the following system: the scientists inform our scientific-technical council in advance about their designs if they want us to manufacture the machines. If we see that the design is an interesting one and approve the working plans, we could finance the design work. If we don't approve - then it's too bad. Anything we can't see the use of, will not be paid for and manufactured by this association.

L.P.: What happens if there's a shortage of good designs? What then? Will you cut production completely?