

"The Institute of Forestry will be concerned with a broad spectrum of scientific activities: investigating the genetic characteristics of regional forests, viability studies of the various species, organizing practical programmes relating to the breeding and cultivation of the most valuable species, and protecting the stands against pests. For this purpose both the Urals Experimental Forestry Station and the Sverdlovsk Botanical Gardens have become affiliated to the Institute.

The Institute will also be the site of laboratories for studying the negative consequences of industrial activity on the plant kingdom. The aim is to ensure that only the most resistant and productive forests will be cultivated. To this end, genetic reservations and nature preserves will be established. The Institute will also be closely involved with problems relating to the competent and careful exploitation and efficient regeneration of the region's timber.

Gifted young professionals will be encouraged to take part in the research activity. Some fascinating and interesting work lies ahead."

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Breeding of Fast-Growing Larch in Lithuania

On a cross-section of a larch sixteen annual rings were clearly visible. There would be nothing surprising about this if it were not for the fact that each of them had attained a thickness of one to