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Employment survey of forest MSc. graduates of U.P.V. (2003-2009)

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Framework & aim

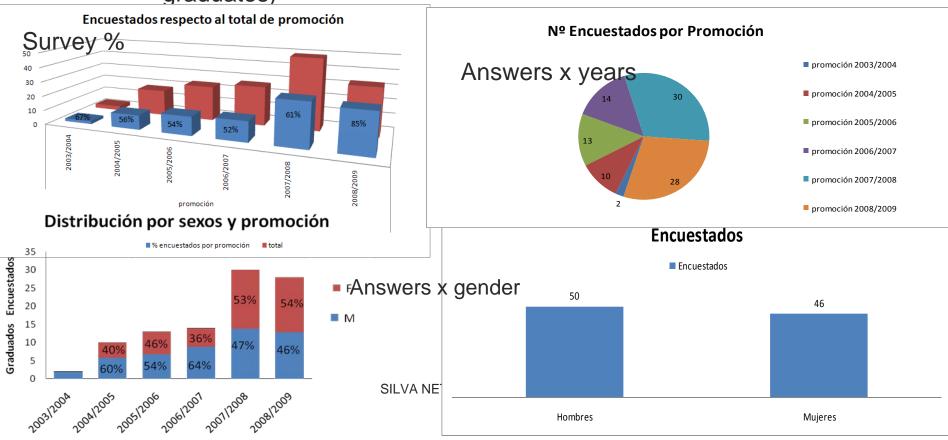
- 1999 UPV established MSc. in Forestry (5 yrs. not integrated with BSc.)
- 2010 new BSc. in Forestry will start (integrated, 4 yrs. + 1,5 yrs)
- 3 specializations (1,5 yrs.: forest management, forest engineering (forest industries)
- New study plans were designed early 2009
- A survey in order to illustrate the study plan commissions was conducted
- Input of MSc. graduates in Forestry in Region Valencia (3/yr.) now growing up to 20
 -> how is going to react the labor market
- Strong employment crisis in Spain since end 2008

Methodology

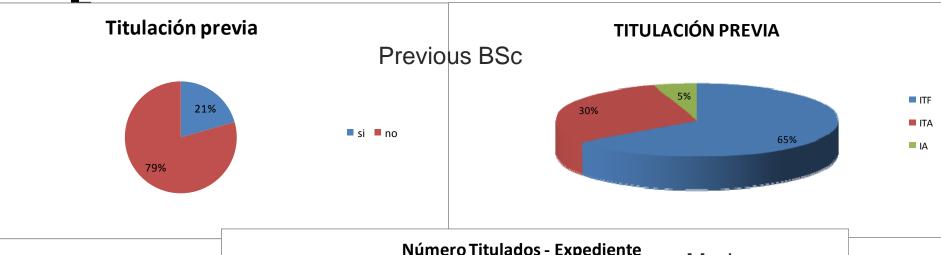
- The telephones and e-mails of the forest MSc. Graduates were facilitated by the Faculty
- Advanced students made the interview (phone mainly)
- Survey was conducted in December 2008 (2004-2008) and October 2009 (2009), some question were repeated in 2009 for the former graduates (present job)

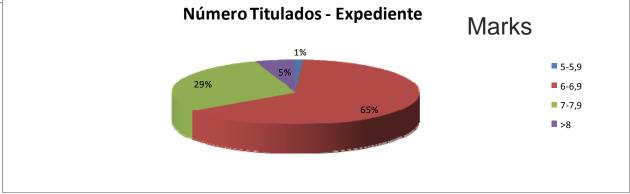
Results: general figures

- 97/154 graduates answered the survey (63%)
- Gender are evenly represented (increasing)
- Share of response each year increases (higher commitment of recent graduates)



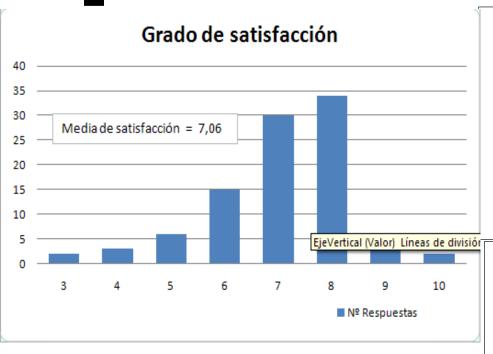
Results: Forest studies (1)



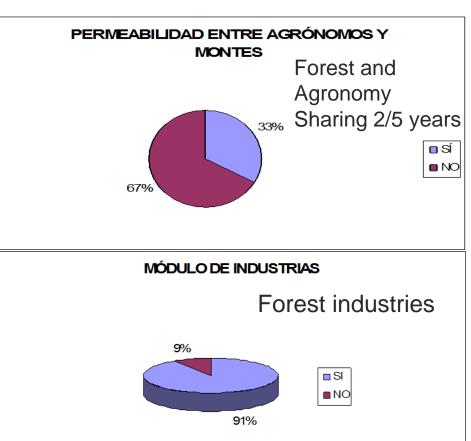


- 21% have previous (BSc. Studies)
- Small range of marks (6-8/10, eq. ~C/B-)

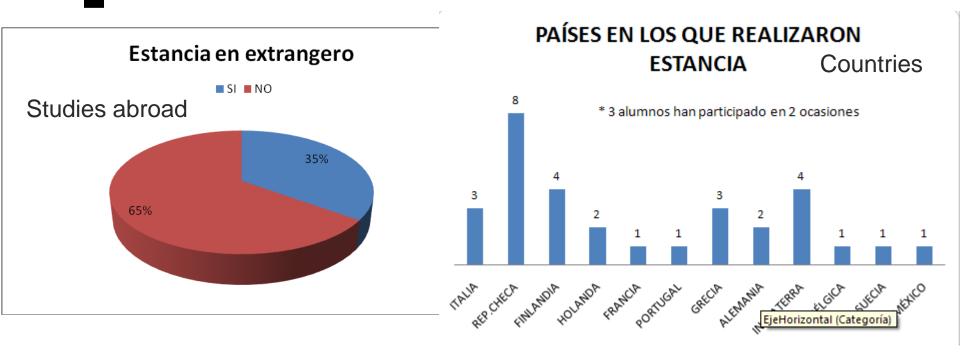
Results: Forest studies (2)



- Medium-high overall satisfaction
- Broad support for a forest industries intensification
- Reluctance to broad common studies with Agronomy (2 yrst.) A NETWORK CONFERENCE BROJAS UPV

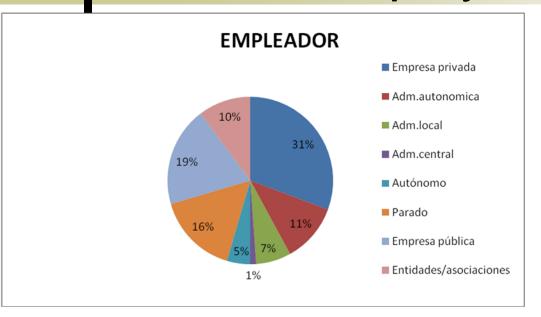


Results: Forest studies (3)



- 35% studied abroad
- CZ, UK, FIN
- 3% non European country (L-America)

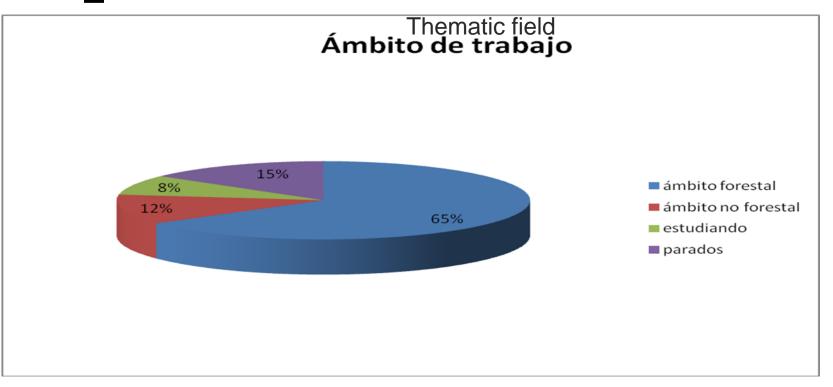
Results: employment (1)



Employee

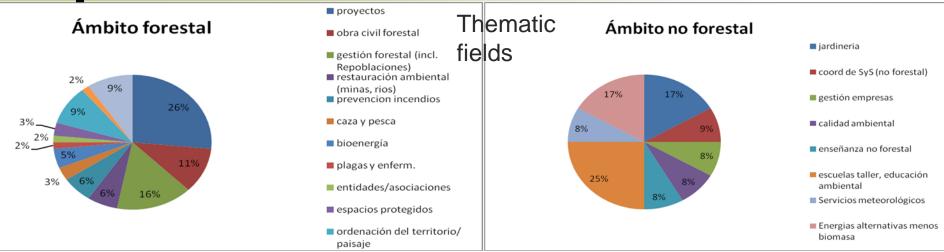
- Private and public companies are employing 50% of graduates
- Public service is reducing its relevance (19%)
- NGOs is of growing relevance (10%)
- Unemployment is growing since 2008 (16%)
- Self employment is (still) a minor option (5%)

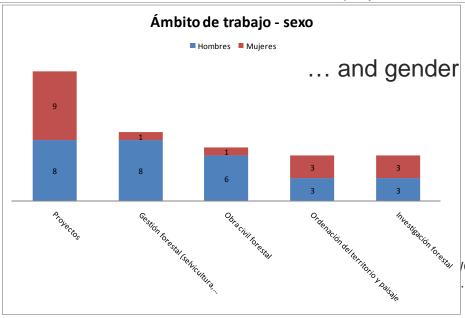
Results: employment (2)



• Forest dominates (65%/12%), especially man (exc. 1st gen.)

Results: employment (3)





- Broad spectrum
- Forestry: consultancy (26%), forest management (16%), forest engineering (11% Landscape and land planning (9%)
- Non forest: General education, gardening, renewable energies
- Forest management and forest engineering
 Is still male dominated

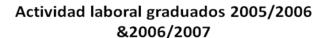
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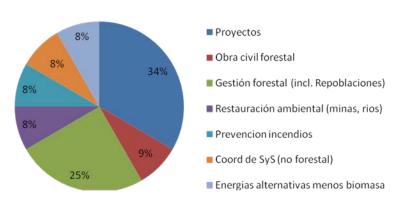
Results: employment (4)

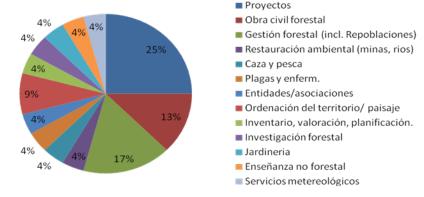
Energias alternativas menos biomasa

Actividad laboral graduados 2003/2004 & 2004/2005

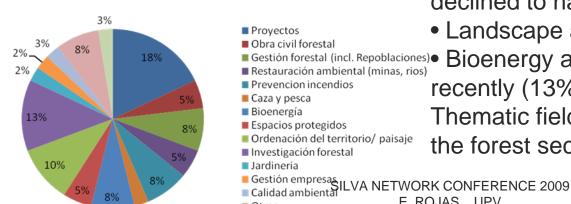
Thematic fields/time







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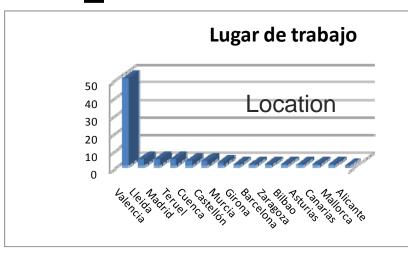
- Consultancy and forest management have declined to half by time
- Landscape and land planning is growing
- Gestión forestal (incl. Repoblaciones)

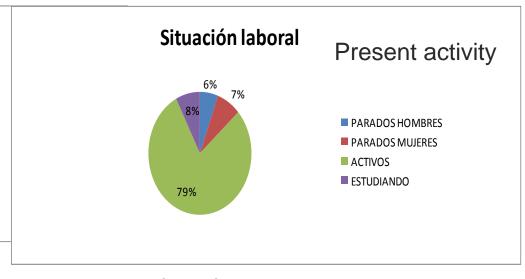
 Bioenergy and forest research appears

 Botauración ambiental (minas rics) recently (13%, 8%)

Thematic fields becomes broader even in the forest sector

Results: employment (5)

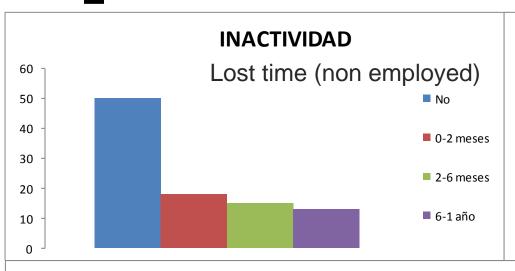


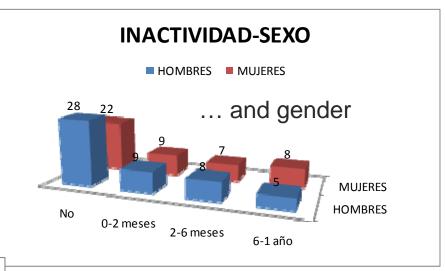


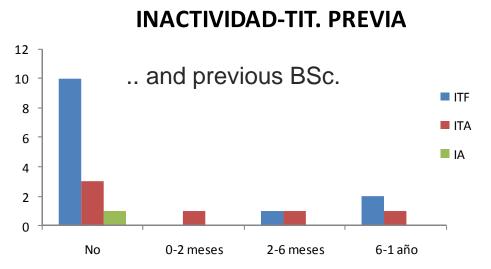
- Strong concentration in the area of studies (Valencia)
- No international enrolment
- Broad dispersion in Spain (limited to E-Spain), not further than 400 km

- 79% employed
- 13% unemployed (evenly distributed man/women)
- 8% studying

Results: employment (6)



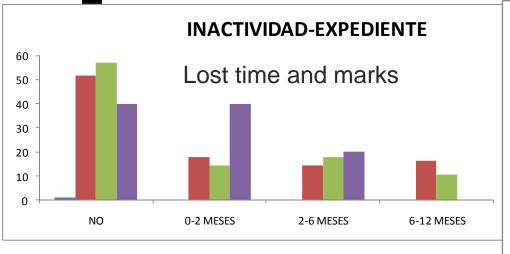


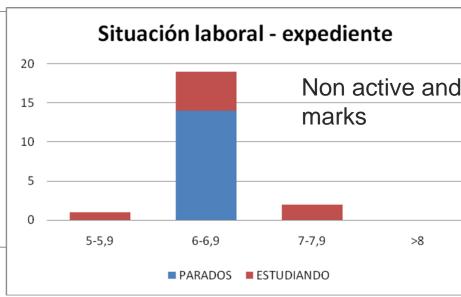


- 50% get straight after graduation a job and keep employed
- Critical unemployment <15%)
- Slight better situation for man than Woman
- Better situation for previous graduated (70%/50%: no lost time)

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Results: employment (7)

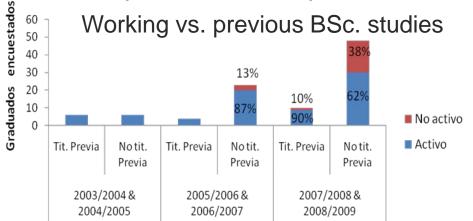


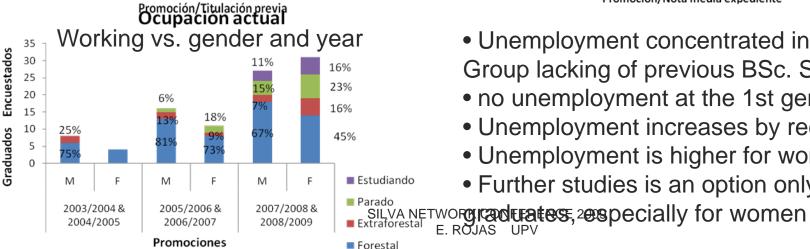


- slight better figures for higher marks lost time)
- unemployed concentrated in lower marks (<7)
- studying further evenly distributed

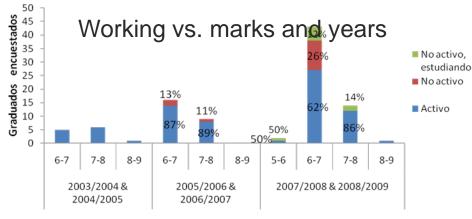
Results: employment (8)

Situación actual de los encuestados respecto a la posesión de estudios previos





Relación de la actividad laboral y la nota media del expediente



Promoción/Nota media expediente

- Unemployment concentrated in the major Group lacking of previous BSc. Studies
- no unemployment at the 1st generation
- Unemployment increases by recent graduat
- Unemployment is higher for women
- Further studies is an option only for recent

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Conclussions

- The enlargement x 7 of the forest MSc. in Forestry has been tolerated by the labor market even in a low productive area (Mediterranean)
- Most of the new labor niches are in the forest sector, traditional activities are occupied mostly by man
- Unemployment is bigger in pure MSc. graduates than in BSc. graduates that followed MSc. Studies
- Unemployment is slightly higher for women
- Public administration are loosing weight as employees
- As time passes the dispersion in thematic fields is increasing
- The small radius of location of the graduates of UPV is surprising (95% in 400 km)
- Marks show only a modest signification in future employment, at least in quantitative terms