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Forests, Trees and Human Health and Wellbeing - Final Outcome of COST Action E39 (Plenary session I)

Brief CV:

Born in 1952. Landscape architect in 1978 and a doctor's degree in 1989 at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences with the thesis "Meetings of industry and landscape". Has worked in Denmark since 1993.

Since 1995, Kjell Nilsson has lead interdisciplinary landscape research projects both nationally and internationally. Examples of this are "Boundaries in the Landscape" under the Danish research programme "Man, Landscape and Biodiversity", "The Landscape as a Resource for Health and Sustainable Development in the Sound Region" and PLUREL (Peri-urban land use relationships - Strategies and sustainability assessment tools for urban-rural linkages) - an integrated project under the 6th EU Framework Program.

A second focus of Kjell Nilsson's research activities is on Urban Forestry & Urban Greening. From 1997 to 2001 he was chairman of COST Action E12 "Urban Forests and Trees" and he has recently initiated a new COST Action, E39 "Forests, Trees and Human Health and Well-being" (2005-2008). He has contributed actively to the development of urban greening as a concept for environmental assistance in Eastern Europe and newly industrialised countries like China, Malaysia and South Africa.

As a Deputy Director of the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning his main responsibilities, besides being Head of the Division of Parks and Urban Landscapes, are dissemination, communication, extension and governmental services.