DIRECTOR’S STATEMENT
THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN OUR WORK, CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND HELPING US PROTECT ARMENIA

By Jeanmarie Papelian, Executive Director

It’s an exciting time to be an environmentalist in Armenia! ATP had a busy year in 2019. We kicked off our 25th anniversary celebrations, planted our six millionth tree, and hosted forestry experts from near and far for the inaugural Forest Summit: Global Action and Armenia with our friends at American University of Armenia.

As you’ll see in this report, our work is about so much more than just planting trees! ATP uses trees to help Armenians improve their standard of living. We sustain Armenia’s environment by ensuring a high survival rate of the trees we plant while enriching the soil, water, air quality, and harvests. We empower Armenians by providing economic independence through employment and enterprise opportunities. We teach students all over Armenia and the Diaspora to build awareness about healthy trees and preservation and the role of individual and community in the environment.

Armenia’s government has committed to doubling the country’s forest cover over the next 30 years.

This is an ambitious goal. Experts at the Forest Summit agreed, the key to success is involving the local community through programs such as ATP’s Community Tree Planting and Backyard Nurseries. ATP will support the 30-year reforestation plan by continuing to plant healthy indigenous trees grown in our nurseries and offering our expertise and advice to ensure high survival rates. You can participate, too! Please include ATP in your itinerary when you visit Armenia, and plant a tree with us.

We enjoyed celebrating our 25th anniversary with friends around the country in 2019. The celebrations will continue this year. If you’d like us to visit your community to share our success stories, please contact us.
FOREST SUMMIT: GLOBAL ACTION AND ARMENIA

As part of ATP’s 25th anniversary celebrations, ATP and the Acopian Center for the Environment at American University of Armenia co-organized the inaugural Forest Summit: Global Action and Armenia in Yerevan.

The goal of the Forest Summit was to facilitate open and rigorous discussion of policy decisions on Armenia’s forests with the aim of catalyzing improvements in forest conservation and restoration in Armenia and internationally.

In the wake of the Velvet Revolution, Armenia has renewed its efforts to protect and expand its forest cover. Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, in his remarks to the Forest Summit attendees, said, “Addressing environmental issues, and in particular forest conservation and restoration, are among the priorities of our government.”

Discussions were led by some of the world’s leading climatologists, forestry professionals and political leaders in Yerevan. The Summit was heralded by Armenia’s political leadership and forestry professionals worldwide as a necessary assembly of thought-leaders at an important time in the fight against climate change.

More than 350 attendees from 12 countries enjoyed presentations by a host of speakers with expertise from five continents, headlined by Dr. Anthony S. Davis, Interim Dean and Professor at the College of Forestry at Oregon State University. Dr. Davis spoke of how forest-friendly policies must be factored into policy-making worldwide, and how the planting of trees play a crucial role in combating climate change.

Echoing Davis, each speaker brought innovative thoughts and key learnings on the role of forests in national economies, and how planting the right trees in the right places can support communities and bolster ecosystems. Guests learned how forests benefit from innovations on water supply sustenance, international donors, tree biodiversity, and the optimal utilization of nurseries and commercial forests.

The conference, which also included field trips to Dilijan National Forest and ATP’s project sites in Margahovit Village, underscored the urgency of the climate change crisis and the role forests play in the fight against it.
KEY IDEAS FROM THE FOREST SUMMIT

• Importance of community engagement to climate change and forestry
• How to help rural communities create sustainable sources of energy
• Ensuring involvement, collaboration, and continuity with international participants, while keeping Armenia as the focal point
• Training forestry specialists to handle the proper planting and maintenance of the 10 million trees Armenia has promised to plant in 2020
• The importance and process of increasing biodiversity of plants and animals as well as protecting Armenia from invasive species
• Defining debt-for-nature swap, carbon offsets, and how to give Armenia access to these opportunities

• Best practices to tackle afforestation in Armenia, given the different microclimates and availability of land
• How to create, maintain, and ensure benefits for public-private partnerships and the environment
• How nurseries, and especially ATP’s expertise and its existing nurseries, are essential to minimize the importation of trees for Armenia’s goal to plant 10 million trees
• The danger in importing seedlings, and how tapping local and international experts can ensure quality and avoid contamination of invasive species
• The importance of urban forestry and tree cover, which includes planting within cities, communities, and along roads to protect the environment and support our communities.
A FEW RESPONSES FROM OUR POST-SUMMIT SURVEY:

“I attended the Forest Summit in Armenia last week. It was a first for Armenia to host such a summit with inspiring discussions, shared experiences, and field visits! Many thanks to ATP and the Acopian Center for organizing this high level, high impact summit!” – Talin Clark

“After participating in the Forest Summit, I became more aware and interested in the environment and future. I think everyone who participated in the Summit will be able to change even just a small piece of the future. We need to be more reliable agents in helping change our future.”

“The most important lesson I gained from the Forest Summit was incredible knowledge and information about our current forest situation, significantly, by comparing Armenia to other countries and their experiences.”

“It was an outstanding Summit about an issue that is so important. It was wonderful that I was living in Yerevan at the time to participate.”
“Plant the right trees, in the proper places, to support communities and sustain ecosystems.” - Dr. Anthony S. Davis, interim dean and professor of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University, at the inaugural “Forest Summit: Global Action and Armenia” at American University of Armenia

The Community Tree Planting program is vital to Armenia Tree Project’s mission to assist the Armenian people in using trees to improve their standard of living and protect the global environment. ATP’s mission to make Armenia a more clean, green, and healthy place cannot succeed without the direct involvement of the community it aims to benefit.

About ATP’s Community Tree Planting Program

ATP’s Community Tree Planting (CTP) program incorporates various initiatives focusing on village and city greening, environmental stewardship, fruit harvesting, and the Backyard Nursery program. These projects take place in 1,313 rural and urban sites, 70 of which were new sites added in 2019.

Seyran Hovhannisyan, a monitor for the CTP program, remarks, “I was proud at the Forest Summit in October when experts such as Dr. Anthony Davis mentioned the need for community involvement. At ATP, we learned long ago that local community support and involvement is a key to our success.”

A majority of the CTP initiatives take place in the regions of Aragatsotn, Ararat, and Vayots Dzor. In 2019, the CTP program planted 52,660 trees and shrubs in Armenia and Artsakh. The total number of trees planted by ATP reached six million this year, including the seedlings planted by ATP’s Forestry program.

ATP has targeted the most vulnerable communities in villages, cities, and towns with the greatest need for greenery. The focus and attention that is given to

LESSONS FROM #FORESTSUMMIT19

Forest Summit Experts Say Key to Success is Community Involvement:
ATP’s Flagship CTP Program is the Model for Armenia
these areas help ATP’s trees to grow and flourish, and creates a stronger bond between people and the land they live on. Major greening sites are typically public parks, schools, cultural centers, churches, historical monuments, and other significant landmarks where both the people and the environment benefit from the CTP program.

ATP’s environmental education team also works with students in these communities, ensuring that future generations will be responsible stewards of the environment.

It is vital to have green areas in cities to protect people against pollutants and dust, and to provide shade and lower temperatures caused by hot summers and the urban heat island effect. ATP has been planting trees throughout the City of Yerevan for the past 25 years, as well as in other major cities and towns. These trees are not only saving lives by cleaning the air, but they’re also a major part of the beauty of Yerevan and its monuments and parks.

**Coppicing and Provision of Fruit Trees Contribute to Sustainability**

In terms of environmental stewardship, ATP advocates for responsible, sustainable practices. One such practice is coppicing, a method of woodland management which entails cutting tree stems which grow densely from one stump to near ground level so that the trees can grow to their full potential and thrive.

ATP hires residents of local communities to help with coppicing activities, and later, distributes most of the coppiced wood to village residents to use for cooking and heating. The remainder of wood is turned into mulch and used in ATP’s Mirak Family Reforestation Nursery for boosting plant growth, as well as in forestry plantings. ATP has partnered with Armenia’s State Forest Committee to help establish the coppicing project.

To raise awareness and promote a culture of environmental responsibility, ATP also organizes trash cleanups twice a year and is a major partner for World Cleanup Day in Armenia.

In terms of food security, ATP provides fruit and nut trees for families to plant in their backyards and on shared community land. These trees provide fresh fruit that families can consume, preserve, or sell as they see fit. These trees boost the community’s health, economic independence, and sustainability.

Since ATP began its work in 1994, more than 9,300,000 pounds of fruit have been harvested from these trees to improve food security at public institutions and in rural villages. For example, the fruit grown at the Sardarabad Memorial is sold and the proceeds are given to employees as Christmas bonuses. At Etchmiadzin Kindergarten No. 13, students enjoy the fruit at lunch and take more home to their families. Entire communities benefit from ATP’s work.

ATP’s Backyard Nursery program enables village residents to earn income by planting trees in their own backyard. ATP provides 1,200-1,500 seeds to families who care for and grow them over a 2-3 year period. ATP trains the landowners, supervises the planting, and monitors the site throughout the process. Once trees reach harvesting stage, ATP pays the Backyard Nursery owner for the trees, which are then replanted in a community site. In 2019, about 40 families harvested 33,490 tree seedlings for ATP, increasing their family income by 30 percent.

**Experts Agree, It’s Not Just Planting Trees**

Dr. Anthony S. Davis, interim dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University, and many other speakers at “Forest Summit: Global Action and Armenia” echoed the importance of community engagement in ensuring the success of tree planting and forestry programs. In short, it’s not just about planting trees.

Speaker David Mathenge of Kenya’s Green Belt Movement, an organization whose founder was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize, emphasized the

“Plant the right trees, in the proper places, to support communities and sustain ecosystems.”

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  Interim Dean and Professor of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University
importance of addressing specific local needs to best serve the community. The Green Belt Movement empowers communities by educating them about sustainable resource management, conservation, tree planting, and tree care. By giving power to the people, they are able to spread their positive impact on the environment.

Dr. Maya Nehme, director of the Lebanon Reforestation Initiative, spoke about monitoring, accurate mapping, and tracking forest fires. She also linked seedling survival rates to close cooperation and coordination with the local community, policymakers, and government agencies.

ATP’s 25 Years of Monitoring Data is ‘Extraordinary’

During a panel at the Summit on the role of technology, Guy Hydrick, GIS Administrator at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council of Boston, emphasized the importance of collaboration with the local community and monitoring long term data. Mr. Hydrick is a PhD candidate in Geography at Clark University and has been studying ATP’s tree planting and monitoring data. The database includes information about all of the trees planted by the CTP program since 1994.

“The ATP dataset is an extraordinary resource,” he explains, “which constitutes a larger sample of tree mortality than collected by any previous study by several orders of magnitude. The data maintained by ATP presents an excellent opportunity for research and collaboration with an exceptional and well-established urban and community forestry program, and in a region not well represented in this body of literature.”

Hydrick notes that the data shows that ATP’s CTP program has a very good survival rate. “The positive results that we see today are due to the fact that we have a clear understanding of the land, and of the people,” explains Operations Manager Arthur Harutyunyan. “We have a team of dedicated experts that guide us through the science of healthy tree propagation, and we partner with local people wherever we work. Our high tree survival rates depend on local community involvement.”

As Armenia renews its efforts to protect and expand its forest cover, ATP will play a major role by continuing to plant healthy trees all over the country, and by providing its expertise about working with people and meeting the needs of the local community. Because it is more than just planting trees.
OUR FINANCES

By Rachel Boloyan, Controller

2019 was a milestone year for Armenia Tree Project. ATP turned 25 and celebrated all year with “birthday parties” across the US and in Armenia. These events attracted more than 500 new donors and were a source of increased revenues. In 2020, we will continue with the festivities and fundraising.

As part of our 25th anniversary campaign, we are offering five new opportunities by which individuals can contribute to ATP:

• Give a gift to the Forestry Fund
• Sponsor a Community Tree Planting Site
• Honor a loved one with a walkway or garden bed at Karin Nursery
• Support a village family through our Backyard Nursery Program
• Attend and participate in discussions related to our Forest Summit

ATP’s sources of revenue shown in the graph below demonstrate that our major donors continue to be generous and loyal. We notice many of these contributions come through donor-advised funds as tax laws have changed. Our supporters are primarily from North America and Europe, and they recognize the vital role ATP plays in improving the quality of life in Armenia.

The expenditures graph depicts the allocation of funds raised for programs and operations both in the United States and Armenia.

In 2020, ATP’s fundraising growth will continue thanks to the strong foundation and support of donors like you.

Armenia Tree Project is included in the 501(c)(3) ruling of its fiscal agent, the Armenian Assembly of America, tax identification number 52-1614093.
CTP planted a total of 53,450 trees and shrubs

40,268 were produced in Karin, Khachpar, and Chiva nurseries

13,182 trees came from Aghavnavank and Margahovit backyard nurseries

CTP covered 198 sites, 70 of which were new

Planted in 11 regions of Armenia, and Artsakh

Total number of CTP trees planted from 1994-2019 = 1,478,778

Total number of CTP planting sites since 1994 = 1,313

838,568 kg (1,847,066 pounds) of fresh fruit was harvested in 2019 from 329 CTP sites

7 plantings with Building Bridges schools from U.S.A. and Canada

In 2019, over 6,000 community members were trained by CTP staff

Managed 44 backyard nurseries in Aghavnavank, Keti and Margahovit

5,408 students visited ATP’s Ohanian Education Centers for training and study tours

Students and youth from 117 schools, universities, and NGOs visited the ATP Ohanian Centers

2,230 students from more than 60 schools participated in ATP’s in-class trainings during our community/school visits (including trainings at tree planting sites and target schools of co-funded programs)

18 eco clubs were established and supported by ATP

1,453 students were engaged in Eco-club activities led by ATP in their schools

10 student projects were initiated and successfully implemented by ATP Eco-clubbers in their schools and communities

36 students and their teachers from Rind, Chiva and Paruyr Sevak villages participated in ATP’s 3-day eco camp held in Chiva, Vayots Dzor

1,250 students and group leaders participated in ATP’s Enviro Ed sessions at partner camps

24 students and 10 teachers from Ararat and Armavir marzes participated in ATP’s 2-day eco camp on Efficient use of Water Resources, held in Echmiadzin, Armavir marz

23 teachers from the Ararat and Armavir regions were trained by ATP focusing on global and local environmental issues and the Groundwater in Ararat Artesian Basin, in particular

20 Educators participated in a Capacity Building Teacher training, organized by ATP and focusing on educating methodology, tools, approaches and strategies. This brought the total number of teachers trained by ATP to 1,642
During 2019, Karin, Khachpar and Chiva Nurseries produced and supplied 55,805 trees and shrubs.

A total of 1,048,259 trees and shrubs have been produced in the 3 nurseries since the Nursery Program began in 1996.

The nurseries welcomed more than 320 visitors and guests in 2019.

More than 1,000 children and adults visited ATP’s Enviro Ed corner at various festivals and public events held in Armenia, including the Harvest, Haybuis, Aveluk, Blueberry, and Sevan outdoor festivals, as well as various public events held in different cities of Armenia.

155 students and teachers from the diaspora were hosted in Armenia as part of the Building Bridges environmental education program (1,130 participants to date), and students from California’s AGBU Manoogian-Demirjian School participated in our first “eco-challenge” on forest fire prevention.

2 Building Bridges
Newsletters were translated into Armenian and printed in 2019.

A total of 226,628 trees were planted in 2019, including ATP’s six millionth tree in Mikhaylovka.

In spring 2019 forestry planted 35,977 tree seedlings at Stepanavan Lake.

In fall 2019 we planted a total of 190,651 trees at our sites in Saratovka, Tashir 2 and Mikhaylovka.

In Fall 2019, 19,950 trees for forestry came from the Backyard Nurseries.
Samvel Ghandilyan manages ATP’s nurseries in Karin, Khachpar, and Chiva. He’s been with ATP since the very beginning and has helped establish the nurseries and bring several programs to life. Ghandilyan has authored 28 scientific articles, two of which are based on tree propagation experiments he’s conducted at Karin Nursery with scientists from Yerevan State University. The articles are used in courses at Yerevan State University and the Armenian National Agrarian University. Ghandilyan has also published nine methodical instructions on educational processes, and two books about safety measures in the work environment. Samvel is married and has a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

What was your childhood like?
I was born in 1948 in the coastal area of Lake Sevan, in Gavar. I grew up with two brothers and a sister. My parents were agriculturalists, so I’d been exposed to plant life from an early age. As a child, I had ambitions to go deeper into science, to learn as much as I could and to create something.

Where did curiosity take you?
I ended up studying mechanization, electrification, and melioration at the Agrarian University. Upon graduating I was stationed at the Armenian Institute for Mechanization and Electrification of Agriculture - first as a Junior Researcher and then went on to become Senior Scientist. We were designing, testing, and assessing agricultural machines.

After that, I served in the Soviet army in Siberia for a year. It was minus 50 degrees Celsius on some days, but the nature there was spectacular! I even took volunteer youth groups there later to do community service, doing construction work.

I returned home as an officer and went on to work as an associate professor at the Armenian Agricultural Academy for 22 years. The courses I taught were about safety and the prevention of fires and workplace accidents.
How and when did you learn about ATP?

One day, the director of ATP asked me for help. Their small team was working on a community planting site in the border town of Noyakert in Ararat Province. I volunteered for a month, monitoring the planting project, and was eventually offered a job. I officially started working for ATP in 1995.

ATP’s mission was strong from the beginning. The organization always had great ambition to do bigger and greater things. We opened the first nursery in Karin on May 2, 1996. It was a refugee village and it made sense to establish the nursery there. Our mission was, and still is, to improve the quality of life through trees. We kept several families in Armenia thanks to the jobs we were able to provide in the nursery.

The public did not immediately understand the organization’s intentions; they thought it was too good to be true. I remember once I had to convince two villagers from Ararat Province that the trees were free, and that we were doing charity in this way. They refused to believe it. They were extremely suspicious and left the meeting upset, thinking they were being fooled.

The idea caught on, eventually. In 1999 we opened Khachpar Nursery and then Chiva in 2016. I’m proud to say I also helped establish the Environmental Education program in 2003 and we opened the Michael and Virginia Ohanian Environmental Education Center in 2004.

What's kept you so dedicated and passionate about your work all these years?

Plants, life. I also think that when you create something, you come to love it, no matter the field. I’m proud to have had my input in every seedling and stone, and I consider Karin and Khachpar nurseries as part of my legacy.

I’ve always loved my job and never even missed a day during the first nine years. It shocked my colleagues how I never took any sick days!

What has your experience taught you about work?

You have to love it, cherish it, dedicate yourself to the work you do and continue to create and innovate, no matter the job. People who work just for the sake of being paid won’t do any good. I value enthusiasm over knowledge. I value leadership, which means treating people with respect and kindness. That is how I guided myself throughout the years. I tried to do whatever I could to maintain a positive environment for my team and strived to help create more jobs.

What comes to mind when you think about the natural environment?

We’re all responsible for the environment. Each of us has to do our part to protect it and keep it clean.

What does the future of ATP look like in your mind?

Bigger, it’s always growing. The goals and programs are continuously developing and expanding, while the charitable mission remains the driving force.

Your coworkers know you as an active traveler, who enjoys climbing mountains and other activities. What was your favorite experience?

Since 1968, I’ve enjoyed traveling to more than 35 countries. But, Western Armenia stands out as my favorite. It was the most overwhelming out of all my trips. I was especially impressed with Surp Arakelots Monastery and Surp Khach Church on Akhtamar Island, on Lake Van.

You propagate more than 50 varieties of trees in the ATP nurseries. Do you have any favorites?

I’d have to say European mountain ash, or Rowan. I always praise it and like to show it off to our guests in Karin. It’s a great source of food for wildlife in forests, and the fruit is edible for humans too. It enriches the environment in various ways and it’s a beautiful tree to have in urban areas as well.

I’d like to add that at ATP, I was given the opportunity to cultivate my own ideas as well as to enhance the vision of our founder Carolyn Mugar. I’m very grateful that I was able to bring my own innovations to the table, and to have my contributions to the project become a part of something bigger. Most of all, I’m thankful to have been given the opportunity to help others, to help my country, and its natural environment.
Climate change is affecting Armenia’s communities, economy, and natural ecosystems and these effects are expected to increase.

Environmental education is not part of the formal curriculum as a separate subject in Armenia. The lack of sufficient knowledge in the field of sustainability and sustainable development among teachers and students is a serious problem.

At ATP, we aim to create innovative learning materials that instruct teachers how to tie lessons and activities inside and outside the classroom using project-based learning. The goal is to use materials through which students can learn skills that would increase their interest in nature and the environment, improve their understanding of global citizenship, and teach them social and community building skills relevant to their age.

By training teachers and students, and initiating “Eco-clubs” within schools, ATP aims to have a long-term impact on Armenian society by equipping the younger generation with practical skills to make a change.

ATP’s environmental education and awareness-raising efforts have a special focus on climate change adaptation. Adaptation means better planning for, and incorporating the most current information about climate change into decision-making to reduce the adverse impacts of climate change. The topics taught during ATP’s environmental education trainings stem from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Topics Covered during ATP’s Environmental Education Trainings
- Climate change
- Biodiversity of plants and endangered species, including the Caucasian Leopard
- Forest fire prevention
- Waste management and reasonable consumption of goods
- Diversity in nature (water, soil, air)
- Armenia’s specially protected natural areas
- The birds of Lori Marz
- Protection and conservation of water resources

ATP’s goal is to establish a network of empowered, environmental stewards, who can take a powerful role in determining the future development of a clean and healthy environment—an environment that encourages respect for the past with eyes on the future.

Overview of ATP Environmental Education Programs (Fall 2018-Summer 2019)

- 4,503 students visited ATP’s Ohanian Education Centers to train, bringing the total number of visitors to the centers to 34,665 since they opened
- 1,920 students participated in ATP’s in-class trainings during community/school visits
- 1,019 students were engaged in Eco-club activities led by ATP in their schools
- 23 teachers from the Ararat and Armavir regions were trained on how to deliver env. education lessons, bringing the total number of teachers trained by ATP to 1,622
- More than 1,000 children and adults visited ATP’s “Enviro. Ed.” booth at various festivals and public events held in different cities in Armenia, including the Harvest, Haybuis, Aveluk, Blueberry, and Sevan outdoor festivals
- 69 new schools, universities, and NGOs from 31 communities of Armenia started cooperating with ATP to advance environmental education initiatives
- 155 students and teachers from the diaspora were hosted in Armenia as part of the Building Bridges environmental education program (1,130 participants to date), and students from California’s AGBU Manoogian-Demirjian School participated in our first “Eco-challenge” on forest fire prevention
Our Building Bridges program connects students from Armenian schools in the diaspora to their peers in Armenia. Our staff members in the U.S. visit various schools, churches, and organizations nationwide, where they give presentations about ATP, and distribute the same learning materials that the students in Armenia are taught.

Then, during diasporan visits to Armenia, we introduce them to local students. Together, they plant a tree and establish lifelong bonds.

Here are the places our Building Bridges program has rooted itself in 2018-2019:

- Pennsylvania: 2
- New York: 1
- Illinois: 3
- California: 49
- New Jersey: 2
- Rhode Island: 1
- Massachusetts: 6
- Connecticut: 1
- Lebanon: 2
- Canada: 5
- Australia: 2
GET INVOLVED:
ATP AMBASSADORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Supporters from all over the world have come forward to help sustain Armenia’s environment and empower its people to protect their land. Our Ambassadors want to improve the environmental conditions in Armenia and believe in raising funds and volunteering to help ATP achieve its mission. Join our team and help us garner more support to protect Armenia. Here are some of the things you can do:

• Host a fundraiser to inform and excite your local community about ATP’s initiatives
• Garner support from friends and family and sponsor a Community Planting site or Backyard Nursery
• Make your birthday an ATP fundraiser
• Connect Building Bridges educational curriculum to your local school and youth group
• Represent ATP at bazaars, picnics or other events in your community
• Participate in the Coin Box Challenge (found in all of our Building Bridges newsletters)
• Volunteer in Armenia with ATP
• To get involved, visit the ‘Ambassador’ tab on our website, ArmeniaTree.org

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We apologize in advance for any discrepancies or errors and omissions in this list. Please feel free to contact us to report omissions or corrections. Your ongoing support of our programs is sincerely appreciated.

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