2nd International Conference of Forestry Training Centres

19 to 21 November 2008
Forestry Training Centre
Lyss, Switzerland

Lack of qualified people – New threat to forests?

- 2nd Announcement -

This conference is supported by the Swiss Federal Department for Environment, Public transportation, Energy and Communications
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The conference is organized under the auspices of the Joint FAO/UNECE/ILO Experts Network on implementing SFM

6 good reasons for attending the 2nd International Conference

- To improve your knowledge about challenges and threats for forestry training.
- Understand the impact of demographics on recruiting in recent times and the future.
- Explication of the lack of interest by young people for forest professions and how to cope.
- Exchange information, viewpoints and work experience.
- Share new ideas and receive impulses to improve training methods and job recruitment.
- Get to know and enhance existing networks and build new partnerships on a European level.

Other aims and objectives

- To get an overview about the current situation, trends and new methods in forest education.
- To draw first conclusions and to have a first abstract of the European Forest Week 2008.
- Widen horizons, gather new ideas and inputs for the work in the own organisation ("I am coming with an idea and I leave the conference with many other ideas I have received from participants").
- Trace and find new tracks of cooperation between the centres. Enforce existing and promote new trans-national partnerships, present the next projects, look at the results coming from those partnerships.
- A follow up of the first discussions held in Brussels in June 2008 about the European certification for chainsaw operators.
- Increased knowledge about forestry education and about the expertise, different methods and tools used by forestry education centres in Europe.
- A list of training projects that have been conducted with partnerships in Europe.

Main points:

- This conference shall be held from **November 19 – 21, 2008** in Lyss, Switzerland.
- It follows the successful 1st International Conference in 2005 in France (La Bastide des Jourdans).
- The conference will again be an excellent opportunity to exchange information, viewpoints and work experience
- There will also be excellent possibilities for networking and for developing new partnerships in a good atmosphere
- Main outcomes should be: Overview of the current situation in forestry training, of trends that are influencing education and of new methods in training, Key success factors for forest training centres.
- Updating, development and strengthening of the Eduforest network of forestry training centres.
- Existing cooperation and partnerships should be evaluated and encouraged with the goal to expand partnerships and to encourage the application of the results already obtained from existing programmes. Taking into account the opinions of previous Leonardo.
- The registration deadline is October 31, 2008

Why?

- During the last three years there have been many changes to the forestry sector.
- There is an apparent boom in forestry and the wood market.
- The climate change and the rising demand for (wood) energy will have a strong impact on the forestry sector.
- More and more qualified forestry personnel might be missing in the future.
- This lack of well trained forest workers and foresters will be even more important in the near future as it meets rising demands from society.
- There will be a rising demand for further education and training courses.
- Trans-national partnerships have proved successful and the benefits deriving from common solutions that respect local specialities are not only evident in terms of the economy.

Who is expected to attend the conference?

The conference is aimed at all those who are involved in forestry training and who are interested in sharing experience and knowledge with other institutions or other countries, especially by the means of trans-national projects and working programmes. This invitation reaches out to schools, professional associations (e.g. ENFE, CEP), the MCPFE, European Commission, research centres, universities for applied sciences and some universities, forest insurance organisations and all other bodies involved in forest training. The invitation is also extended to the international network of forest pedagogy.

When?

The conference will be held from **Wednesday, November 19th 2008, 15:00 h (opening) to Friday, November 21s 2008 at noon (official closing)** with the possibility of an excursion / fieldtrip in the afternoon.

- **The participants are strongly advised and asked to attend the conference in its totality**

Languages

Official languages will be English, French and German. During the plenary sessions there will be a simultaneous translation into English and French.

Programme

Wednesday, November 19, 2008	- Welcome - Trends and challenges to forest competences, market demand - Trends and challenges in education and training in general, demographic change, sociological problems - Trends and challenges for forest training centre: How to act in preparing for a successful future? - Working groups: the 3 most important trends and challenges for forestry training centre. - Presentation of the results, first conclusions
Thursday, November 20, 2008	- Parallel sessions with presentations by different training centers: success stories, methods, instruments, quality development, training programs and vocational training - Market place: benchmarks and key success factors for forest training - Discussion and second conclusions
Friday, November 21, 2008	- New results of European projects and new projects (building partnerships). - Working groups: Partnerships and transnational projects - Presentation and first kick offs - Discussion and conclusions for the conference, recommendations permitting implementation by the training centre. - Forest excursion

Keynote Speakers

Mr. Andreas Rickenbacher, PhD, State Counsellor, Head of the Department of the Economy, Canton of Berne

Mr. Kit Prins, Chief of the Timber Section, UNECE, Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Christian Salvignol, President of the FAO/ECE/ILO Joint Experts Network for Sustainable Forest Management, Director General of the Forestry Training Centre in La Bastide des Jourdans, France

Dr. Lutz Bellmann, PhD, Research Director, German Federal Agency for Labour, Nuremberg, Germany

Mr. Barrie Hudson, Chairman, ENFE (European Network of Forest Entrepreneurs), Aberdeen, Scotland

Call for contributions

We encourage all participants of the conference to present to us their active contributions (no review procedure)! Possibilities include presentations in the plenary, market place, posters, internet, demonstrations, workshops, brochures, dvd etc. (please also see “contacts”).

Excursion

The Friday fieldtrip-excursion will take us to the forests of the nearby Jura Mountains where we shall study the varied Swiss landscape (Alps, Midlands and Jura mountains) and their impact on forest management. Aspects of forestry training will be included in the presentations.

Transportation

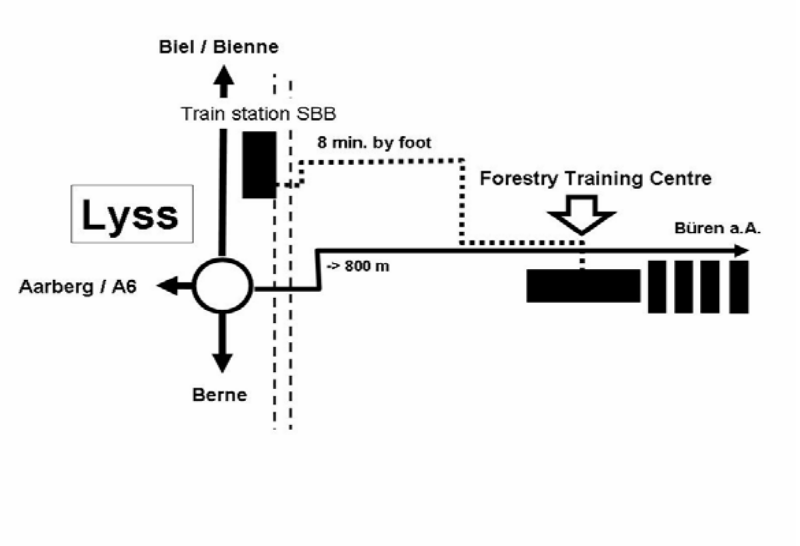
By airplane: to following Airports: Geneva, Zurich or Berne; then by bus or train to Biel/Bienne or Berne, from these cities regional trains run on a regular schedule to Lyss: www.sbb.ch

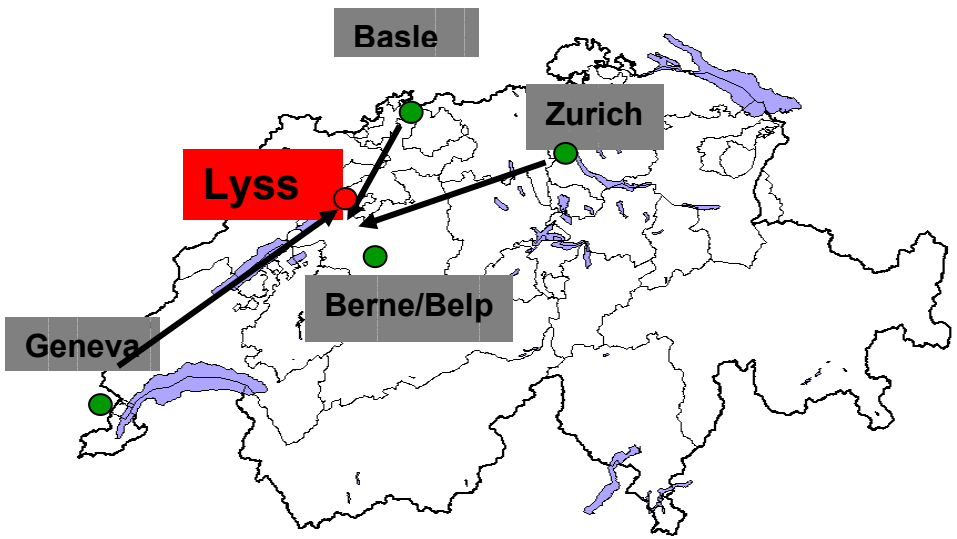
By train: The town of Lyss can be reached easily via Biel/Bienne or Berne with trains from Geneva to Zurich or vice versa, or from Basle: www.sbb.ch

By car: Lyss is centrally located in Western Switzerland and easily accessible from Geneva (150 km, 2 hrs); Berne (30 km, 30 min), Basle (90 km, 70 min), Zurich (115 km, 90 min.).

The Forestry Training Centre is located in the town of Lyss (pop. 11'000), directions are to be found on our Website www.bzwlyss.ch or below.

A shuttle is provided by the Forestry Training Centre between the Lyss train station, the Training Centre and your hotel (if on our list)





Weather in November

The weather in late November can still be sunny but cool, also stormy and rainy days or some fog are possible. Temperatures should be between 2 and 8 degrees C or slightly higher, please also bring warm clothes and a jacket, raingear and good shoes (excursion).

Accommodation

Directly in the **Forestry Training Centre** in Lyss, Hardernstrasse 20, CH-3250 Lyss, Tel. +41 32 387 49 11, Fax +41 32 387 49 30, www.bzwlyss.ch. Simple, but clean and comfortable rooms in a modern wooden building, directly on the premises of the Forestry Training Centre (free indoor parking lots, no phone, tv, radio and hairdryer in your room!). Rates (includes breakfast): 40.00 € (3-bed-room, per person), 45.00 € (2-bed-room, per person), 52.00 € (single-room), all with toilet and shower; please book directly or indicate in the registration form.

For all other accommodation, please check directly with the hotel, indicating “Participant International Forestry Conference”.

Recommended hotels in Lyss and the area are (The prices can be found in the registration form)

Hotel Weisses Kreuz, Lyss, www.kreuz-lyss.ch
Hotel Spatz, Lyss
Hotel Krone, Aarberg (5 km from Lyss), www.krone-aarberg.ch
Hotel Florida, Studen (5 km from Lyss), www.florida.ch

Other hotels recommended:
Hotel Rössli, Busswil bei Büren (2 km from Lyss), www.roessli-busswil.ch

- **There will be a shuttle service to and from your hotel!**

Participants who like to stay for the weekend: please specify this on your registration form.

Finances

The registration fee is 210 €. This amount comprises all meals except breakfast, shuttle transportation to and from your hotel and the excursion on Friday, documentations about the conference as well as a part of the administrative costs. Not included is your overnight stay (see “accommodation”), drinks and all personal expenses.

Registration

The registration form can be downloaded from the following websites: www.bzwlyss.ch or www.eduforest.eu . Please fill in the registration form and send it to the following address only: Lyss Forestry Training Centre, Hardernstrasse 20, CH-3250 Lyss, Switzerland.

Evaluation

The participants will be invited to evaluate the conference and to specify their satisfaction; a short written report by the international steering board will furthermore evaluate the results of the conference.

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More about the Lyss Forestry Training Centre (German and French):

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