



Forestry Training Centre Lyss

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**2nd International
Conference of Forestry
Training Centres**

19 to 21 November 2008
Forestry Training Centre
Lyss, Switzerland

- 1st Announcement -

This project 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 in implementing SFM

The main points:

- The 1st International Conference in 2005 (France – La Bastide des Jourdans) was a huge success with around 70 participants from 23 countries
- The participants expressed their wish to continue the work in progress and to meet again for a 2nd conference
- This conference shall be held from November 19 – 21, 2008. It will be short (roughly 2 days) with a busy schedule and concrete outcomes. We strongly advise participants to participate at the conference in its totality.
- The 2nd conference will 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
- 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.
- Registration deadline: October 31, 2008; Special rate for “early birds” until September 15th, 2008

Why a 2nd conference?

In February 2005 the participants of the 1st International Conference of Forestry Training Centres agreed unanimously to continue the good work and to meet in about three of years for another conference.

During the last three years there have been many changes to the forestry sector. One of them is the apparent boom in forestry and the wood market. Others are the climate change and the rising demand for (wood) energy. Another trend is the fact that more and more qualified forestry personnel will 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. At the same time 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.

General aims and expected outcomes of the 2nd conference

- 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.
- Exchange information, experience and knowledge.
- 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”).
- Develop and strengthen the network already existing.
- 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.
- To have a first discussion about the lack of candidates for professions in forestry.
- Increased knowledge about forestry education and about the expertise, different methods and tools used by forestry education centres.
- Exploring possibilities of commonly using modern education methods and tools at an European level.
- A list of training projects that have been conducted with partnerships in Europe.
- A short written report about the main achievements of the conference.

Who is expected to attend the conference?

The conference is aimed at 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. The 1st announcement reaches out especially to all the participants of the 1st conference and to all members of the Eduforest network of forestry training centres of the secondary and tertiary level. It also reaches out to 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.

Dates

The conference will be held from **Wednesday, November 19th 2008, 15:00 h (opening) to Friday, November 21st 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

English, French and German simultaneous interpretation

Provisional programme

Wednesday, 19th November 2008:	Welcome and opening ceremony, topic I: Overview about the current situation; presentations and discussions in the plenum, dinner and local get together
Thursday, 20th November 2008:	Topic II: Development of Competences and skills; plenum, workshops, market place, lunch, Topic III: Partnerships and Quality development; official dinner hosted by the Swiss Federal Ministry of the Environment, Public transportation and Energy
Friday, 21st November 2008:	Topic IV: New instruments and methods; conclusion, closing ceremony, simple lunch, excursion in the forest

(More details will follow in the 2nd announcement!)

Contributions

There will be no review procedure: All contributions and presentations by participants are welcome! Possibilities include presentations in the plenum, market place, posters, internet, demonstrations, workshops etc. (please also see “contacts”).

Excursion

The Friday fieldtrip-excursion will take us to the nearby Jura mountains where we shall study the varied Swiss landscape (Alps, Midlands and Jura mountains) and their impact on forest management; alternative in case of bad weather: Jura water management project and nature reserves near the Aare river

Transportation

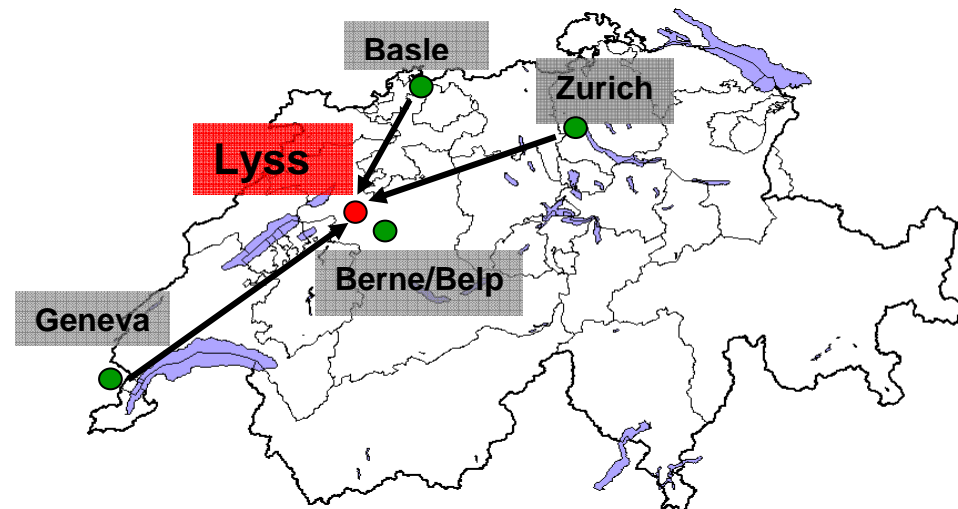
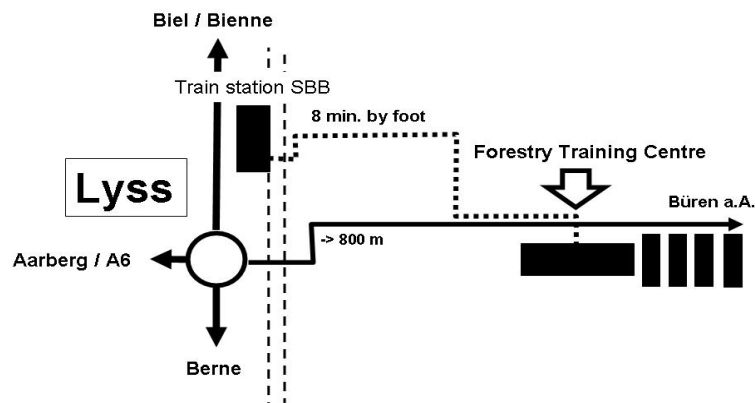
By airplane: to following Airports: Geneva, Zurich or Berne; then by bus or train to Biel/Bienne or Berne, from these cities regional trains run on a regular schedule to Lyss: [SBB: Home - Online-Fahrplan, Ticket Shop, Reisen buchen, Online-Reisebüro](#)

By train: The town of Lyss can be reached easily via Biel/Bienne or Berne with trains from Geneva to Zurich or vice versa: [SBB: Home - Online-Fahrplan, Ticket Shop, Reisen buchen, Online-Reisebüro](#)

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 east of the town of Lyss (pop. 11'000), directions are to be found on our Website www.bzwlyss.ch

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 5 and 15 degrees C, please also bring warm clothes and a jacket, rain gear and good shoes.

Accommodation

Directly in the **Forestry Training Centre** in Lyss, Hardernstrasse 20, CH-3250 Lyss, Tel. +4132 387 49 11, Fax +4132 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 covered parking lots, no phone, tv, radio and hairdryer!). 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 € or 190€ for “early birds” who register before September 15th.

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. The carrier body of the conference is looking into the support of the EU, but EU financing is uncertain.

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 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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