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SILVA Network Annual Conference

19-21 June, 2019

TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE BOLOGNA DECLARATION -
WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR HIGHER FOREST EDUCATION?

On behalf of the SILVA Network, the University of Dresden - Department of Forest Sciences, will host the 2019 Annual Conference on higher forestry education. The event is co-organized by the IUFRO Education Group.

Programme:

Wednesday: 19th June	
11:00-12:00	Special business session: global networking on forest education
12:00-14:00	Registration & lunch
14:00-14:30	Welcome address and opening of SILVA Network Annual Conference
14:30-17:30	Technical session I
Thursday: 20th June	
09:00-12:30	Technical session II
12:30-14:00	Lunch (Mensa of university campus)
14:00-17:00	Technical session III
17:00-18:30	General Assembly
19:30	Conference Dinner
Friday: 21th June	
08:30-19:00	Field trip to Tharandt Forest and the Ore Mountains (Saxony)

Topic and call for contributions

On June 19, 1999 the Joint Declaration of the European Ministers of Education was adopted. Commonly known as the Bologna Principles, this document was oriented towards a paradigm change in teaching and learning on a European scale. It strongly influenced approaches of higher forest education in many universities on the European continent and partly even beyond. SILVA Network has addressed the Bologna Principles during the conferences in Thessaloniki, Zagreb and St. Petersburg already. Now, exactly 20 years after the adoption of the Principles, it is time both for retrospection and foresight:

- What have we learned from implementation of "Bologna" in forestry and related study programmes?

- What are the challenges ahead for learners, what is their new role in the learning process?
- How students' individual efforts to learn and to develop skills can be supported by lecturers and administrative staff?
- Do we have best practice approaches in higher forest education?
- What are the next challenges for higher forest education (blended learning, MOOCs, transnational and transcontinental cooperation, Brexit …)?

Proposals for contributions are welcome, especially from the students' perspective! Please send by E-mail an abstract of up to 300 words to N. Weber (norbert.weber@tu-dresden.de) till **May 1, 2019**. The SILVA Board will decide on contributions (oral presentations/posters) and all applicants will be informed as soon as possible after the deadline.

Venue
The conference will be held in the premises of Technische Universität Dresden, Department of Forest Sciences. Address: Pienner Str. 8, 01737 Tharandt, Germany.

During the field trip, participants will experience some of the highlights of forest history in Europe in the surrounding forests of Tharandt and foreland of the Ore Mountains.

Fees
The regular participation fee is 180 € (special rate for students: 80 €) which must be paid in cash at the registration. This fee includes coffee breaks, 3 lunches, a conference dinner and the field trip.

Registration
To register, please fill in the separate registration form not later than **May 1, 2019**

Accommodation
Participants have to make their accommodation arrangements themselves, at own cost. We suggest the hotel **Leonardo Hotel Dresden Altstadt** (https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-hotel-dresden-altstadt). This hotel is in the center of Dresden and it is ideally located only 1 km away from the famous old town and near to famous sights like *Semperoper*, *Frauenkirche* and *Zwinger*.

Travel arrangements
Participants have to make their travel arrangements themselves, at own cost.

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