



## SILVA Network Annual Conference, 28-30 June 2022

**Higher Forestry education in times of multiple crises: crises as framework conditions, challenges and triggers for improvements**

Host: School of Agriculture & Food Science, UCD

<b>Tuesday: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	
12.00 – 12.30	Registration & Welcome, (Foyer Agriculture & Food Science Centre)
12.30 – 14.00	<b>LUNCH – PI RESTAURANT, UCD SCIENCE CENTRE</b>
14.00 – 14.30	<b>Welcome</b> (Rm 1,67, Science Centre South)
14.00 – 14.15	<b>Welcome Address</b> Prof. Frank Monahan, Head of School, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science
14.15 – 14.30	<b>Conference Opening</b> Prof. Dr. Norbert Weber, Technical University of Dresden, President SILVA Network
14.30 – 17.15	<b>Technical Session 1</b> (Rm 1.67, Science Centre South)
14.30 – 15.15	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <i>The FAO-ITTO-IUFRO Global Forest Education Assessment – Findings for University Education</i> ; Dr. Mika Rekola, University of Helsinki, IUFRO Research Group 6.09 Forest Education coordinator
15.15 – 15.45	<i>Forestry in crisis mode - how communication can help to overcome crisis</i> ; Veronique Deeg, Technical University of Dresden
15.45 – 16.15	<b>COFFEE</b>
16.15 – 16.45	<i>Learning by doing: a practical approach to improving forest resilience through Tree Marker Training</i> ; Ted Wilson, Teagasc / UCD
16.45 - 17.15	<i>Those who can't, teach! Harnessing experiential learning to motivate the study of botanical identification and ecological concepts</i> ; Dr. Brian Tobin, Dr. Julie Dowsett & Dr. Terry Barrett, UCD



<b>Wednesday: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	
9.00 – 12.45	<b>Technical Session 2</b> (Rm 1,67, Science Centre South)
9.00 – 9.45	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <i>Proposals for the future development of SILVA – a new European Quality Assurance perspective of the Higher Education Area in Forestry</i> ; Dr. Iring Wasser, ASIIN e.V.
9.45 – 10.15	<i>Forestry education amid rising demands for more nature conservation and wilderness: Insights from the Green4Care Project</i> ; Dr. Deirdre O'Connor, UCD
10.15 – 10.45	<i>Forest Europe - information and possible collaboration</i> ; Vera Steinberg, Forest Europe
10.45 – 11.15	<b>COFFEE</b>
11.15 – 11.45	<i>How to become a better forest education teacher and prepare your students to meet the challenges of our world</i> ; Anne Nevgi, Niclas Sandström & Mika Rekola, University of Helsinki
11.45 – 12.15	<i>Higher education of forestry in Hungary is being renewed</i> ; Bálint Heil & Gábor Kovács, University of Sopron
12.15 – 12.45	<i>University level forestry studies in the period of reforms of forestry and higher education sectors in Lithuania</i> ; Vitas Marozas & Remigijus Žalkauskas, Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy

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14.00 – 17.00	<b>Technical Session 3</b> (Rm 1,67, Science Centre South)
14.00 – 14.30	<i>Reflections of an international student in Europe on Learning Forest Science in the Covid-19 Pandemic Era</i> ; Alex Bimbo Onatunji, University of Padova
14.30 – 15.00	<i>Forest education news from Europe: Something to keep, more to add</i> ; Niclas Sandström, Anne Nevgi, Mika Rekola, University of Helsinki, Finland & Forum4Edu
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Poster Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Opinion of students of the Faculty of Forestry of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences on remote learning during a pandemic</i>; Marta Aleksandrowicz-Trzcińska, Emilia Janeczko and Karol Bronisz, Warsaw University of Life Sciences</li> <li>● <i>Global environmental risks in the opinion of natural sciences students in Poland</i>; Emilia Janeczko, Błażej Przybylski &amp; Marta Aleksandrowicz-Trzcińska, Warsaw University of Life Sciences</li> </ul>
15.30 – 16.00	<b>COFFEE</b>
16.00 - 16.30	<i>Finding Forestry in the UK – where do we go from here?</i> ; Dr. Euan Bowditch, Scottish School of Forestry
16.30 – 17.00	<b>Conference Conclusions &amp; General Discussion</b> ; Prof. Dr. Norbert Weber, President SILVA Network



17.00 – 18.00	<p>General Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- new members</li> <li>- SILVA proceedings</li> <li>- meeting 2023: (theme, venue)</li> </ul>
19.30	Conference Dinner – The Lotts Café Bar, Liffey Street, Dublin 1

<b>Thursday: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	
8.30 – 18.00	<p><i>Field visit to the forests of County Wicklow</i></p> <p><i>Bus to depart UCD (Bus Stop at the Sports Centre)</i></p> <p><i>Morning session:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Visit to the private forest where students learn about thinning, transformation to CCF, inventory &amp; experimental design</i></li> <li>• <i>Visit to a private forest estate where students learn how to conduct Health &amp; Safety audits, carry out multi-resource inventory &amp; create a 10-year management plan</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Lunch: Wicklow Gaol café</i></p> <p><i>Afternoon session:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Courtesy of Coillte, a visit to the newly opened 'Beyond the Trees' experience in Avondale (the 'home' of Irish forestry). The development of the area underpins the importance of forest recreation and the provision of services and education to the general public.</i></li> </ul>

