



Pro Silva President's Newsletter

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Dear Colleagues

Herewith actual news about next year events and activities

Meeting of the delegates in Germany June 19th 2008

As presented in Ireland the convent of the delegates 2008 will take place in Germany at Freudenstadt (Black Forest), jointly with the international meeting Pro Silva organised from AnW Germany (see below). Our convent will be held on June 19 in the morning (9:30) just before the congress opening. Delegates could travel the day before and attend part or the whole meeting.

Please inform the delegates who will represent your organisation. They should register directly at the congress office respectively at the tourist office Freudenstadt for hotel reservations. I hope that all member organisations will be represented in Freudenstadt.

Pro Silva International Meeting Freudenstadt June 19th to 21st 2008

The international Pro Silva meeting Freudenstadt is organised by colleagues from AnW Baden-Württemberg, Germany under auspices of 100 years practices with close-to-nature silviculture in the Palmforest Freudenstadt.

The program consists of key note presentations on the topic "climate change and forest management" followed by a panel discussion with international pundits (afternoon June 19th). In the evening is a meeting dinner scheduled in the Kurhaus. Follows two days excursions in Pro Silva forests (Freudenstadt) and extended region including France under the general topic "Close to nature management as guarantor for economic success in forestry".

Costs of the meeting: 150 € (including dinner and excursions, without hotel)

See the appended meeting leaflet. This Information will be presented on our home page
Please inform your members.

Call for Exemplary forests to be put on our internet home page

As decided in former convents, one of the best ways to emphasize our goals and skills is to highlight and present the best Pro Silva forests in a manner every interested person could

understand. The exemplary forests documentation should be used for individual visiting too. This selection of the best examples should be our visit card to the great public. We decided to put on our home page under the appellation "exemplary forest" the best exemplary forests according to our principles. The decision which forest and how many pro country should be proposed for being included in our home page incurs your country organisation. As example for a more or less standardized dossier (Plenter forests Couvet Switzerland) is already been send to you (in last June) and already presented on our home page. I sent you in June guidelines for presenting such forests as well as criteria for your evaluation of the candidatures.

I would greatly appreciate the contribution of your country to this network of the best of pro Silva. May I beg you encouraging candidatures to be proposed to your board and, after acceptance, to me.

20 Years Pro Silva Europa in 2009

Our organisation has been founded at Robanov Kot in Slovenia on September 22th 1989. In 2009 we can commemorate our 20 years existence. I suggested celebrating this event in the founding country Slovenia. First contacts with Slovenian colleagues are positive. So we will organize the delegate convent 2009 there.

Collaboration with IUCN

Our collaboration with IUCN is bearing the first fruits. The forthcoming EU President from Slovenia decided promoting the topic close-to-nature forest management during his stint. This is very good news for us and reflects an actual trend to consider multifunctionality and naturality close together as pillars for achievement of sound forest management and efficient way to achieve multiple use goals. This is exactly where we are strong and should let it know to the large public.

During a meeting of the EU Nature Directors in Slovenia in February 2008 Pro Silva and others NGO's will have the opportunity to present there goals and policies.

Home page

Our home page has been reactivated after a short interruption for unclear reasons out of our reach. It should still remain an interactive platform for actual information about events, meeting and others. Please let information of general interest be forwarded to our webmaster (address on home page) to be set on the page.

Awards

Our colleague Bela Varga, Chairman Pro Silva Hungaria received on 20th August the distinction the Knight Cross (Order of merit of the hungarian republic) one of the highest rank honour in Hungary: The short translation of the laureation: For his long term efforts and

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significant results in close-to nature forest management saving and supporting the diversity of forest ecosystems. Respectful congratulations.

With the proximity of end of the year may I wish you and your organisation all the best, prosperity, success and satisfactions.

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Jean-Philippe Schütz