



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

ProSilva 30th Anniversary Conference, 11th-14th September 2019
Radlje ob Dravi, Slovenia

“Forests for the future – from science to the people”

Wednesday, 11th September 2019

up to 16.00: accommodation, registration at Radlje Castle (Koroška cesta 68, 2360 Radlje ob Dravi)

16.30: Welcome reception at Radlje Castle

Eckart Senitza – president of ProSilva - *Alan Bukovnik* – mayor of Radlje

17.30: Presentation of Pahernik's room and the Center of close to nature forest management

The first phase of the development of the centre will be presented, the historical exhibition on the beginnings of the close to nature forestry in Slovenia and in Europe.

18.30: Walk along the forest educational path Stari Grad (Old Castle)

Topics: Forest pedagogy, tourism in forest areas, thematic hiking trails, European hiking trails.

20.00 Dinner and social gathering.

Thursday, 12th September 2019

9.00 - 9.40: Hall in Radlje, opening ceremony of the event

Welcome speeches, cultural program

9.40 - 10.00: Coffee break

10.00 - 11.30: Presentations.

Leading topic: **Linking science and practice.**

(1) Contemporary research in the field of ecological forestry: **“From problem design to dissemination”** - *Prof. Dr. Klaus Puettmann* (Oregon State University, USA)

(2) **“Integrating practitioners into academic research for improving of close-to-nature forestry”** - *Dr. Peter Ammann* (Fachstelle Waldbau, Lyss, Switzerland)

11.30 - 12.00: Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.15: Lectures and workshop

(3) **“Thirty years of ProSilva Europe and challenges for the future”** - Dr. Bill (W.L.) Mason (CCFG Continuous Cover Forestry Group, Forest Research)

(4) Survey and Discussion on the **development constraints and research priorities for problem solutions**

13.15 – 14:00: Lunch

14.00 - 20.00: Excursion to the **Pahernik and Sgerm forest, Pohorje.**

Topics: Pahernik foundation, farm selection management, freestyle silviculture, natural vegetation and environmental change, forest reserves, old trees and tree microhabitats, Sgerm spruce - the highest Norway spruce in the world.

20.00: Dinner and social gathering: Ribnica na Pohorju.

Friday, 13th September 2019

8.30 – 16.30: Excursions

Group A - **Mislinja forests**: - Lunch at the farmhouse

Topics: gradual conversion of the spruce monocultures, ecological management of farm and forest management of state in Slovenia, forest protection, nature conservation, wildlife management.

Group B - **Lehen on the Pohorje**: - Lunch in the field

Topics: autochthonous control method in the selection forests of Slovenia, forest monitoring, inventory and planning, forest health, Natura 2000, nature conservation, hunting and large carnivores

17.00 - 19.30: Pro Silva Annual Meeting 2019 – Radlje Castle

20.00: Dinner and social gathering at Water park (artificial lake).

Saturday, 14th September 2019

7:30-9:00 Driving from Radlje to Celje

9:00-15:00 Excursion to Celje Urban Forest - Lunch in the field

Topics: multifunctional forest management in the recreational areas, freestyle silviculture in urban forests, invasive and non - native species.

15:00 official end and farewells – arrival to Ljubljana at 17:30

The participants will be dropped off at the Brnik Airport and Ljubljana Main Train Station.

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