International Conference

European Forests – Our Cultural heritage

Organizer:
IUFRO 9.03.01 Economic and Social Forest history and IUFRO 9.03.02 Forest and Culture jointly with the Austrian Forest Association/Working party Forest History and Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences
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Venue: 9313 St. Georgen am Längsee, Carinthia, Austria
Date: 4th – 7th December 2018

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Objective:

The aim of the European Cultural Heritage Year 2018 is to share our common cultural heritage and its potential for identification, participation on and development of European cultural, social, economic and other values. The cultural heritage of the forests and in the forests tackles the multiple interrelationships between forests, forest management and the human society, which have changed in the course of history. It is not only confined to demonstrating historical developments, but contributes also considerably to a better understanding of the present situation of forests and the development of the cultural landscape, and provides valuable input for forest conservation and management policies. The EU-Action Plan 2006 acknowledged cultural landscapes, traditional practise and other cultural values of forests as some of the ways of achieving local and regional sustainable development. Landscape values are also included in the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the European Landscape Convention. Cultural landscapes are considered to be a development factor. These potentials have only partly been investigated till now. However, there is an increasing demand by forest owners related to new markets and additional income beside forestry and an increasing interest of tourisms in the utilization of forest areas and beautiful sceneries. At present numerous initiatives, collections and museums exist; however, they are often not adequately linked. Thus, a new approach for co-operation of forest and woodland history including traditional knowledge and forest and tourist enterprises is aimed and an increasing need to deepen the knowledge related to the forest related cultural heritage should be fulfilled.
Call for papers and posters. Topics of interest:

1. Investigations aiming to increase the knowledge – documentation – safeguarding related to
   ✓ Historic Land-use Assessments
   ✓ Ancient monuments and other cultural remains in the forest
   ✓ Historical sites and artefacts in the forest
2. Sharing and improving knowledge concerning the cultural heritage
3. Cultural heritage of the forest:
   ✓ Forest as a resource in a wide sense e.g. hunting, iron production, resin tapping, forest grazing
   ✓ Cultural heritage in the forest: forests have been cleared and sometimes have been reversed such as cereal cultivation, settlements
4. Best practices for including traditional knowledge into forest management
   ✓ Recognizing the cultural and spiritual values in forest management
   ✓ Essential tools in applying cultural and spiritual aspects in practical forestry operations.
   ✓ History of former utilisation practises and techniques applied
5. Studies concerning
   ✓ The historic elements as a physical part of cultural heritage
   ✓ The immaterial cultural heritage such as knowledge

Conference language: English, one or two panels will be held in German language

Abstracts (papers and posters) in English or German language

Please submit your abstract to Elisabeth Johann, email: elisabet.johann@aon.at

Length of abstract: 400 characters (incl. spaces)

Deadline of submission: June 30th 2018

Information about acceptance: July 31st 2018

More information about the conference will be announced on the webpage:
http://www.forstverein.at/de/forstgeschichte/

Proceedings of the conference will be printed and also available for download. Deadline for submission of full paper: March 2019, length of papers 10 to 15 pages.

Preliminary programme:
December 4th arrival, 15:00 – 17:00 registration, Evening: welcome reception
December 5th registration, opening session, paper and poster presentations, evening event
December 6th paper and poster presentations, half-day in-congress excursion to a private forest enterprise
December 7th paper presentations,
          12:30 end of conference, departure
Registration:
Deadline for Registration: October 31st 2018
Registration form is available for download: [http://www.forstverein.at/de/forstgeschichte/](http://www.forstverein.at/de/forstgeschichte/) or send a letter of interest to: elisabet.johann@aon.at

Congress fee:
100 Euro including breaks and lunch (Wednesday, Thursday), 1 in-congress-excursion. Students and scientists without employment 70 Euro

Payment:
Bank Account: Volksbank Kärnten eG, Forstkultur, Dr. Elisabeth Johann
BIC: VBOEATWWKLA, IBAN AT88 4213 0314 4011 0000

Accommodation:
The conference and accommodation will be held in the same building. Rooms have been pre-booked for the participants. They should make their own arrangements and contact the office directly referring to the conference. Price per person/night: 67,00 Euro including breakfast. Lunch is included in the conference fee. For booking please contact Ms Susanne Schlögl, Bistum Gurk, Schlossallee 6, 9313 St. Georgen am Längsee, email: bankett@stift-stgeorgen.at, Tel. 004342132046-702.

How to get to the venue:

By car: From Salzburg, Italy, Vienna or Ljubljana: A2 Highway to Klagenfurt, exit Klagenfurt Nord, S 37 to St. Veit an der Glan, continue to St. Georgen.

By train: From Germany, Italy, Slovenia to Klagenfurt Hauptbahnhof, take a train to Bahnhof St. Veit an der Glan (10 km from the venue) or to Bahnhof St. Georgen/L. (3 km from the venue); Travel time 21 minutes, departure every hour, price 7 Euro. Take a Taxi to Stift St. Georgen. City Taxi Tel. 04212-2612, Taxi Frantar Tel. 0664-1052049. A shuttle will be provided on December 4th afternoon and evening. From Vienna get out in St. Veit and continue (see above)

By airplane: Airport Klagenfurt (distance from the venue 29 km): continue by train from train station Klagenfurt Annabichl (7 minutes walking distance from the airport) to St. Georgen or St. Veit (see above)

Airport Ljubljana: Take a shuttle from Ljubljana airport Brnik to Klagenfurt main station (Hauptbahnhof) (several times a day, 63 km) and continue by train (see above).

By taxi from Klagenfurt to St. Georgen: 45–55 Euro.