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Competence development for forestry
September 26th till October 1st 2011
IUFRO conference in Freiburg, Germany

Excursion # 1

Vocational Education of Forestry Workers

Hosts: Frank Kühnel

Date: 26th September 2011

Time: 9:00 departure from the conference venue
20:30 latest return to Freiburg

Topics: Vocational Education for Forestry Workers – Professional qualification of workers according to the German “dual education system”
Illustration of training objectives and the curriculum
Visit of the training centre
Demonstration of training and education on selected sites

- Silvicultural treatment of young stands
- Harvesting operations

Destination: Forestry Education Centre “Mattenhof” in Gengenbach

Transport: modern travel coach or shuttle busses

Weather and Clothing: Autumn in the Black Forest and Rhine valley can be outstandingly beautiful and warm, however, with bad luck we catch a cold and rainy day, with extensive rainfall, so please be prepared to bring rain protection a light jumper and of course sturdy shoes for the forest site visit where we will take few short walks into the stands.

Cost: Approx. 55 € including transport, lunch and dinner. The final amount will be communicated when the trip is finally fixed and the number of participants is known. The fee will be collected cash at the conference registration desk.



Description

This study tour will take you approx. 70 km along the Rhine Valley north of Freiburg to the beautiful mountain area between Rhine Valley and the Black Forest. You will visit the Forestry Education Centre “Mattenhof” (<http://www.faz-mattenhof.de/>), which is one of the three providers of vocational education for forestry workers in the State of Baden-Württemberg.



At this centre apprentices for forestry work receive their in-house theoretical and practical training which is part of the training they receive in apprenticeship in forest enterprises. There is no better place to illustrate the German vocational education system, visit the facilities and the infrastructure of this outstanding boarding school.

After lunch which will be offered at the Centre, practical training on forest site will be demonstrated. A specific feature in this region is the silviculture management and treatment of young stands which follow recent storm damages. Here an impression will be given, how young stands will be managed with regard to the expected climate change and to maintain biodiversity, and this offers particular insight in the wide competence requirements for forestry work now and in the future.

The region is well known for forest, landscape and wine, so you should not miss to taste the delicious wines of the region. A wine tasting at the local wine producers co-operative, accompanied by tasty traditional regional food will complete our study tour.

<http://www.gengenbacherwinzer.de>

