



Annual conference

May 15th till May 17th 2008

**What do we know about our graduates?
Graduate analyses for forest sciences and related curricula**

Second announcement

On behalf of the SILVA Network the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, will host a conference on Forestry education.

Topic

Looking back we find that in many countries numbers of forestry graduates seem to have matched the needs of employment in the forestry sector for long time. Probably nobody can prove this, and surely the situation in different countries was very different.

The situation in the 1990s has been reviewed by Lewark, Pettenella & Saastamoinen (1998)¹ The authors had experienced difficulties in doing this, as only in a few cases data were just ready to take, and definitely there was no standardized way of assessment and presentation. Also it is notable, that the available data have been collected by universities in some cases, associations in others. And there were few cases where real specialists did surveys of the whereabouts of graduates in a regular manner.

Meanwhile the methods of graduate analysis have been developed further and standardized procedures would be possible, but this would need cooperation and agreements between universities. The graduate surveys in the field of higher forestry education in Europe have been mostly stand-alone events, even if the advantages of comparable approaches and data are obvious. Presently in Silva Network we try to lay

¹ Lewark, Siegfried; Pettenella, Davide; Saastamoinen, Olli, 1998: Labour markets for university educated foresters: recent developments and new perspectives. Wageningen: Proc. Workshop "New Requirements for University Forestry Education" 30.7.-3.8.1997. DEMETER Series 1, 69-88

ground to coordinated approaches of graduate analyses in higher forestry education in Europe.

An important step on this way is the knowledge of what has been done and what is going on – what do we, the universities, know about our graduates? Let us at the annual conference in Copenhagen collect and present the experiences and discuss possible ways ahead.

Call for contributions

We invite you to prepare a presentation in closer or wider connection with the theme of the conference.

Please send by E-mail an abstract of up to 300 words to the Organisation Committee till February 29 2008. The organizing committee will decide on contributions; all applicants will be informed till March 28 2008.

Student participation is encouraged. Students please contact the Silva Network contact person of your university or IFSA (kristi.ifs@gmail.com) for contributions and special programme. For information about registration, student fees and accomodation please contact Reiner Mühlsiegl (see at the end).

Programme structure

May 15, 2008:

Begin 15.00 h

• **Welcome:**

Siegfried Lewark, SILVA Network president

• **Key note:**

Niels Elers Koch, Director general, Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, University of Copenhagen, IUFRO vicepresident

• **Paper session 1**

• **Poster session**

• **Conference dinner**

May 16, 2008:

• **Demonstrations of learning & teaching approaches in the forest:**

Anders Bülow, Director of the Forestry College

• **General assembly SILVA Network**

• **Paper session 2**

• **Poster session**

• **Paper session 3**

• **Scenic & cultural tour in the surrounding of the forestry college**

May 17, 2008

• **Field trip (related to education in forestry):**

Bo Larsen, professor of silviculture and forest ecology

Venue and accomodation

Danish Forestry College Forest
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Hillerød)



Forest & Landscape – The Danish Forestry College (part of University of Copenhagen) is offering courses for professionals within the green sector. They educate forest and landscape engineers, forest and landscape specialists, rangers and forest workers and offer various courses with diploma examination and supplementary training. The courses are organized for beginners as well as for experienced staff under public management and private firms. The Forestry College is located in beautiful surroundings at the Esrum Lake and the Gribskov forest complex.

Registration

Please fill in and send registration form online from the conference page at your earliest convenience, but not later than April 30. Upon registration you will get your invoice and payment details.

Participation

Conference fee - early registration before April 1, 2008 (includes shuttle service from Copenhagen airport to Fredensborg and back)	30 Euro
Conference fee – late registration after April 1, (final registration April 30, 2008) (includes shuttle service from Copenhagen airport to Fredensborg and back)	50 Euro
Excursion fee (excursion May 17) (includes transport)	20 Euro

Accommodation in the Danish Forestry College

Package 1:

Arriving for lunch Thursday May 15 and leaving after conference on May 16: **230 Euro**
Included: May 15: Lunch, Coffee/Tea and Cake, Conference Dinner, Single Room
May 16: Breakfast, Coffee and Cake, Lunch

Package 2:

Arriving for lunch on Thursday May 15 and leaving after excursion on May 17: **325 Euro**
Included: May 15: Lunch, Coffee/Tea and Cake, Conference Dinner, Single Room
May 16: Breakfast, Coffee/Tea and Cake, Lunch, Dinner; Single Room
May 17: Breakfast

If no **“Package”** is booked a separate fee for **“Coffee/Tea and Cake”** **80 Euro**
and **the conference dinner** is charged

Travel arrangements

One bus from Copenhagen airport on May 15 around 12.00 h, back to airport on May 17 after excursion

For those arriving earlier or later on May 15: please take the S-train to the Central Station and shift to Line E or A towards Hillerød. A shuttle from Hillerød station will be arranged.

For more detailed information see conference page later.

Organisation Committee

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The conference website will be updated regularly.

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