

**- Second Announcement -**

**SILVA Network Annual Conference**

19-21 June, 2019

**TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE BOLOGNA DECLARATION -  
WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR HIGHER FOREST EDUCATION?**

Host: TU Dresden - Department of Forest Sciences; co-organized by the IUFRO Education Group.

Preliminary Programme

<b>Wednesday: 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
11:00-12:00	Special business session: global networking on forest education
12:00-14:00	Registration & lunch at Mensa
14:00-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Welcome address</i> Prof. Dr. Jörn Eler, Dean of Studies, Department of Forest Sciences</li> <li>• <i>Opening of the conference</i> Prof. Dr. Norbert Weber, President SILVA Network</li> </ul>
14:30-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Keynote speech 1 (representative of IFSA)</i></li> <li>• <i>Keynote speech 2</i></li> <li>• <i>Technical session I</i></li> </ul>
Transfer to Dresden	Free evening at the city of Dresden
<b>Thursday: 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
09:00-12:30	Technical session II
12:30-14:00	Lunch (Mensa of university campus)
14:00-17:00	Technical session III
17:00-18:30	General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- new memberships</li> <li>- SILVA proceedings</li> <li>- meeting 2020 (theme, venue)</li> <li>- general secretary</li> <li>- miscellaneous</li> </ul>
19:30	Conference Dinner
<b>Friday: 21<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
08:30-19:00	Field trip to Tharandt Forest and the Ore Mountains (Saxony)

## Topic and call for contributions

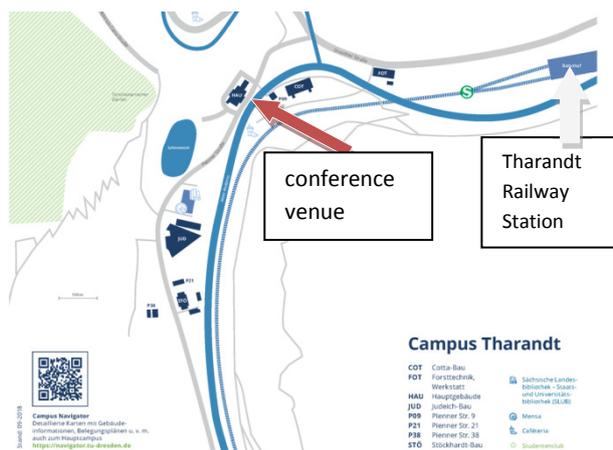
On June 19, 1999 the Joint Declaration of the European Ministers of Education was adopted. Commonly known as the Bologna Principles, this document was oriented towards a paradigm change in teaching and learning on a European scale. It strongly influenced approaches of higher forest education in many universities on the European continent and partly even beyond. SILVA Network has addressed the Bologna Principles during the conferences in Thessaloniki, Zagreb and St. Petersburg already. Now, exactly 20 years after the adoption of the Principles, it is time both for retrospection and foresight:

- What have we learned from implementation of “Bologna” in forestry and related study programmes?
- What are the challenges ahead for learners, what is their new role in the learning process?
- How students’ individual efforts to learn and to develop skills can be supported by lecturers and administrative staff?
- Do we have best practice approaches in higher forest education?
- What are the next challenges for higher forest education (blended learning, MOOCs, transnational and transcontinental cooperation, Brexit ...)?

Proposals for contributions are welcome, especially from the students’ perspective! Please send by E-mail an abstract of up to 300 words to N. Weber ([norbert.weber@tu-dresden.de](mailto:norbert.weber@tu-dresden.de)) till **May 15, 2019**. The SILVA Board will decide on contributions (oral presentations/posters) and all applicants will be informed as soon as possible after the deadline.

## Venue

The conference will be held in the premises of Technische Universität Dresden, Department of Forest Sciences. Address: Piennner Str. 8, 01737 Tharandt, Germany.



## Field trip

Participants will experience some of the highlights of forest history in Europe in the surrounding forests of Tharandt and foreland of the Ore Mountains (traces of timber rafting, the graveyard of Heinrich Cotta, a mysterious hunting castle etc.).

## Fees

The regular participation fee is 180 € (special rate for students: 80 €) which must be paid in cash at the registration. This fee includes coffee breaks, 3 lunches, a conference dinner and the field trip.

## Registration

To register, please fill in the attached registration form **not later than May 1, 2019**.

## Accommodation

Participants have to make their accommodation arrangements themselves, at own cost. We suggest the hotel **Leonardo Hotel Dresden Altstadt** (<https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-hotel-dresden-altstadt>). This hotel is in the center of Dresden and it is ideally located only 1 km away from the famous old town and near to famous sights like *Semperoper*, *Frauenkirche* and *Zwinger*.



## Travel arrangements

Participants have to make their travel arrangements themselves, at own cost.

## Organization and local organizer contact details

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