Forestpedagogics – Update

on Sub Group activities, achievements and future plans!

Report of the FCN – Subgroup – Forestpedagogy

Annual Meeting of the Forest Communicators Network

Oslo 20th – 22nd of May 2019

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Steering group

Task A – Strategy/Forest policy
Dirk Schmechel (Germany)

Task B – Education/ESD
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Task C – Financing/Forestry
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Task D – PR - Internal/External
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Task E – Annual Congress
2019: Liga Abizare (Latvia)
2020: Serge Hermes (Luxembourg)
2021: Rolf Jucker (Switzerland)
The annual European Forestpedagogy Congress

- annually since 2006
- 100 – 170 participants coming from 15 – 20 European states
- participants from USA, Canada, Australia
- highranking hosts
- Outstanding keynote - speakers
- attractive congress for the hosting state to bring FP further!
The annual European Forestpedagogy Sub Group Meetings + Congresses

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<td>Sopron (Hungary)</td>
<td>“Development FP in Europe!”</td>
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<td>03/2007</td>
<td>Gmunden (Austria)</td>
<td>„PAWS – a Seminar-Concept for FP!“</td>
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<td>06/2008</td>
<td>Burfelt (Luxembourg)</td>
<td>„A future for Forest Pedagogics!“</td>
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<td>10/2009</td>
<td>Lyss (Switzerland)</td>
<td>„FP is needed!“</td>
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<td>Lahti (Finland)</td>
<td>„Forestpedagogics – beneficial impacts on education and Society!“</td>
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<td>07/2011</td>
<td>Freising (Germany)</td>
<td>&quot;Forest pedagogics – thinking global, acting local!&quot;</td>
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<td>10/2012</td>
<td>Dunkeld (Scotland)</td>
<td>&quot;Successful partnership working for Education for Sustainable Development!&quot;</td>
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<td>Bilbao (Spain)</td>
<td>“For Whom? What methods? How to approach?”</td>
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<td>09/2014</td>
<td>Lagov (Poland)</td>
<td>„Forestpedagogy – More than telling about forests!“</td>
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<td>Zvolen (Slovakia)</td>
<td>“Quo vadis Forestpedagogy? Outlooks after 10 years of networking in Europe!”</td>
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<td>Biri (Norway)</td>
<td>“Bio-economy and Forestpedagogics – a great chance for ESD!”</td>
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<td>Snezne-Milovy (CZ)</td>
<td>“Forestpedagogy – adventures between communicating and educating!”</td>
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<td>09/2018</td>
<td>Oulu/Pudasjärve (Fin.)</td>
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<td>07/2019</td>
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<td>„Designing bridges between Forest and Schools!“</td>
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**Annual Sub Group Meetings in** Vienna, Prague, Freising, Zvolen, Warsow, Zürich, Munich, Freising, Lubljana
Forestpedagogy in Europe - challenges

People ..

- are more and more estranged from nature (nature deficit syndrome; slaughterhouse paradoxon)
- often have a lack of understanding and acceptance for the sustainable management of forests
- have increasing demands for increasing services, functions and welfare benefits of forests

Forestpedagogy is still suffering under ..

- a lack of awareness in society and in policy
- not enough esteem and place-value inside of the forest sector
- insufficient and inadequate financial and personal resources
Main task for FCN Subgroup 2018/2019:
Start Action plan of the Strategy for Forestpedagogy in Europe

- Analysis
  - Objectives
  - Target groups
  - Measures and projects

- Strategy
  - Action plan
  - Strengths and challenges
Forestpedagogy in Europe - strengths

- Good Pedagogy-concepts
- It really makes fun!
- Scientific research proofs a lot of beneficial impacts
- Forests as an excellent model for sustainability
- Show, that forestry is important for the life of people
- Dealing with the future of the sector

Federal Ministry
Republic of Austria
Sustainability and Tourism
Pedagogische Schritte in der Umweltmaturität

- Erziehe für die Zukunft
- Entscheidungen über Umweltfragen treffen
- Verständnis für den Zusammenspiel von Mensch und Natur
- Verstehen der ökologischen Kette
- Erfahrung und Beobachtung der Natur
- Lerne, den Ausflug zu genießen

Pedagogische Stufen beschreiben den Entwicklung der Schüler im Umweltmaturität.

Education for sustainable development
- Menschenverhalten und Interaktion mit der Natur im Fokus

Traditional environmental education
- Naturelemente im Fokus
Main objectives according to FCN-Subgroups action-plan

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<td>Improve social and political awareness (Forestry sector and other sectors)</td>
<td>2018: Supporting FORESTEUROPE’s expert group „forests and human health“ with Forestepedagogy aspects (D. Schmechel) 14th June 2018: SFC – Meeting Brussels (Presentation FP) 2019: Continuation: Workshop for decision-makers 8th-9th April, Vienna; than drafting recommendations for the MCPFE</td>
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<td>Establish Forestpedagogy as recognized ESD-part</td>
<td>2018: Forestpedagogy in the context of the UN - SDG’s – workshop from Poland at 13th congress 2019: discussion on how to develop SDG-contributions of Forestpedagogy further, especially with material and best practice activities</td>
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<td>Elaborate common quality standards of FP programs</td>
<td>2018: publishing of the results „Quality tool“ for Forestpedagogy-centres in 6 states 2019: planned: Common project (SK, NOR, SLO, SRB, UKR, GER) Forestpedagogy and climate change</td>
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• New Web-page: www.forestpedagogics.eu
• Annual Sub Group Meetings (two per Year)
• Annual Congress (2019: 14th Congress!)
• Quality tool
• Experiance-Exchange: Bulgaria, Slowenija, Slovakia, Poland, ...)
• Support (Co-operations): State Forest, EU-MS;
We are looking forward to support and to develop the „Idea Forest Pedagogics in Europe“

Thank you and
welcome to our
14th International Forestpedagogy Congress
in Riga (Latvia)
from 1st – 4th of July 2019
„Designing bridges between Forest and Schools”

www.forestpedagogics.eu

15th Int.FP-Congress Luxembourg 11-15/05/2020