2019 World Wood Day in Austria
Including a Scientific Symposium held together with the 2nd IUFRO Forest Products Culture Research Group Colloquium
World Wood Day is a cultural event on March 21\textsuperscript{st}, the \textit{International Day of Forests}, to highlight wood as an eco-friendly and renewable biomaterial and to raise awareness on the key role wood plays in a sustainable world through biodiversity and forest conservation.

IUFRO’s Research Group on Forest Products Culture has been involved in World Wood Day since the first event in 2013.
Main celebrations, locations and themes since 2013:

2020 - Japan, Legacy
2019 - Austria, Change
2018 - Cambodia, Life
2017 - USA, Roots
2016 - Nepal, Nature & Culture
2015 - Turkey, Wood & Humanity
2014 - China, Wood in a Changing Culture
2013 - Tanzania, A Cultural Approach to Achieve Wood is Good

World Wood Day general video:
http://www.worldwoodday.org/about.php?a=221860296
2019 World Wood Day celebrations took place on 20-24 March in the Austrian open-air museum of Stübing near Graz, Austria.

One of the cornerstones of the event was the scientific symposium held together with the 2nd IUFRO Forest Products Culture Research Group Colloquium.
Austrian Open Air Museum Stübing/Graz
Cross-laminated timber, CLT, explains the expansion of multi-storey wood buildings in the world. Gerhard Schickhofer is awarded the 2019 Marcus Wallenberg Prize for research and knowledge transfer behind the stable and eco-friendly material.
What else happened at World Wood Day:

- International Wood Carving Show
- World Wood Day Music of Wood
- International Young Adult Furniture Making Invitational (IYAFMI)
- Events for children
- Folk Art and Craftsmanship Workshop
- Contests and demonstrations
World Wood Day 2019 was

- a unique experience,
- a great opportunity to communicate,
- to reach out to the general public, and
- to highlight the importance of wood and wood culture!

Thank you for your attention!

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