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Annual conference

November 22th till November 25th 2012

Do our students learn what they will need later?

About expected learning outcomes and competences of graduates

Second announcement

On behalf of the SILVA Network the Higher School of Agricultural Engineering of the University of Lleida (ETSEA) will host a conference on Forestry education.

Topic

What do our students learn? What should they learn? Do they learn what they will need later on? What would our graduates make successful in their careers, on the labour market? Finally: Do university exams assess what professors intend to teach, what student want to learn, what the labour market needs?

We may assume that success of a university graduate on the labour market will depend on his or her competences relevant for a certain task or occupation. These competences are at least partly a result of the learning process during his or her studies. It is helpful to think backwards, from the competences as outcomes of study programmes, and considering the responsibility of university teachers for designing of study programmes and organising the learning process of the students.

Formulated and expected learning outcomes (ELO) are benchmarks for judging the quality of a study programme as a programme and its performance in reality. This is based on the match of contents and methods of courses as well as assessments of the learning results with the competences needed by the graduates.

In our conference we will explore the role of ELO in the European faculties of forestry.

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 October 15, 2012. The organizing committee will decide on contributions; all applicants will be informed till October 31, 2012.

Student participation is encouraged. Students please contact the organisation committee (c.f. at end) as soon as possible.

Colleagues from Universities of Applied Sciences are specially and cordially invited to participate, as the General Assembly of SILVA Network in 2011 decided to integrate the Universities of Applied Sciences with Master programmes in forestry into the Network.

Programme structure

	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
<i>morning</i>	<i>workshop on communication competence with GFIS (separate announcement) /</i> Arrival in Lleida for participants in SILVA Network conference	conference session (2), including SILVA Network general assembly	field trip to Solsona: management of holms oak and truffles, with dogs searching for truffles	departure from Lleida
<i>lunch break</i>	individual lunch in ETSEA	lunch together in ETSEA	lunch together in Solsona, afterwards traveling back to Lleida	
<i>afternoon</i>	<i>workshop continued parallel to</i> 15.00-18.00: conference opening and session (1)	conference session (3), including working group session	conference session (4), conclusion of conference	
<i>evening</i>		after session Lleida sightseeing		
	individual dinner, informal meeting <i>(to be announced)</i>	dinner together in restaurant	dinner together in restaurant	
<i>accommodation</i>	Lleida	Lleida	Lleida	

Venue

The conference will be held in the rooms of ETSEA (Higher School of Agricultural Engineering of the University of Lleida; www.etsea.udl.cat/en). The field trip will be held in collaboration with CTFC (Forest Sciences Center of Catalonia; <http://www.ctfc.cat/?lang=en>)

Fees

Regular participation fee is 120 € (special fees for students), which will include: 2 lunches (Lleida and Solsona), 2 dinners, tea/coffee breaks during the conference, also the field trip.

Fees must be paid in cash upon arrival.

Registration

Please fill in and send registration (form found soon on SILVA Network homepage) at your earliest convenience, but not later than November 7, 2012, to the organisation committee.

Accommodation

Participants have to make their accommodation arrangements themselves, at own cost. More information about hotels in Lleida will be given on the SILVA Network homepage.

Travel arrangements

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

Lleida is easily reached from airports in Barcelona, also from Madrid, by fast train or bus. More information about travel opportunities will be given on the SILVA Network homepage.

Organisation Committee

Siegfried Lewark (Freiburg, president of SILVA Network)
Rosario Fanlo and Cristina Vega (Lleida, local hosts)
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More information on the SILVA Network homepage and from the Organisation Committee.

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the IUFRO education group (www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-6/60000/60900)

and the IUFRO Task Force “Education in Forest Science (EFS; www.iufro.org/science/task-forces/education-forest-science; www.tf-efs.pl/en)