### 15th EU Forestpedagogics Congress

Forests for Human well-being – more important than ever 02.06.2021 (03.06.2021)



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The evidence on the importance of forests and nature areas, as a whole, for human well-being is growing. Forests provide a wide range of ecosystem services and are more than ever important recreation areas for physical activities, stress relief and relaxation.

A ride through the forest, as a place of quietness, can especially be considered as a privileged moment to escape from the daily life in order for reinvigoration. These experiences help people to reconnect with nature and to awaken their senses.

According to the topic, this year's congress aims to emphasize the well-being functions of our forests with a view to stimulate a holistic forest pedagogical approach and to promote cooperation between the different stakeholders.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the congress cannot take place physically. Nevertheless, it is important to us although to organize the 15<sup>th</sup> FP congress in a shortened digital version.



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Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June





Time	Occasion
From 09.30	Warming up, technical checks & information's for a smooth running of the online congress
10.00- 10.15	Opening Moderator: Dr. Laurent Schley Deputy Director – Nature Conservation Agency Luxembourg Opening film
	Welcome speech - Minister of Environment – Carole Dieschbourg
10.15 - 10.45	Keynote 1: Positive effects of forests on human health and well-being. What does research say? Speaker: Dr. Liz O'Brien United Kingdom – Forest Research - Head of Social and Economic Research
10.45- 11.15	Keynote 2: Education of Forest health trainers as forest therapists Speaker: Prof. Otmar Fuchß Germany - University of Applied Forest Sciences Rottenburg
11.20- 11.40	Topic related poll by moderation for the plenary - Introduction by Moderator - Launch of the poll
11.45- 12.00	Evaluation of the poll
12.00 - 13.00	Break









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13.00- 14.00	Keynote 3*: Forestbathing and Foresttherapy – Mindfulness for whom and what?  Speaker: Verena Schatanek  Switzerland – Experienced Forest Pedagogue
	<b>Rolf Jucker</b> Switzerland — Environmental Educator — Managing Director SILVIVA
	(*) Keynote 3 includes break-out sessions ( Pre random selection) with topic specific questions
14.10	Summary / congress conclusions  Dirk Schmechel  Leader (coordinator) of the Forest Communicators Network-Subgroup  Forest Pedagogics, Bavarian State Institure of Forestry (LWF)
14.30	Announcement of the 16 <sup>th</sup> EU Forestpedagogics Congress'22 Christian Stocker (Silviva – Switzerland)
15.00	End of congress Closing speech Serge Hermes Organizer 15 <sup>th</sup> EU Forestpedagogics Congress









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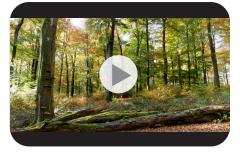
Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

### Discovering mindfulness activities from EU Forestpedagogics Network Member States:



Don't' hesitate and consult the short films proposed by different members from the EU Forestpedagogics Networtk. These videos, posted on the organizations website as part of the congress, are unlocked on that page from 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. www.eufpc.lu







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