

## The President words

At our Governing Council Meeting, last month in March the last UEF Presidency meeting was welcomed in Istanbul by Orman Mühendisleri Odasi (OMO, Turkish Chamber of Forest Engineers), our new member organization since last Governing Council Meeting in Nodebo. We were warmly welcomed in Istanbul and presented the Union of European Foresters to our new Turkish member. On the other hand, we got a interesting overview about OMO and forestry in Turkey. Beside our colleagues from OMO we met representatives of the Turkish National Forest Service and the Istanbul forest University. At the end, we travelled back home with many very positive impressions, looking forward to a long and fruitful cooperation with OMO and our Turkish colleagues. During our internal Presidency Meeting in Istanbul we prepared the next activities of UEF, actions and meetings. The main focus for us is on the **Green Jobs in the Forest Sector** at the moment. A sustainable workforce with qualified forest managers, workers, entrepreneurs and the safety of the forest workforce, is an important pillar of a competitive forest sector and has been mentioned in the European Forestry Strategy on initiative of UEF.

UNECE/FAO worked on that topic in the recent years and FOREST EUROPE is now going on with a new established "Expert Group on Green Jobs, Education and Training Systems", which has had a first meeting in January. Vice President Piotr Grygier is representing UEF in that Expert Group.

End of May the EU Green week will focus on green jobs in general and FOREST EUROPE will have another Workshop end of June in Bratislava. Beside and inbetween this events UEF will host the annual UEF Round Table Meeting in the European Forestry House in Brussels. In cooperation with FOREST EUROPE Green Jobs in the Forest Sector will be discussed in an informal lunch meeting.

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As important as the technical discussion in detail is, we should not forget, however, which framework conditions lead to the existing problems: stagnation of timber prices over many years, rising costs in Forestry and increasing society demands without compensation for forest owners.

End of September we will meet at the UEF Congress and in cooperation with FECOF, BDF and Landesforsten Rheinland-Pfalz we will organize a Seminar about "Change processes and Change Management in Forstry", which means at the end: Frame Conditions in Forestry and Green jobs ...

**Don't forget to register for the next XIX Congress in Mainz, Germany, 27 September to 1 October 2017.** MD.

## UEF news

### A new UEF cooperation with Forest Europe

For the first time, UEF will organize a meeting in Brussels in partnership with Forest Europe. It will be our next annual Round Table Meeting. *Please read more page 3.*

UEF is happy to follow on this high-level cooperation with Forest Europe.



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# UEF news

## Presidency Meeting visiting OMO, UEF member in Istanbul, Turkey 9-10 March 2017



The last UEF Presidency meeting was welcomed in Istanbul, Turkey from 9 to 11 March 2017.

During the first day, 9 March, an official meeting was organized in the office of the regional directorate of Orman Genel Müdürlüğü in Istanbul

The OMO (Orman Mühendisleri Odası), the Turkish Chamber of Forest Engineers, warmly welcomed the UEF Presidency and presented an interesting overview about OMO and forestry in Turkey.



Mr Ali Küçükaydin, the OMO President, organized an official and fruitful meeting in Istanbul, with the participation of the board of OMO and representatives of the Turkish National Forest Service as well as the Istanbul Forest University, which was founded in 1857.

Mr Michael Diemer, UEF President, presented the Union of European Foresters to our new Turkish member.

Mr Recep Ates, Regional manager of OGM (Orman Genel Müdürlüğü), founded in 1839, presented the forestry in the Istanbul region.

Professor Yusuf Günes, vice-dean of the faculty of Forestry in Bahçeköy, Istanbul, on his turn gave an overview of the activities of

the faculty of forestry, which is the oldest one in Turkey.

Mr Mevlut Düzgün, OMO officer, presented the Orman Mühendisleri Odası, founded in 1954 and its numerous activities aimed at promotion of forests and foresters in Turkey.

In the afternoon, the UEF Presidency held their meeting, in order to prepare the future UEF activities - actions and meetings, and especially the next XIX Congress in Mainz, Germany, 27 September to 1 October 2017.

An official dinner, hosted by OMO, allowed amazing views on the Bosphorus.

During the second day, 10 March, a field tour was organized to the beautiful Atatürk arboretum, in the experimental Belgrad forest in Bahçeköy, 20 km from the Taksim square in Istanbul.

Then, a visit of the faculty of forestry was organized. Mr Ahmet Yesil, dean of the faculty, warmly welcomed the UEF Presidency.

The UEF Presidency thanked to their hosts in Istanbul, for the nice meeting that gave ground for a future fruitful cooperation with OMO and the Turkish foresters. **HNR.**



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# UEF activities

## Next UEF Round Table Meeting in Brussels 20 of June 2017

**Union of European Foresters** will organize a new UEF Round Table Meeting in the European Forestry House in Brussels.

The meeting will be organized for the first time in cooperation and partnership with **Forest Europe**.

Mr Michal Vanco, from the Forest Europe liaison unit in Bratislava will present a communication.

The main stakeholders in forestry will attend this meeting about one of the major topic of the moment:

**”Green Jobs in the Forest Sector: Challenges and Opportunities”.**



A sustainable workforce with qualified forest managers, workers, entrepreneurs and the safety of the forest workforce is an important pillar of a competitive forest sector. At the end of May, the **EU Green week** will focus on green jobs in general.

Forest Europe established also an Expert Group on Green jobs, Education and Training systems last December, which will have another Workshop at the end of June, in Bratislava. UEF supports this group and take an active part in its work.

Beside and in between these two events, we would like to discuss and share experiences, especially on Green Jobs in the Forest sector in an informal lunch meeting.

A keynote presentation will open the informal discussion in order to produce new ideas and an overview about this important topic.

**UEF** is actively engaged in the process, **to promote good green forest jobs**, all over Europe.

You will find more information in our UEF website after the meeting.

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## Second International Day of Forests 21 March 2017: Forests and Energy



Every year on the **International Day of Forests**, 21 March, we celebrate the ways in which forests and trees sustain and protect us.

This year we are raising awareness of how forests are key to the planet’s supply of energy, which is essential for human life.

Sustainably managed forests provide a wide range of affordable and clean energy products and services, essential for communities and economies over the world.

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A UNECE/FAO video on the topic of wood energy efficiency has recently been released. In the video efficient heating technologies, combustion, pyrolysis, thermal insulation, wood storage as well as aspects of consumer health and behaviour related to wood use are visualised and explained in an easy to understand manner.

The video “More heat with less wood” is currently available in English with Russian subtitles.

Please, follow this link to watch it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9z-EGVeKTrc>

UEF invited you to join all foresters and forest organizations and to celebrate the International Day of Forests with success and why not every day of the year. **HNR.**

## **A new step in the UEF Forest pedagogic seminar: Second level in October 2017 - Bulgaria**

In continuation of the practice that started two years ago, UEF is going to organize another workshop on Forest Pedagogics in Bulgaria.

This time the workshop will be for those who have participated in one of the two previous trainings and who has enough practice with various age groups.

Participants will be able to exchange their experience and to share knowledge about what they did and kind of difficulties they had during their practical work.

This new type of workshop will upgrade the level of knowledge of the already trained forest pedagogues.

Again, the training will be organized in cooperation with the Union of Bulgarian Foresters and the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The seminar will be led by the UEF secretary Thomas Baschny who has also invited another leading expert in Forest pedagogy, this time from Germany, Mr. Georg Sprung. **AP.**



### **Last minute!**

## **A new joint position paper about biomass and energy, including UEF**

UEF signed in April 2017 a joint position paper with EUSTAFOR, CEPF, COPA and COGECA, FECOF and USSE: “Sustainably managed forests are a proven source of sustainable biomass for bioenergy”.

This paper presents the ideas, perspectives and positions of forest owners, managers and professionals about sustainability sourcing of biomass. The European Commission Proposal on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (RED recast) is in discussion at the same moment.

Please, read it on our website:

[http://european-foresters.eu/docs/official\\_docs/20171004\\_RED\\_recast\\_Joint\\_Position.pdf](http://european-foresters.eu/docs/official_docs/20171004_RED_recast_Joint_Position.pdf)

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# XIX UEF Congress in Mainz, Germany

## 27 September to 1 October 2017



The **XIX UEF Congress** will be held next year in **Schloß Waldthausen** nearby Mainz from **27th of September until 1st of October 2017**.

BDF is organizing the Congress 2017 in the western part of Germany, close to the river Rhine in a nice and typical landscape of castles, wine yards and forests. The participants will be introduced to the German way of life.

Although sustainable and multifunctional forestry is in long term stable and traditional, the demands of society are changing quickly and forestry and foresters daily work have continuously changed in detail and are still changing strongly at the moment.

Therefore, the **seminar** introducing the UEF Congress will be on: **“Change processes and change management in Forestry”**, with UEF and external high level speakers from various countries.

During the **statutory Congress** UEF’s work and projects will be discussed and a new Presidency for the upcoming 4 years period will be elected. It’s an important moment in the life of UEF.



The program will also include excursions covering both: forestry aspects and the old cultural landscape of the middle Rhine area, with the famous UNESCO World Heritage site.

Registration will finish at the end of July 2017, only using our website:

<http://european-foresters.eu/meetings/congresses/63,4>

The delegates from the UEF member organizations are invited to register soon, to organize the Congress in good conditions.

**Mainz** can be easily reached by car (4 km from next highway), train (8 km from next railway station) or plane (40 km from Frankfurt airport).

It will be a pleasure to meet all delegates and participants in Germany.

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