Forests for Human Health: Challenges and Opportunities
8 - 9 April 2019, Vienna, Austria

Workshop agenda

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13.00-13.30 Opening and welcome speeches
Representatives of:
- Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
- FOREST EUROPE - Liaison Unit Bratislava
- Austrian Research Centre for Forests (BFW)

13.30-14.30 Block I - Plenary Session “Presentation of the study Human Health and Sustainable Forest Management, prepared by the FOREST EUROPE Expert group”
- Impacts of forests on human health and well-being
  Liisa Tyrväinen - Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE)
- Human Health and Sustainable Forest Management
  Ľudmila Marušáková - FOREST EUROPE – Liaison Unit Bratislava
- Health effects of forests: opportunities for the forest sector
  Markus Sallmannshofer - Austrian Research Centre for Forests (BFW)
- Q&A

14.30-15.00 Coffee break

15.00-16.30 Block II - Plenary Session “Role of forests in human ill-health prevention, rehabilitation and therapy”
- Kevin Lafferty - Forestry Commission Scotland
- Mark Nieuwenhuijsen - IS Global, Barcelona Institute for Global Health
- Piero Lercher - Sports doctor, preventive and environmental physician
- Q&A

16.30-18.00 Block III - Panel Discussion “Expectations, challenges and opportunities”
Moderator: Peter Mayer - Austrian Research Centre for Forests (BFW)
- Dineke Zeegers Paget - European Public Health Association
- Paul Nolan - The Mersey Forest
- Marta Pahissa - DKV Seguros Insurance Company
- Leire Salaberria - Union of Foresters of Southern Europe (USSE)
- Piotr Borkowski - European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR)
- Q&A

19.30 Dinner

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9.00–10.30 Block IV - Plenary Session “Best practice examples”
- Trudi Else - England, Active Forests
- Ellen Devine - Forestry Commission England
- Gorka Altuna / Alex Gesse - Union of Foresters of Southern Europe (USSE) / Instituto de Baños de Bosque, Spain, and European Forest Therapy Institute
- Dirk Schmechel - Bavarian Institute of Forestry; Subgroup Forest Pedagogy of FCN
- Franziska Krainer - Austrian Research Centre for Forests (BFW)
- Anders Mickos - Finland, Forest Therapy in Health Care and Social Services
- Q&A

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–12.30 Block V - Parallel Sessions “Actions and policies”

Parallel Session I - “Barriers and drivers for promotion of health benefits of forests in the context of a green economy”
Moderator: Liz O’Brien - Forest Research, United Kingdom

Parallel Session II - “How to communicate the health benefits of forests?”
Moderator: Dirk Schmechel - Bavarian Institute of Forestry; Subgroup Forest Pedagogy
Ludmila Marušáková - FOREST EUROPE - Liaison Unit Bratislava

Parallel Session III - “Improving cross-sectoral cooperation between various stakeholders”
Moderator: Liisa Tyrväinen - Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE)

12.30–13.30 Block VI - Plenary Session (Report back to plenary, discussion and conclusions)

13.30 Lunch