

# 12TH EUROPEAN FOREST PEDAGOGICS CONGRESS 2017

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Forest Pedagogics  
Congress 2017



Forest pedagogics – adventures between communicating and educating

**3–6th October 2017** Milovy, Orea Resort Devět Skal

12th European Forest Pedagogics Congress 2017 is hosted by [Forest Management Institute, Czech Republic](#) at a direction of Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic. The congress is co-organised by Working Group for Forest Pedagogy in Czech Republic. The continuity of the congress is guaranteed by Forest Communicators Network [Subgroup Forest Pedagogics](#), part of both the UNECE Timber Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission.

**Congress Topics** (from FCN-subgroup European Strategy on Forest Pedagogy)

- A4** Forest owners, forest administration and forest enterprises are communicating about management of their forests through Forest Pedagogy activities.
- B1** Forest Pedagogy is an educational process to reach environmental maturity and Forest Pedagogy is a prime example for ESD.

## Registration

Registration will be opened on **1/7/2017** and closed at **10/9/2017**.

**Early-bird Congress fee:** €150 (up to 31/7/2017)

**Congress fee:** €200

**Excursion fees:** €40 full day, €20 half-day

The congress fee covers the programme and meals from dinner on 3/10 to dinner on 5/10. The fees are non-refundable. In case the participant cannot attend the congress, they are welcome to send someone else instead of them.

Eliska Trnkova should be informed about the change.

## Steering Committee

**Steering Committee:** Lenka Pondělíčková Levá, Zuzana Jankovská, Dirk Schmechel, Rolf Jucker, Rudolf Navrátil

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## Other Activities at the Conference

After the conference, the participants can take part in:

- A half day excursion to the [Centre EDEN](#) – centre for environmental education, includes traditional village and crafts, sustainable technologies, brewery and more. Fee: €20
- Full day excursion consists of a visit to the [New Generation Museum](#) in Žďár nad Sázavou that represents the modern trend of exhibitions and a field trip „A Day with a Forester“ - a successful forest pedagogics programme for elementary schools by LDO Příbrav (forestry cooperative). Fee: €40

TUESDAY 3/10		WEDNESDAY 4/10		THURSDAY 5/10		FRIDAY 6/10	
7:00	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION	breakfast	breakfast		breakfast	
8:00			Teaching Aids Exhibition	breakfast			
				keynote 3 - Martin Šrom			
9:00		keynote 4 - Rolf Jucker					
		Opening ceremony					
10:00		group photo		coffeebreak			
		keynote 1 - Emma Berglund		panel discussion			
11:00		keynote 2 - Jiří Svoboda					
		Report from IUFR0 conference					
12:00		lunch		lunch			
13:00	REGISTRATION	short trip to Dratník (a rock and a place of view) - 5 km, optional	Market of Activities	workshops		excursion A Day with a Forester w/lunch	excursion Eden Center w/lunch
14:00				coffeebreak			
				Market of Projects			
15:00				break			
16:00			Closing ceremony				
			dinner				
17:00			soiree		Night Forest		
18:00							
19:00			icebreaking creative workshop				
20:00			dinner				
21:00							
22:00							
23:00							

## Teaching Aids Exhibition

Presentation of companies manufacturing tools for forest pedagogy.

## Market of Activities

A tour of seven activities, 20 minutes each – participants will try them all by themselves.

## Workshops

Participants will choose one of several workshops. Each workshop lasts 2 hours.

**The signing up for workshops will be opened several days after the registration deadline. Choice will be also possible in the beginning of the Congress.** Shortlist of workshops will be available online at [www.lesnipedagogika.cz/FPcongress](http://www.lesnipedagogika.cz/FPcongress)

## Market of Projects

New concept in the Congress programme based on the principles of the World Café. Participants will be involved in discussion and will contribute to the development of projects in forest pedagogy.

## Night Forest

Participants will choose one of three forest pedagogics programmes in the night forest.

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## Sharing spot

Participants are encouraged to bring forest pedagogics materials from their country to inspire others. A space will be created to share various materials. The Sharing spot will be opened during the whole Congress and will be self-access, so the materials should be in English or accompanied by an English abstract.

## Keynote speakers

### Emma Berglund

Emma Berglund is the Secretary General at the [Confederation of European Forest Owners](#) (CEPF). Based in Brussels, CEPF is the umbrella federation representing Europe's family forest owners. CEPF works to promote family forestry and the concepts of sustainable forest management, ownership rights and the economic viability of the forest sector. Ms Berglund holds two master degrees in forestry – one from the Swedish University of Agriculture (SLU) and one from the University of British Columbia (UBC). Prior to joining CEPF in 2015, Emma gained work experience from Södra Forest Owners' Association, Ecotrust Canada and Stockholm International Water Institute. She has also contributed as a volunteer, working in India and Costa Rica. Recently Emma received "Greve Carl Bernadotte forest prize" from His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden for her ability to explain in Brussels what sustainable forestry is in practice.



### Rolf Jucker

Dr Rolf Jucker is currently director of [SILVIVA](#), the Swiss Centre of Excellence in nature based education. Previously he ran the department of conceptual ESD development at the Swiss Foundation for ESD, [éducation21](#) and from 2008-2012 he was director of the Swiss Foundation for [Environmental Education](#), an independent body tasked with the mainstreaming of Environmental Education and ESD in the Swiss school system. Having gained an MSc in Education for Sustainability, he has worked extensively as a coach and consultant in organisational learning processes towards sustainability and has widely [published](#) on the subject, amongst others Our Common Illiteracy. Education as if the Earth and People mattered (2002) and Do we know what we are doing? Reflections on learning, knowledge, economics, community and sustainability (2014).



### Jiří Svoboda

Jiří Svoboda is a director of forest cooperative Lesní družstvo obcí Přibyslav, Czech Republic. Educated at the Forestry Faculty of the Agriculture University Brno (currently Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology, Mendel University in Brno), he has worked as a forester and in various management positions in forestry. He is certified as expert witness in forestry economics. Jiří played a key role in the restitution process of the forestry properties to the municipalities. He joined the National Forest Programme Expert Committee on the topic "To increase economic viability and competitiveness of sustainable forest management" from 2009 to 2011. He is a member of the Commission for Agriculture and Environment of the Vysocina Region. On the national level, he is a member of the Game Management Committee of the Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic and several others Expert Committees of the Ministry. Jiří serves as a member of the board of the [Association of Municipal and Private Forest Owners in the Czech Republic](#) and plays a key role in the joint sale of timber of the members of the Association.



Lesní družstvo obcí Přibyslav started with forest pedagogy in 2012, about 160 children joins the forest pedagogy events each year.

### Martin Šrom

Martin Šrom is educated in Forest Engineering and Landscape Management at Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology, Mendel University in Brno. He also holds a degree in Pedagogy. Martin has been engaged in informal education of children for 20 years and in environmental education of all age groups for more than 10 years. He works in [Lipka - educational institution for environmental training](#), the largest organizations in the Czech Republic to focus on public environmental education. Martin is Lipka's deputy director for pedagogy and education of adults. At Lipka Martin lectures environmental lessons for schools and develops free-time activities in nature. He also lectures the environmental education practice at the Masaryk University in Brno, presents at trainings for leisure time pedagogues and for forest pedagogues. He is a co-author and implementer of several European projects that aim to enhance environmental education in Czech educational curriculums.

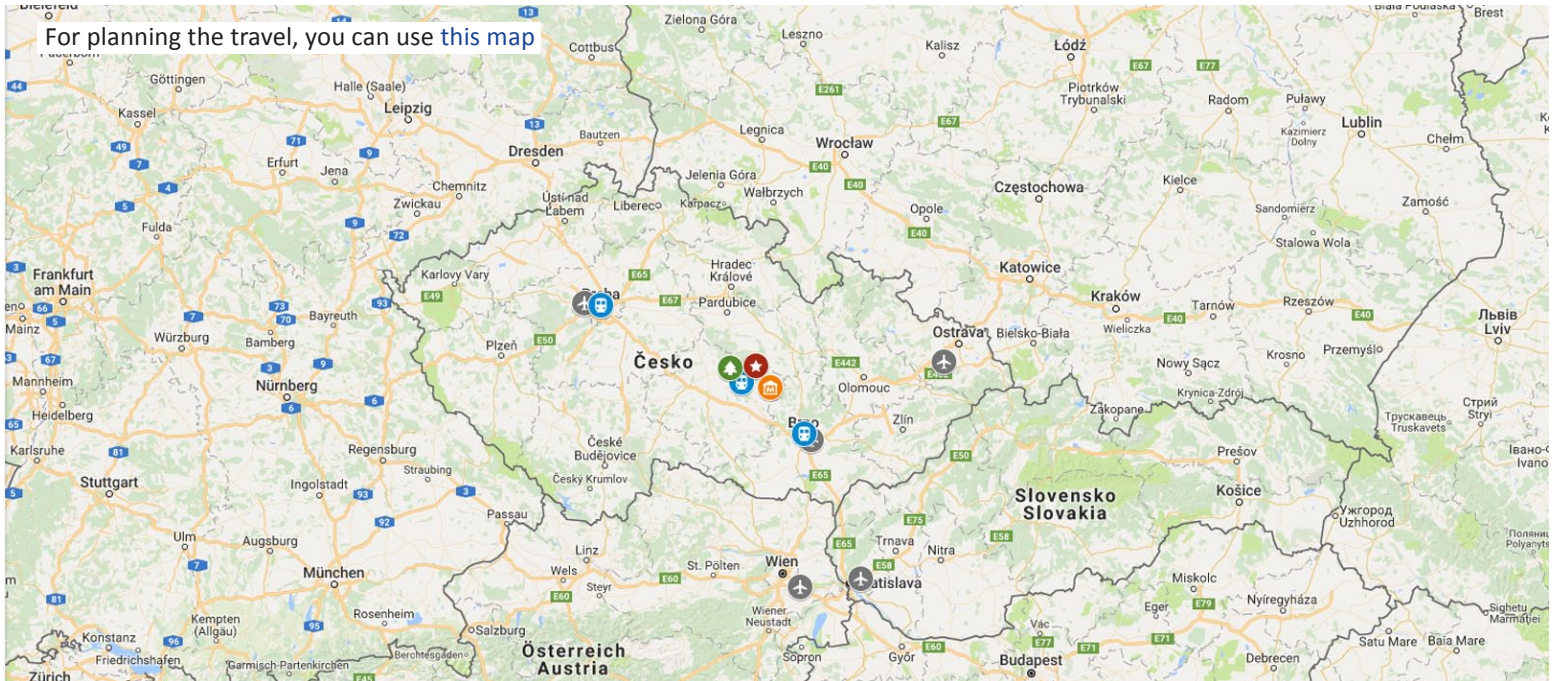




## Venue and accommodation

OREA Resort Devět Skal in the heart of the Czech Republic (Vysocina Region). The accommodation is available directly in the hotel and participants should book it [here](#).

## Travel



### To Czech Republic by plane

You are most likely to travel via Prague or Brno. In Prague is the [Vaclav Havel Airport Prague \(PRG\)](#), in Brno is the [Brno Airport \(BRQ\)](#), low-cost companies only). From both airports you can take a direct bus to respective Prague/Brno Main Railway Stations (in Czech “hlavní nádraží”). There are other airports such as Ostrava and Vienna, but the travel from these to the venue is longer and more difficult. Once you are on the Main Railway Station continue to Zdar nad Sazavou.

*Note: Transport from Airport to Main Railway Station in Prague is*

*by Airport Express, CZK 43, leaves every 30 min (xx:00 and xx:30). Transport from Airport to Main Railway Station in Brno is by E76, CZK 25, leaves every 30 min (xx:07 and xx:37).*

### To Czech Republic by train or bus

Go to Prague or Brno Main Railway Station and continue from there to Zdar nad Sazavou. In Prague, international busses usually go to Praha-Florenc, it is one station by subway from Main Railway Station (red line “C”, direction Háje, ticket for CZK 24). In Brno the bus stop is in walking distance (500 m) from the Main Railway Station.

## From Prague/Brno to Zdar nad Sazavou

Once you are in Prague or Brno take a train. There are direct trains from both Prague and Brno Main Railway Stations. If you go from Prague, train goes in the direction to Brno and the other way round. Timetable, connection details and purchase of tickets can be found [here](#).

*Note 1: There are two train routes between Prague and Brno, make sure the train has Zdar nad Sazavou in the "Via" area.*

*Note 2: Please make sure you have your ticket before you board the train to avoid additional fees.*

## From Zdar nad Sazavou to the venue

Shuttle will be provided from the train station. Please mark your interest in the registration form. Later we will send to everyone interested times of departure of the shuttle.

## Arriving by car

Go to Orea Resort Devět Skal, Milovy 11, Svratka. Most probably, you take the highway D1 to exit 119 (if going from Prague) or exit 162 (if going from Brno) or any other between these two.

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## Insurance

**The participants are responsible for their travel insurance. We strongly recommend everyone to have one, although we hope, no one will need it.**

The alternative is the [European Health Insurance Card](#) (EHIC) that provides the holder with access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 28 EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, under the same conditions and at the same cost as people insured in that country. The EHIC does not guarantee free services and does not cover any private healthcare or costs such as a return flight to the home country or lost/stolen property.



## About Czech Republic

Czech Republic is a central European country with about 10.5 million inhabitants. Despite a long period of communism, Czech Republic has strong democratic principles and open society. Czech Republic is a member of European Union since 2004.

The Congress takes place in Vysočina Region in the heart of Czech Republic. The region is rather hilly and full of natural beauties and spectacular views. Three out of twelve Czech sites in the UNESCO Register of World Cultural and Natural Heritage are located in Vysočina. Close to the venue is the Church of St. John Nepomuk at Zelená Hora in Žďár nad Sázavou. Others are the historical downtown of Telč and its Renaissance chateau and Jewish Quarter in Třebíč. Participants are welcomed to stay longer and explore the [beauties of Vysočina](#).

## Currency

is Czech Crown, internationally CZK or Kč in Czech. The exchange rate is about 26 Kč per €1. The possibility of paying by card is widespread, though participants should carry some cash. Hotel accepts all common types of cards. ATMs are common and it is generally safe to withdraw money there. The closest ATM to the venue is located in Svratka (7 km away).

## Weather

in the beginning of October is tricky – it can be sunny with 20°C or around 5°C and maybe even snowing a bit. Participants should check their favourite weather forecast or the one of [Czech Hydrometeorological Institute](#) before packing.

## About organising institution

The [Forest Management Institute, Czech Republic \(FMI\)](#) is a government organization established by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic. The scope of the institution is nationwide, headquartered in Brandýs nad Labem.

The biggest task of the Institute is implementing the National Forest Inventory (NFI), including field measurements and evaluation of results. Besides other things the FMI is further an authorized person pursuant to the Act No. 226/2013 Coll. on placing timber and timber products on the market and according to the Act No. 149/2003 Coll., on the marketing of forest reproductive material.

The FMI maintains a central database with information about forests of the Czech Republic, forest management and hunting.

The FMI also ensures the coordination of Working Group for Forest Pedagogics in the Czech Republic, which has been established by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic in 2007.



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## Partners

We greatly appreciate the role of our partners in the funding and coordination of the congress.



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*Vysočina Region*



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state enterprise*

## Working Group for Forest Pedagogics in the Czech Republic

We greatly appreciate the involvement of the representatives of the below mentioned organisations in planning, coordination and organisation of the congress.



*Czech Forestry Society, NGO*



Czech University of Life Sciences Prague  
**Faculty of Forestry  
and Wood Sciences**

*Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague*



*State Forests of the Czech Republic, state enterprise*



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*Wood for Life Foundation, NGO*



*Association of Forest Pedagogues, Czech Republic, NGO*



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*Forestry High School Žlutice*



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