

Forest Engineering Field Trip, Austria, October 2014

“Modern Steep Terrain Operations, Training and Safety”

The School of Forestry (Rien Visser), together BOKU University (Prof. Karl Stampfer) and Future Forest Research are providing the opportunity for a five day field trip to Austria focusing on modern steep terrain harvesting operations, training and safety. In addition to visiting live operations, highlights this year include visiting the Syncrofalke and Konrad ForestTechnik cable yarding manufactures, as well as a full day of professional training at the Ossiach Forest Education and Training Center. We will also be hosted by the Austrian Federal Forest Service who have an exemplary record of modern, safe and efficient harvesting operations that include tethered machinery. Social components include a walking tour of historic Vienna inner city, as well as a mountain tour on the last day (weather permitting).



Probable programme:

Date	Activity and highlight	Accommodation
Sun 19 th Oct	Meet in Vienna (Hotel TBA). Tour of historic town starting at 3pm, followed by group dinner.	Hotel (TBA) inner city Vienna
Mon 20 th	Mayr-Melnhof Sawmill; Syncrofalke yarder and factory tour; Mountain forest roads and yarding operation.	Frohnleiten, Dorfwirt Hotel
Tue 21 th	Konrad ForstTechnik factory tour (i.e. Mouny tower yarder and Highlander) and operations	Ossiach, Training Centre
Wed 22 th	Ossiach training centre, tour and cable yarder installation training	Ossiach, Training Centre
Thu 23 th	Austrian Federal Forest Service; focus safety and tethered harvesters and forwarders.	Abtenau Hotel
Fri 24 th	Austrian mountains; Hiking tour of Historic Note: Early afternoon drop off in Salzburg, or early evening in Vienna	None



The goal of the tour is ‘professional development’. The cost of this field trip would be 1300 Euros (or 1250 Euros for those prepared to share twin / double accommodation), which would include all accommodation, food and transport for the 5 days / nights, as well as the registration for the professional training. All travel to and from Vienna (start/end point) is the participants own responsibility. Please contact me if you may be interested in the field trip – maximum number of participants is 16.

Regards,
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