

Draft Outline for the IFFA GA and surrounding events from October 9th to 12th 2011 in Austria

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
9.10.2011	all day	Travel to Graz/Landhotel Liebmann for G3 coordination group members
10.10.2011	10.00 – 13.00 14.30 – 17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G3 coordination group meeting – Part I Landhotel Liebmann conference room (rent= 40€/day) equipped with beamer, flipchart) Lunch can be provided for 18€/ person • Travel to Graz for IFFA Members
11.10.2011	9.30 – 16.30	Conference on forest economics in Stift Rein Transport from Landhotel Liebmann to Stift Rein will be organised for G3 coordination group and IFFA Members
11.10.2011	17.00 – 19.30	IFFA General Assembly in Stift Rein
11.10.2011	20.00	G3 + IFFA dinner
12.10.2011	9.00 – 13.00	Visit to AUSTROFOMA
12.10.2011	14.30 – 17.30	G3 coordination meeting – Part II Landhotel Liebmann conference room

The surrounding event of the conference and the G3 and IFFA meetings is AUSTROFOMA – an exhibition and demonstration fair for forest technique, sawmills etc. Please read more at www.austrofoma.at (all information on that internet page can also be viewed in English)

Preliminary agenda for the conference on forest economics

Partnering organisations: Land&Forst Betriebe Österreich, IFFA, Life Ministry of Austria (Forestry, Agriculture, Environment and Water)

Estimated number of participants: 100 persons (+ 20-25 participants from G3/IFFA)

Planned themes/topics in the conference:

1. Production conditions in forestry in central Europa (mountainous areas) with special focus on harvesting
2. Importance of technological innovations and innovative impulses in the area of forest technologies
3. Coniferous and broadleaf trees from an economic point of view

To these themes comparisons with other production areas (benchmarks) could be of interest

IFFA contribution – to be determined in detail (possibly there is only room for 3 presentations from IFFA side)

4. Megatrends influencing forest economy (Prof. Sten Nilsson)
5. Investing in locally controlled forestry – LCF (Peter de Marsh)
6. Forest owner associations a basis for the viability of small forest holdings (?) (Ivar Legallais-Korsbakken)
7. Theme to be determined (Warwick Ragg)

Note: each of the presentation should not be longer than 20-25 minutes followed by a short time for discussion; translation English/German and German/English will be provided; possibly we will also have interpretation from German/Spanish and Spanish/German

Practical information

I. TRANSPORT

Graz lies about 200 km south to Vienna and Stift Rein lies about 20 km north to Graz.

Travel options:

1. By train: Vienna-Meidling to Graz about 2.30 hrs. There is a train every hour.
2. By car: 2 – 2,5 hrs
3. There is also an airport in Graz

Location 1: Landhotel Liebmann lies about 20 min North from Graz and can be easily reached by taxi from Graz train station

Location 2: Stift Rein bei Graz, the conference venue – common transport from Landhotel Liebmann to Stift Rein and back to Landhotel Liebmann will be organised

II. EXCURSION

AUSTROFOMA offers a unique opportunity to view and experience latest innovations in forest techniques that will be demonstrated on the spot in the surrounding forests of St. Rein (for more information see www.austrofoma.at)

In addition it is foreseen to have a discussion round with small scale forest owners from the region

Costs: AUSTROFOMA day ticket 45 Euros

III. ACCOMODATION

A block booking has been made in Landhotel Liebmann www.landhotel-liebmann.at for
10 single rooms with breakfast from 09.10.2011 – 12.10.2011
15 single rooms with breakfast from 10.10.2011 – 12.10.2011

The costs per room/day are 60 €

Important note: The ultimate deadline for referring to the block reservation is August 27th 2011. After that date rooms in Landhotel Liebmann can be booked upon availability. **The reservation code until August 27th 2011 is "IFFA".**

Each participant has to make his reservation directly with Landhotel Liebmann!!!

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