

How “Close-to-Nature” Is the Management of European Forests?

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY



Stefanie Linser (*the Moderator of the event*)

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Stefanie Linser is a recognised expert on indicators for sustainable forest management, biodiversity & bioeconomy. She has compiled data and provided input and indicator expertise to national and international organisations. Since many years she has coordinated the IUFRO Working Party 9.01.05 on Research and Development of Indicators for SFM and is deputy leader of the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring of SFM. She was coordinating lead-author of the State of Europe’s Forests 2020 report and is in the steering committee for the further development of the FAO Global Core set of forest-related indicators.



Prof. Jürgen Bauhus

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Jürgen Bauhus has been Professor of Silviculture at the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources at Freiburg University, Germany, since 2003. From 1996 to 2003, he worked at the Australian National University. His research focusses on the dynamics and the management of structure and composition of forests, the ecological function of biodiversity, carbon and nutrient cycles, as well as the adaptation of forests to global change. He has published several books and more than 200 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters and is a highly cited researcher. For many years he has also been involved in providing policy advice, currently as chairperson of the Scientific Advisory Board on Forest Policy at the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture. For his scientific accomplishments, he received the scientific achievement award of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) in 2014.



Dr Andrzej Talarczyk

President of Forest and Natural Resources Research Centre Foundation, and Research & Development Director at Taxus IT, Poland

Andrzej Talarczyk is a naturalist, forester and manager with over twenty-five years of experience in forest management planning and information technologies. He was a long-term Chief Information Officer at the Bureau for Forest Management and Geodesy in Poland, where he was instrumental in creating key national-level forest policy support tools, including the National Forest Inventory and the Forest Data Bank. He has been a member of various international expert bodies at UNECE, FAO and Forest Europe. He acts as an independent consultant to UNECE and the Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment. He is also a member of the editorial board of the forestry research journal "Sylvan". His main interests are data science, modelling of forest resources, forest policy and governance.



Prof. Tudor Stancioiu

Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania

Tudor Stancioiu is a professor of Forest Ecology and Forest stand dynamics at the Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania. Before joining academia, he worked in forest administration. He holds a PhD degree in Environmental Science, Policy and Management at the University of California – Berkeley (USA). His work at present is focused on forest dynamics, species-habitat relationships and the sustainable management of forests (including certification).



Prof. Dorota Dobrowolska

Researcher Forest Ecology Department, Forest Research Institute, Poland

Dorota Dobrowolska is a professor in the Department of Forest Ecology at the Forest Research Institute in Sękocin Stary, Poland. She is a deputy coordinator of the IUFRO Working Party 1.01.09 Ecology and Silviculture of Fir and a member of the Pro Silva organization. She has been working on applying close-to-nature forest management in Poland. Her research covers silviculture, forest ecology, and forest protection. Her main field of focus is forest disturbance dynamics in managed and protected forest stands, with an emphasis on forest regeneration. At the moment she is engaged as the leader of the project related to the forest regeneration after windthrows.



Prof. Tiago Domingos

University of Lisbon, Portugal

Tiago Domingos is an associate professor in Environment and Energy at IST, University of Lisbon, and coordinator of IST-Ambiente, the IST Interdepartmental Platform for Environmental Science and Engineering. He teaches Thermodynamics, Environmental Modelling, Environmental Economics, Ecological Economics and Sustainable Development and is the coordinator of the MSc in Environmental Engineering. He has supervised more than 20 PhD students. Tiago Domingos is a researcher and president of MARETEC – Marine, Environment and Technology Centre. His main areas of research are Ecological Economics and Ecological Modelling, for which he has published more than eighty papers in international peer-reviewed journals. He is also a founder and CEO of Terraprima, an IST spin-off, winner of the European Commission’s “A World You Like. With a Climate You Like.” competition for the best climate solution in Europe in 2013.



Prof. Pasi Rautio

Luke - Natural Resources Institute, Finland

Pasi Rautio is a plant and environmental ecologist. He currently works as a research professor in silviculture in Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke). His previous work at the University of Oulu in Finland and Stockholm University in Sweden has concerned issues such as biodiversity and the restoration of seminatural pastures; evolutionary ecology of plant-animal interactions and air pollution effects on forest ecosystems. He also previously worked as a forest policy officer in the European Commission (DG Environment). In his current work in Luke, he studies forest regeneration and management methods in areas that are facing pressures from other land uses, such as tourism, recreation and reindeer herding.



Reinhardt Neft

CEO of Bavarian State Forest Enterprise and President of EUSTAFOR

Reinhardt Neft completed his forestry studies at the LMU Munich in 1986. After the state examination for higher forestry services in 1988, he worked in the forestry department at the State Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (StMLF). He headed the data processing planning team there until 1994, after which he took over the management of the forest office in Landsberg. From 2000, he headed the department "Business Administration, Information and Communication Technology" and, from 2001, the department "Forest Organization, Management, Information Technology" at the StMLF. Mr Neft has been a board member of the Bavarian State Forests organisation since its founding in 2004.



Sven Erik Hammar

President of CEPF

Sven Erik Hammar is the President of CEPF since 2021. He is also a Member of the Board of The Forest Owner Association Mellanskog, in Sweden, and Fellow of The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry. Mr Hammar has, through various positions within the forest owner organizations in Sweden and Europe, a long experience of putting important issues for family forestry on the agenda and propelling them forward. He is currently the Special Envoy for Swedish Forest Owners for international forest issues. Sven Erik Hammar is also the former President of the Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners and Vice President of the Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF).