



LETTER OF INVITATION

TO INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

**TITLE: EXEMPLARY FOREST UNITS OF UNEVEN-AGED FORESTRY
IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

**SUBTITLE: 25 years of pure even-aged Norway spruce stands transformation
and Pro Silva principles application within Forest District Kocanda**

PLACE: Hotel Medlov, Fryšava pod Žákovou horou, Czech Republic

DATE: 25th and 26th October 2018

ABSTRACT: Risks to our forests are increasing due to climate change effects in combination with consequences of historical forest management approaches. There is an obvious need to change present forest management. The importance to divert from silviculture systems of coniferous forest stands, that are homogenous both in tree species composition and age, was already a clear recommendation more than hundred years ago. Even at that time, there was sound evidence that such even-aged and single-species forests are sensitive to forest disturbances caused by both biotic and abiotic factors. Nevertheless, there are forest areas continually developing in the Czech Republic, where the transformation process has been applied for the last decades. First results of the long way to achieve stable, mixed and heterogeneous forest stands, effectively using self-regenerating, -organizing and -regulating processes and natural automation can evidently be demonstrated. This process is of interest beyond the Czech Republic, as many countries in Europe are facing the same situation and the need for forest transformation.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE:

- *presentation part*
- *excursion part I: practical examples of coniferous monocultures transformation*
- *excursion part II: old-growth forest's dynamic in forest reserve Žákova hora*

MAIN TARGETS:

- to introduce the network of Exemplary Forest Units of Uneven-aged Forestry in CZ
- to present the issue in its complex way – connecting findings of forest research with practical experiences and results
- to develop collaboration between forestry practise, forest research and government authorities to increase the resilience of forests and the forest sector
- to foster the collaboration of PSB and the European Forest Risk Facility to jointly face and solve various forestry problems

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The registration form is available on: <https://goo.gl/forms/bwGh0FG0AV7INtdq1>

The list of presentations will be announced on: [Pro Silva Bohemica](#).



The European Forest Risk Facility collects and distributes data and information for a better understanding of forest risks and facilitates the exchange of good practices, ultimately enabling better-informed decisions in natural resource management and policy.

This event supports establishing a regional network node.



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within Forest District Kocanda

ITINERARY OF THE WORKSHOP

Fryšava pod Žákovou horou

Hotel Medlov (<http://www.medlovhotel.cz/>); 49.6160083 N, 16.0547931 E

Thursday 25th October 2018

7:15 – 8:30	Registration
8:30	Workshop opening
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome and introduction to workshop
9:00 – 10:15	Presentations' session
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	Presentations' session
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 15:10	Presentations' session
15:10 – 15:40	Coffee break
15:40 – 15:50	Departure to the excursion in virgin forest Žákova hora
15:50 – 16:15	Transfer to the forest reserve Žákova hora
16:15 – 18:05	Excursion in old-growth forest Žákova hora
18:05 – 18:30	Transfer back to the hotel Medlov
18:30 – 18:45	Recover break
18:45 – 19:45	Dinner
19:45 – 20:45	Formal session
20:45	Social Get-together (the bar is available until 02:00 a.m.)

Friday 26th October 2018

7:00 – 7:45	Breakfast
7:45 – 8:10	Transfer to the Forest District Kocanda
8:10 – 11:30	Excursion in the Forest District Kocanda
11:30 – 12:15	Lunch in the field
12:15 – 14:45	Excursion in the Forest District Kocanda
14:45 – 14:55	Concluding session
14:55 – 15:15	Transfer back to the hotel Medlov
15:15	Workshop end; second late lunch in the hotel Medlov

CONFERENCE FEE: 105 € (all costs due to above described itinerary are covered – one-night accommodation and food included)

*For those who need to stay longer, there is accommodation available in the hotel Medlov
from 24th to 27th October 2018 (the cost for one extra night is 27 €).*

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