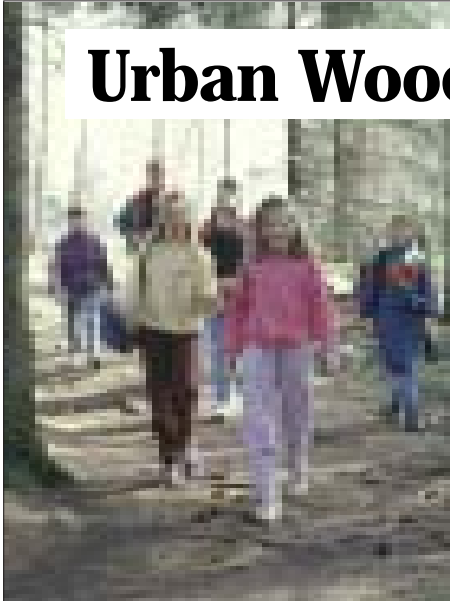




Second Announcement and Call for Papers
Concluding Conference for the Life Environment Project



Urban Woods for People

” Urban Woods
- to be used by everyone”

and

7th IUFRO European

Forum

on Urban Forestry

Working With Woods
– developing tools for
sound urban forestry

May 24-27th 2004
Stockholm, Sweden





Two events in one!

Urban forestry has developed with an integrative and multidisciplinary approach aimed at conserving, managing and developing the tree-dominated part of urban green structures, including woodlands, parks and street tree populations. The International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO) set up the European Forum on Urban Forestry in 1998 to act as an annual meeting place for urban forestry policy-makers, practitioners and scientists. The six previous meetings of the Forum have provided urban foresters with the opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences on actual topics such as funding, education and partnerships. The 7th EFUF will move the stage to Stockholm, Sweden, a city with a rich urban forest heritage. The 7th EFUF will be an integrated part of the concluding conference for the Life Environment project **Urban Woods for People**. A great opportunity will be provided for those involved with urban forests to learn from each other about all aspects of urban forestry in Europe and from elsewhere.

The Theme

Forests and other greenspace contribute to people's health through decreasing levels of stress, stimulating exercise and cleaning of the air. It is time to strengthen the efforts to promote the forests as a recreational environment and an urban and urban-rural planning issue and tool. The conference seeks to explore the tools for sound urban forestry. Knowledgeable speakers from public and private practice, academic research and interest groups from a wide range of countries will present their visions and ideas.

The Life-Environment project "**Urban Woods for People**" started in 2001 with seven partners, all with the aim to stimulate and improve recreation for the general public in urban woodlands. The project has been carried out in Sweden and France. Tools that were tested with the aim to increase the recreational values for the general public and tools developed for managers, planners, foresters, decision makers and others who confront problems in relation with urban forestry will be presented during this event.

Urban Woods for People will present its main findings at the conference. Some examples of deliverables that will be presented;

- New handbooks regarding urban forests
- Multiple-use plans on privately owned and state owned land
- Pilot recreational forests with different approaches
- Web sites
- Different forms of public participation
- Various types of Publications

The conference language will be English. Translation to French will be available if requested.

Key Dates

Registration; September 1st, 2003 – March 15th, 2004

Booking of accommodation; To be made by the participant, please note suggested hotels. Best price available until March 1st 2004. Rooms guaranteed until March 1st 2004.

Submission of proposals, January 15th, 2004
Selection of proposals, see **page 7**; February 15th, 2004
Submission of papers and presentations, March 15th, 2004
Event; May 24th-May 27th, 2004
Optional excursion; May 23rd, 2004

Websites;

www.efuf.org

www.svo.se/urbanwoods



Program

The four-day event will include plenary and if required parallel sessions, two poster sessions and an excursion.

Below you can find an outline of the tentative program. A more detailed program with speakers will be provided on the web site www.efuf.org and www.svo.se/urbanwoods by February 15th 2004.

Sunday May 23rd

Pre-conference excursion to Nationalstadsparken – the National Urban Park also called Ekoparken in Stockholm. The first national urban park (NUP) in the world, created in 1994. www.nationalstadsparken.org

The following topics will be discussed during the pre-excursion; Management plans, Communication strategies, Co-operation strategies and how to canalise visitors in the park. The excursion will start at 10.00 and end with a barbecue at 18.00. It will be possible to join the excursion and meals during the day.

Monday May 24th

Opening of conference

Session 1

Tools to communicate with the general public

Websites

User's Committees

Participative management

Session 2

Tools to reach special groups

Immigrants
Children
Disabled People
Elderly People



Session 3

Poster session
Conference Dinner

Tuesday May 25th

Excursion to the pilot recreational forests of Huddinge and Haninge (south of Stockholm) with focus on tools targeting managers and decision makers.

Session 4; **Tools to aid managers and decision makers**

Handbooks and management plans.

Wednesday May 26th

Session 5

Tools to raise the knowledge of urban foresters

Results of new research; The health aspect of forest recreation.

Session 6

Tools to develop partnerships

Interdisciplinary co-operation and partnerships in urban forestry.
How can effective alliances and partnerships be created?

Session 7

Tools to develop strategies, visions and policies

Urban forests as element of land use planning (at the urban-rural interface) and urban development.

Session 8

Poster session

Thursday May 27th

Session 9

Neighbourwoods: Developing innovative urban woodland planning and design – final results

Session 10

Evaluation of the "Urban Woods for People" project – workshop.



Session 11

Concluding session and future programme for the IUFRO European Forum of Urban Forestry

Call for papers and posters

Participants are encouraged to send in proposals for papers and posters related to the themes of the event. Proposals can be submitted for:

- Sessions 1-2, 4-7 with the right of the organisers to reschedule if the interest for one session is larger than suitable.
- Brief poster presentations (5 minutes) during the first and third day of the forum. Posters should be maximum A1-size (59,4 cm width, 84,0 cm length)

Contribution of participants should cover one of the themes below;

- **Tools to communicate with the general public**
- **Tools to reach special groups**
- **Tools to aid managers and decision makers**
- **Tools to rise the knowledge of urban foresters**
- **Tools to develop partnerships**
- **Tools to develop strategies, visions & policies**

Proposals should be no longer than 250 words and have a descriptive title. Indicate relevant number of session. Authors should provide full professional and address details (incl. e-mail and institutional details). Please have your contribution checked for language. Authors of selected papers are invited to give a presentation of 20 minutes in English. Power Point will be available. Please send your proposals **before January 15th 2004 to:**

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or e-mail it to; ingrid.reuthammar@svo.se



The Findings will be presented at www.efuf.org and www.svo.se/urbanwoods

Registration

Use the attached form for registration. After registration you will receive a confirmation and an invoice.

Fees

- Full participation fee for the forum (including excursion, scheduled lunches and conference dinner); SEK 3350
- IUFRO participants (including excursion, scheduled lunches and conference dinner); SEK 2750
- Full students participation fee (including excursion, scheduled lunches and conference dinner); SEK 1200
- Preconference excursion (including lunch and barbecue) SEK 350

By registration, participants agree with the cancellation conditions.

Accommodation

The Conference will take place at **Quality hotel Nacka** in Stockholm, Sweden.

Quality Hotel Nacka is situated only 10 minutes from Stockholm City Central station between the Globe arena, Old town and Nacka Strand.

The participants are asked to arrange their own accommodation. The event's organisers recommend the following hotels:

Quality Hotel Nacka (the conference hotel)

Värmdövägen 84

Box 92148

S-120 08 STOCKHOLM

Phone; +46 8 506 160 00

Fax; +46 8 506 160 10

nacka@quality.choicehotels.se

www.choicehotels.se/hotels/se038

Price Single Room; SEK 995

Double Room; SEK 1174



Gustaf af Klint (hotel Ship)

Stadsgårdskajen 153

S-116 45 Stockholm

Phone; +46 8 640 40 77

Fax; +46 8 640 64 16

Gustafafklint@telia.com www.gustafafklint.se

Gustaf af Klint is located about 4 km from Quality Hotel Nacka where the waters of Lake Mälaren flow into the Baltic Sea, with a nice view overlooking Stockholm.

Price Single-cabin, hotel part SEK 410

Price Double cabin, hotel-part SEK 680

Price Double cabin, youth hostel SEK 285

All rates are per night, include breakfast and VAT. Please use the code "Skogsvårdsstyrelsen" when booking. The booking for best rates with room guaranteed should be done before **March 1 2004**.

Cancellation conditions

The registration for the event can be cancelled free of charge until the 15th of March 2004. A cancellation fee of SEK 500 and bank transfer costs will be deducted from the refund in the case the organisers have to refund paid invoices. After 15th of March, the organisers have to charge 75% of the fee.

Contact person

You are welcome to contact Mrs Ingrid Reuthammar at National Board of Forestry in questions regarding registration.

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Organisation

The event is organised by:

Regional Forestry Board of Mälardalen
Office National des Forêts
National Board of Forestry
Municipality of Huddinge
Municipality of Haninge
Royal Djurgården
Swedish Association of Disabled

In cooperation with IUFRO, Working Party
6.14.00 (Urban Forestry)

Venue

The event will take place in Stockholm, Sweden. The Stockholm region has a structure of green areas stretching from the countryside towards the city centre. About 9% (19 000 ha) of the total land area within a range of 30 km from City Centre is protected in 48 nature reserves and one National Urban Park.

About 1,6 million people live within this range. The number of inhabitants increases with 20 000 /year.

The Swedes

Swedes are often said to have a strong relationship with nature. One key to understand this relationship is that Sweden is peripheral in Europe and remained less developed for a very long time.



Around the turn of the twentieth century, the dominating part of Swedish society was still agricultural and rural but a rapid transformation to an industrialised and urbanised nation had started. Forests dominate most parts of Sweden today. About 60% of Sweden is covered by forest.

Forest visits are frequent during leisure time with a median frequency of one to two visits every two weeks.

The valuation of nature today is still high among Swedes. A postal enquiry to adult Swedes showed that a large majority, 94% of the respondents agreed with the statement *"spending time in woods and fields, by a lake or by the sea makes me feel relaxed and harmonious"*. The main reason for 75% of the group was that they liked to be out in nature. (Lisa Hörnsten, 2000, Outdoor recreation in Swedish Forests – Implications for Society and Forestry.)

10 good Swedish words

Hej	Hello
Äta	Eat
Dricka	Drink
Älg	Elk
Skog	Forest

Tack	Thank You
Blomma	Flower
Skärgård	Archipelago
Knäckebröd	Crisp bread
Adjö	Goodbye

Welcome to Stockholm and Sweden at its best!

The organising committee

www.svo.se/urbanwoods

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Working with Woods – developing tools for sound urban forestry

May 23 – 27, 2004 – at Quality Hotel Nacka, Stockholm Sweden

Registration Form

Please fill in this form by typescript or capitals and return to ingrid.reuthammar@svo.se
or fax **both pages** to + 46 36 16 61 70.

Personal details

First name	
Last name	
Institution	
Title/Function	
Address	
Postal code	
City	
Country	
E-mail	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Name of your accompanying person (if applicable)	

Participation details

I will participate during the following days (tick to indicate your attendance):

<input type="checkbox"/>	23 rd of May 2004	(Pre excursion)
<input type="checkbox"/>	24 th of May 2004	(1 st day of Conference)
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 th of May 2004	(2 nd day of Conference – full-day excursion and conference dinner)
<input type="checkbox"/>	26 th of May 2004	(3 rd day of Conference)
<input type="checkbox"/>	27 th of May 2004	(4 th day of Conference)

I would like to present the following paper/presentation/poster within the following theme (title):

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Please submit an abstract (max. 250 words, Word-format) by the **15th of March 2004** by mailing ingrid.reuthammar@svo.se

Fees

<input type="checkbox"/>	Full participation fee for the Conference (including excursion, scheduled lunches and one dinner)	EURO	360,00
<input type="checkbox"/>	IUFRO members (including excursion, scheduled lunches and one dinner)	EURO	300,00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full <u>students</u> participation fee (including excursion, scheduled lunches and one dinner)	EURO	100,00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre conference excursion (including excursion, lunch and barbecue)	EURO	35,00

After registration you will receive a confirmation and an invoice.

Accommodation

We have made reservations for you at the following hotels.
Accommodation should be booked by you the 1st of March latest!

Please use the code "Skogsvårdsstyrelsen" when booking.

Hotel	Single-room	www-address and/or e-mailaddress
<i>Quality Hotel Nacka</i>	864 (94 Euro)	www.choicehotels.se nacka@quality.choisehotels.se

Youth hostels	Single-cabin hotel-part	Double-cabin hotel-part	Double-cabin youth hostel-part	
<i>Gustaf af Kling</i>	410 SEK	680 SEK	285 SEK/person	gustafafkling@telia.com www.gustafafkling.se Tel: +46 8 640 64 16

I will arrange my own accommodation

Please provide the following details regarding your stay:

	Day	Time (approximately)
Arriving		
Leaving		

Special wishes and other remarks

<input type="checkbox"/>	Need of French interpretation (conference language is English)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference equipment / transportation for disabled persons
<input type="checkbox"/>	I prefer vegetarian meals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other comments:

Signature:..... Date: