

## Report of the meeting day 1

**Date:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2016  
**Location:** Maienfeld, Switzerland  
**Countries present:** 14: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands,

### 1. Introduction and welcome

Beat welcomes all nations in Maienfeld for the preparatory meeting for the 17th European Students Championship in Forestry Skills.

### 2. Kanton and city

To the nations an overview of the school, Kanton and city is presented

### 3. Evaluation Austria, 2016

Markus presents a short overview of the 2016 championship in Kirchberg am Walde, Austria. The after movie by Stihl has been published.

The opinion of all nations is, that Markus and his team did a very good job by organising the event in 3 months and that there are no large improvement points.

The Netherlands give the suggestion to prepare some time in the schedule for a B-team to train the judges. Not because something went wrong in Austria, but to make sure that when the national judges are not that experienced as they were in Austria the judging will be off the requested level.

For Beat it is important to know if the transport by own cars to the ceremony has been a problem for the teams. This has not been a problem.

### 4. Registration of the teams/nations

To avoid situations such as the two Belgium teams they want to compete last championship, the proposal is to follow the procedure:

- A team/school/nations replays the application form and send it to the organising school;
- The organising school, checks at the closing date of the application period( about 1 month before the event), if there is more than one application per nation;
- If there is, these schools will be informed that they have one week to decide how to solve the problem, otherwise the whole nation may not participate.
- If there is just one application for a nation, an official confirmation of application is sent to the school. This document must be printed and shown on arrival.

Each nation is responsible to organise the participation some way or another. The committee, organising country or head jury is not responsible to decide about these procedure.

*The proposal has been accepted without formal vote.*

### 5. Organisation 2018-2019

Viktor is pleased to show us the proposal for organising the championship in Sopron, Hungary in 2018. He presented his school in an overview and gave a good impression.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity. All nations voted for Hungary in 2018.*

Sweden is considering the organisation for 2019 but does not have a complete proposal yet. We ask Jan and Andreas to present us a proposal next preparatorion days in Hungary in the autumn of 2017.

### 6. Invitation to new countries

Russia has requested if they could be invited as observers during the championship in 2017. For the organisation this is possible. Latvia has contacts with a Ukrainian school as well, Beat and Peter will invite them both.

*The proposal has been accepted without formal vote.*

## 7. Rule changes

At the forestry course, some answers must be given in an unit, such as hectare. Proposal is to add to the rules, if the answer is given in the wrong unit, this should be counted false as well (units are given in the form).

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

Proposal for the exactness of the answers: to make it easier to give points to the tasks, the proposal is done, to change the exactness of the answers to 1/100 in stead of 1/10 at tasks 8, 9 and 10b.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

Proposal for task 12 Determining kinds of wood (log with bark)

The list for task 11 and 12 are different now, the proposal is to complete the list for task 12 with the species of task 11, not all varieties, only the species. For each species there has been a vote:

Latin	English	pro	con	blanco
<i>Abies alba</i>	Silver fir	6	2	6
Acer sp.	Maple	Was on list		
Alnus sp.	Alder	Was on list		
Betula sp.	Birch	Was on list		
<i>Fagus silvatica</i>	Beech (Common -)	Was on list		
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	Was on list		
<i>Larix sp.</i>	Larch	Was on list		
<i>Picea abies</i>	Spruce	Was on list		
<i>Pinus silvestris</i>	Scots Pine	Was on list		
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Aspen	Was on list		
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild cherry, bird cherry	Was on list		
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas fir	8	4	2
<i>Quercus sp.</i>	Oak	Was on list		
<i>Salix sp.</i>	Willow	7	3	4
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan, mountain ash	7	4	3
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	10	4	0
<i>Tilia sp.</i>	Linden, lime	Was on list		
<i>Ulmus (glabra, arpinifolia)</i>	Elm	11	3	0

Proposal for Task 15 Recognizing pests, diseases and damages

Damages caused by antlers is defined as "Fraying damage" (rubbing against the bark). Damages caused by mammals is not only defined as browse impact.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

## 8. Proposals for tomorrow

Discussion, the next proposals are presented now, but will be discussed and voted for tomorrow:

- Alcohol use at the international evening;
- Head of the task and head jury changes;
- Should there be more time then 90 seconds at simulation felling;
- How flexible should the time table be or should there be penalty points for being to late at a discipline;
- Check of the chain saw;

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- Using special tools to prepare the chain teeth in a not standard shape;
- Limbing pattern;
- Measuring at felling, IALC method or Adriatic method;
- Changes after finishing a discipline should be punished with 50 points.

Writing the protocol

Gerard van Looijengoed

## Report of the meeting day 2

**Date:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2016  
**Location:** Maienfeld, Switzerland  
**Countries present:** 14: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands,

### 1. Introduction and welcome

The forester of the Town Maienfeld welcomes us to this special location, a former army cable train station. At this site we hear about the forestry operations around Maienfeld.

### 2. Proposals for the rules

As agreed yesterday, the proposals were discussed during the evening (free time).

#### a) Alcohol use at the international evening;

It should not be a problem to drink or provide alcohol at the international evening. The team leaders are responsible for the students: In May all students under 18 will get a mark (arm rope), in Switzerland these younger persons are not allowed to drink alcohol!

At the international evening all countries will be invited to perform a song or dance, they are free to join or not.

#### b) Head of the task and head jury changes;

The committee will be: Markus Wilfinger (Austria), Peter Tretter (Germany) and Petra Prelec (Slovenia)  
*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

The head jury will be:

- Beat Phillipp (organizing country 2017, Swiss)
- Brede Lauten (Norway)
- Markus Wilfinger (Austria)
- Peter Tretter (Germany)
- Gerard van Looijengoed (The Netherlands)
- Viktor Takacs (Hungary, organizing country 2018)
- Simone Götsch (Italy)

The head of the tasks will be: members of the head jury should be replaced.

Task	head of the task	international jury member /s
Felling:	Franz Wigoschnig	Otmar Gönitzer, Tomasz Szuka, Andreas Graden
Limbing:	Erik Pander	Claude Wagner
Precision:	Julian Bruhn	Jochen Grünberger
Combined:	Esa Eloranta	Armands Lapins
Fitting:	Gregor Cesarek	
Forestry course	Jochen Grünberger	Franz Wigoschnig

#### c) Age limit

Several countries do have a problem finding enough students that fit the age rule: in the year of the competition the competitor must be 25. So students born in 1991 are allowed to join the competition in 2017.

*Decision: the rule stays the same.*

**d) Safety rules**

In Switzerland the protective shoe (EN 345/2) is not in use, the hard parts of the shoes are not easy to use in mountain conditions. For the competition this rule stays effective.

*Decision: the rule stays the same.*

**e) Press in the arena**

If a member of the press or other visitor would enter the arena, the international jury is responsible for letting him or her in. The visitor should ask for permission. When the referee agrees, the competitor must be asked and has the right to disagree.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

**f) The starting commando and position**

The starting commando is "Ready, go".

The chain saw may not be touched with the hands while starting the disciplines fitting, felling, precision and combined cutting.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

**g) Should there be more time then 90 seconds at simulation felling**

In 2017, the felling would be simulation. Question is if it would be better to give 3 minute in stead of 90 seconds before penalty points. The proposal is to keep it 90 seconds.

*The proposal has been accepted with 12 votes. No one voted Blanco. 2 countries voted against the proposal.*

**h) Fitting a new chain**

At fitting a new chain, some proposals are drawn:

- Every item that would fall of the table would be penalised. *Accepted.*
- After the start signal the competitor is free to take a moment before starting. Attention point is to make sure when using a time trigger with start line, the competitor is not able to pass the line without starting the time measurement. *Accepted.*
- If a competitor finishes the fitting, he is allowed to push the time button with the key in his hand. However, the button must be pressed with the hand and not for example by the elbow or arm. *Accepted.*

**i) Bucking by combined cuts**

At Bucking by combined cuts, some proposals are drawn:

- After each competitor the logs will be cut by the helpers with an exact tool. The competitor is allowed to check the exactness afterwards.
- Wherever an extra cut of gashes deeper then 10mm will be made into the log, it will be penalised. *Accepted*

**j) Precision bucking**

The proposal is to let the competitor prepare the sawdust. This avoids discussions and can work very fast. *Decision: this is a decision for the organisation. In Switzerland the judges or helpers will prepare the sawdust and the competitor may check. Is he agrees, any protest can not be made afterwards.*

In Switzerland the official IALC stoppers will be used and placed exactly in the middle of the log. Extra to the rules will be added, that not only stepping over the log of stopper is penalised, but also moving the stopper. Also with 50 points. *Accepted*

**k) Limbing**

Spruce will be used both for the stem as well for the branches.

We follow the IALC in the pattern: so 2016 Poland's pattern of branches will be used.

To make the rules more clear, the highest point of the stem is 60 cm.

**l) How flexible should the time table be or should there be penalty points for being to late at a discipline**

The proposal is done to give a DQ/ zero points for the discipline to competitors who are more then 5 minutes too late, compared to the time schedule. *Not accepted because the short time between the Forestry course and the start of the technical disciplines.*

**m) Check of the chain saw**

The protocol which has been used in Austria has some small changes but functions for the event. The competitors will receive the chain saw back after the check. The check is not only a check, but also a moment of advice, please notice that.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

**n) Using special tools to prepare the chain teeth in a not standard shape;**

It is not allowed to prepare chains with a triangle shaped file or with a so called: "kantenschliff". Also race chains are not allowed.

**o) Measuring at felling, IALC method or Adriatic method;**

The Adriatic method of measuring at felling will be used. A device with two plates, just as used in 2016 Austria.

**p) Changes after finishing a discipline should be punished with 50 points.**

To the general rules, could be added that if a competitor carries out the action that stops the time of a discipline, and afterward he or she changes any thing to the result, it should be penalized with 50 points.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

**q) Forestry course**

Browse impact will be declared as biting and this is not the only "damage caused by mammals". The event first aid will be number 16 and not 14.

**r) Bad behavior**

In some cases a competitor has behaved in a way that does not fit the spirit and aims of the championship. Proposal is to make a list of this kind of behavior and give penalty points for it. The committee will make such a list which is presented at the first meeting in Switzerland. Bad behavior will be penalized with 20 points.

Examples:

- Throwing away the chainsaw or helmet
- Any kind of insulting
- Missing respect to referees, competitors or other persons
- Drinking alcoholics while the disciplines are taken place
- Disturbing the regular procedure

*The proposal has been accepted with 10 votes. 4 voted Blanco. no country voted against the proposal.*

**s) Head jury**

In some cases it is necessary the head jury makes a decision immediately. And this can be hard to organise. The proposal is to add to the rules: the head jury can make a decision if 4 of the 7 members are involved and all 4 agree.

*The proposal has been accepted with unanimity.*

### 3. End of the preparatorion meeting

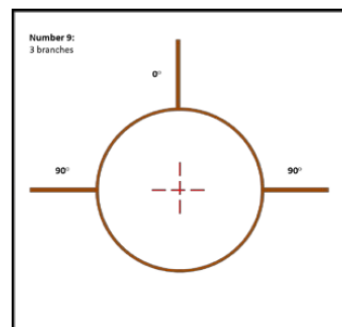
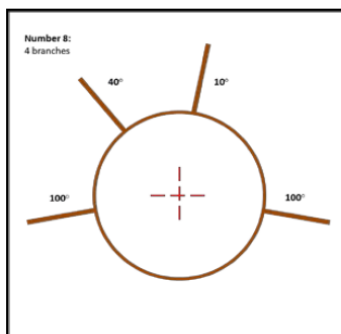
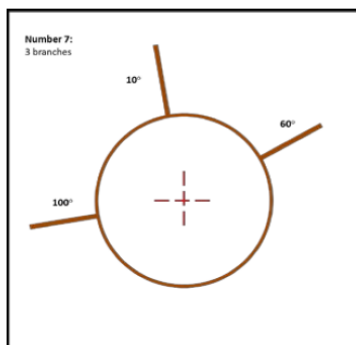
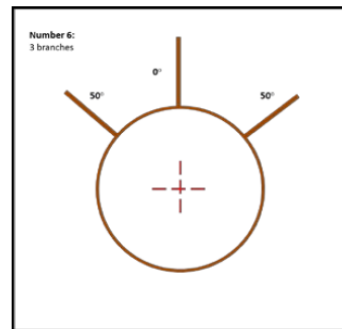
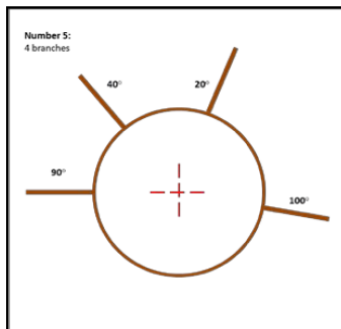
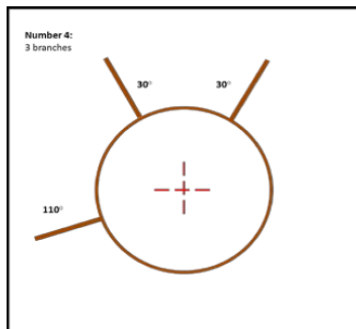
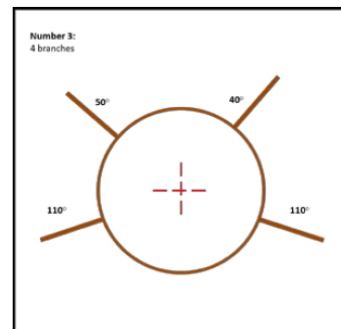
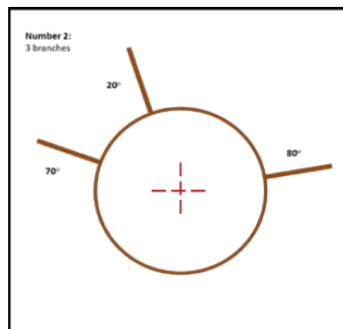
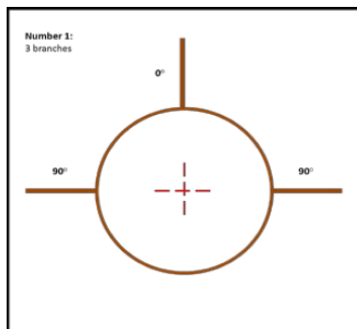
After the discussion about the rules a walk/tour through a similar forest as the forestry course is planned follows. After that, a tour about the history of Maienfeld and the final event, the wine tasting and dinner at the vineyard took place.

Great thanks to the organisation team in Switzerland: They so far made a brilliant job!



## Arrangement of the branches / Anordnung der Äste

<b>Species of the stems /Holzart der Stämme:</b>	Picea abies	Spruce	
<b>Species of the branches /Holzart der Äste:</b>	Picea abies	Spruce	
<b>All other events/Alle andere Disziplinen</b>	unknown		



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