

Preparatory meeting

for the 14th European Championship in Forestry Skills for Students

22nd- 25th October 2014 at the Luua Metsanduskool (Luua) Estonia

Wednesday, 22nd October 2014

Presentation of the school in Luua

Thursday, 23rd October 2014

Moose hunting

Familiarization with Felling Area

Friday, 24th October 2014

Report of the Championship 2014 in Fachschule Fürstenburg in Burgeis

Marko Vinni (Estonia) welcomes us to the Luua Forestry school and presents the **program for the championships in May 2015**.

20th May 2015: arrival, team leaders meeting, opening ceremony and dinner.

21st May 2015: Forestry course, afternoon activities for competitors, team leader meeting and check of the equipment.

22nd of May: felling- and undercut in the forest, together at the same time be the 4 competitors of each country. In the afternoon free time or some activities. The felling area is about 30 minutes driving from Luua (as shown on Tuesday).

23rd May: fitting a new chain combined cuts and precision bucking with 4 competitors at the time in the centre of Tartu (30 minutes from Luua). Limbing as final discipline on ranking. Award ceremony and after party at Luua Forestry school.

Additions for the competitions in year 2015

- The main judges on the task will be from Estonia, but on each task will be one international referee.
- One day before technical event the referees will be informed with measuring instruments.
- One day before the starting of the competition will Jochen Grünberger and Franz Wigoschnig check the polygon for forestry course, Cristian Albu could participate too.
- The position of the branches in limbing will be like last world competition in Switzerland 2014.
- In Tartu there will be a separated workspace for the calculation team, together with support from the organization.
- After felling there will be time and al location to clean the chainsaws.
- Because of the limbing is carried out as a final, speed limbing will not be part of the program.
- There is an option to change the days for the forestry course and felling in case of bad weather. When all days seem to be unsafe, the real tree felling will expires and become simulation felling.
- School in Luua will provide students who will help teams in orientation on the way to the technical discipline in Tartu.

Organizing countries for 2016 and 2017

The Netherlands are working on organizing the championships in 2016. Because the Axetreme-team is not supported by a school it could be teams have to pay a fee for housing and dinner but that is not the goal.

Romania is considering the organization for 2017, but this is not very sure yet.

Team work: technical events

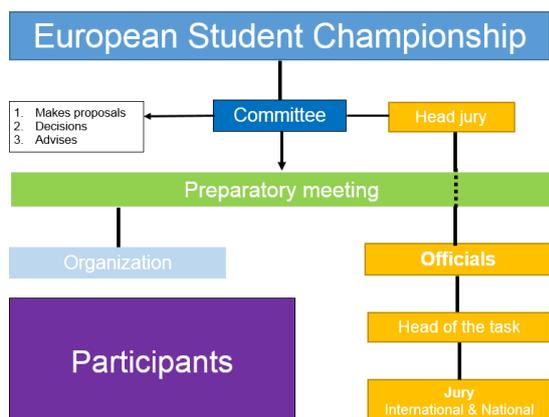
The committee has drawn a couple of proposals for the organization structure for the European Championships. These proposals are added to the adapted rules based on the IALC rules and the changes as discussed and agreed at the preparatory meeting in Sud-Tirol in 2013. All proposals and rules are fitted into one document which was send (shorty) before the meeting.

Most of the discussed points are changed in the attachment of this report (the set of rules), votes and explanations are written in this report. The proposals are mainly discussed page by page. The rules are not discussed in detail but excepted for the 2015 championships and can be adapted at one of the meetings in May 2015 for the final version.

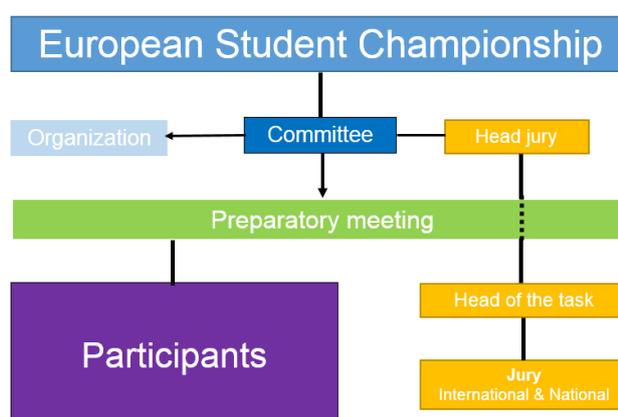
The goal of the new structure is to prevent troubles like there have been in the past.

The point 1. 2: Organogram (organisation next to committee, tasks underneath)
Officials will be gathered with head of the tasks, national and international referees.

Old:



New:



Proposals which have been discussed and voted for:

The point 1.2.1: The head jury consists of members of participating schools or companies, completed with a member from the organizing country and from the country which organizes the next competition:

- Markus Wilfinger (Austria)
- Richard Pastoors (The Netherlands)
- Peter Tretter (Germany)
- Brede Lauten (Norway)
- Wim Bries (Belgium)
- member of organizing country (no vote)
- member of organizing country, which will organize the competition for next year (no vote)

The member of organizing country and member of organizing country, which will organize the competition for next year, have no vote.

Results of voting:

- **6 members voted for the proposal**
- **4 members voted against the proposal**

Proposal for HJ for the year 2015:

- Markus Wilfinger (Austria)
- Cristian Albu (Romania)
- Peter Tretter (Germany)
- Brede Lauten (Norway)
- Wim Bries (Belgium)
- member of organizing country Marko Vinni (Estonia)
- member of organizing country, which will organize the competition for next year, Richard Pastoors (The Netherlands)

Results of voting:

- **10 members voted for the proposal**
- **0 members voted against the proposal**

The point 1.2.4: Simone Götsch replaces the head of the task Tomáš Ščuka.

Results of voting:

- **10 members voted for the proposal**
- **0 members voted against the proposal**

Summary for the head of the task table:

Task	head of the task	2 nd international jury member
Felling:	Julian Bruhn	Jochen Grünberger
Limbing:	Gerard Van Looijengoed	Erik Pander
Precision:	Otmar Gönitzer	Franz Wigoschnig
Combined:	Esa Eloranta	Victor Takacs
Fitting:	Simone Götsch	Gregor Češarek
Forestry course	Jochen Grünberger	Franz Wigoschnig

The point 1.2.4: The head of the task of forestry course is Jochen Grünberger and 2nd international jury member is Franz Wigoschnig.

Results of voting:

- **10 members voted for the proposal**
- **0 members voted against the proposal**

The point 1.2.5 a): is changing in: Participants must students of schools and be experienced enough to work safe with a chainsaw, not apprenticeship without formal connection to the school.

Results of voting:

- **10 members voted for the proposal**
- **0 members voted against the proposal**

The point 1.2.5 b): committee prepares new proposal where will be exactly defined lower and upper age of competitors.

The point 1.2.6 a): To give, a written application to the organizing committee concerning its willingness to organize the following year's competition.

Results of voting:

- **10 members voted for the proposal**
- **0 members voted against the proposal**

The point 1.2.6 k): the correct description of awarded medals and diplomas is in the table

Forestry course: The forms for the forestry course are not always filled in correctly. The exactness and/or unit sometimes differs from the given unit or asked exactness. If competitors apply with another unit than prewritten on the answering form, this will be counted as a false answer. If the answer is given in a different unit (m² instead of hectare, degrees instead of %) this will also be counted as false.

Franz Wigoschnig, Jochen Grünberger, Simone Götsch and Brede Lauten draw a proposal for the exactness and minimum size for task 9 Volume of the saw log. This proposal shall be discussed in May 2015 and been added to the rules in 2016 championships.

The new chainsaw with 2 fixed nuts: The use of a new type clutch cover with the nuts attached to it has been discussed. Although it is an original part of some types of chainsaws, the discussion is that this type of clutch cover is not allowed in 2015's championship in Estonia. Main reasons are:

- The nuts cannot fall of the table during fitting a new chain, so no penalty points can be awarded.
- It is hard to determine if the nuts are loose during or after combined cutting and precision bucking.

The committee will draw a proposal for the future adoption of new equipment and standard modifications by chainsaw producers in the future.

Results of voting:

- **7 members voted for the proposal**
- **3 members voted against the proposal**

The list of allowed members of the meetings in the time of the competition: committee prepares new proposal

Girls in the competition: each country can participate only with one team (boys / girls or mixed)

Protocols A part of the protocols has been adapted by Simone Götsch for the changes witch ware valid for 2014 Italy. Gerard van Looijengoed will adept the other changes of the rules into the protocols based on the new set of rules and the original protocol by Simone Götsch.