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SILVA Network Annual Conference
11-13 April, 2023
Conference Opening

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Committed to
improvement of
teaching and
learning in forest
sciences

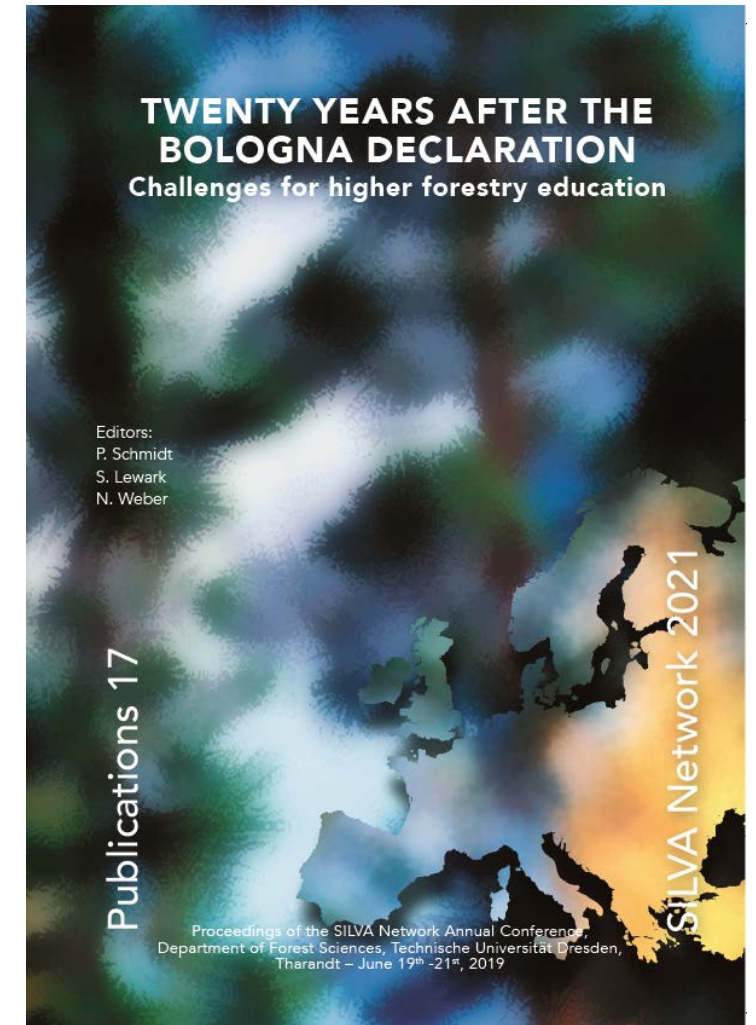


SILVA Network summary

- Working successfully for nearly 30 years
- Standing Committee of ICA
- about 50 Universities and UAS from Europe and some of Asia
- *Mission*: to optimize teaching and learning in forest sciences and related study programs; to exchange experience on innovative forms of teaching and learning
- Intensive involvement of students' expertise
- *Results*: exchange programs; multinational curricula; annual conferences; reviewed proceedings

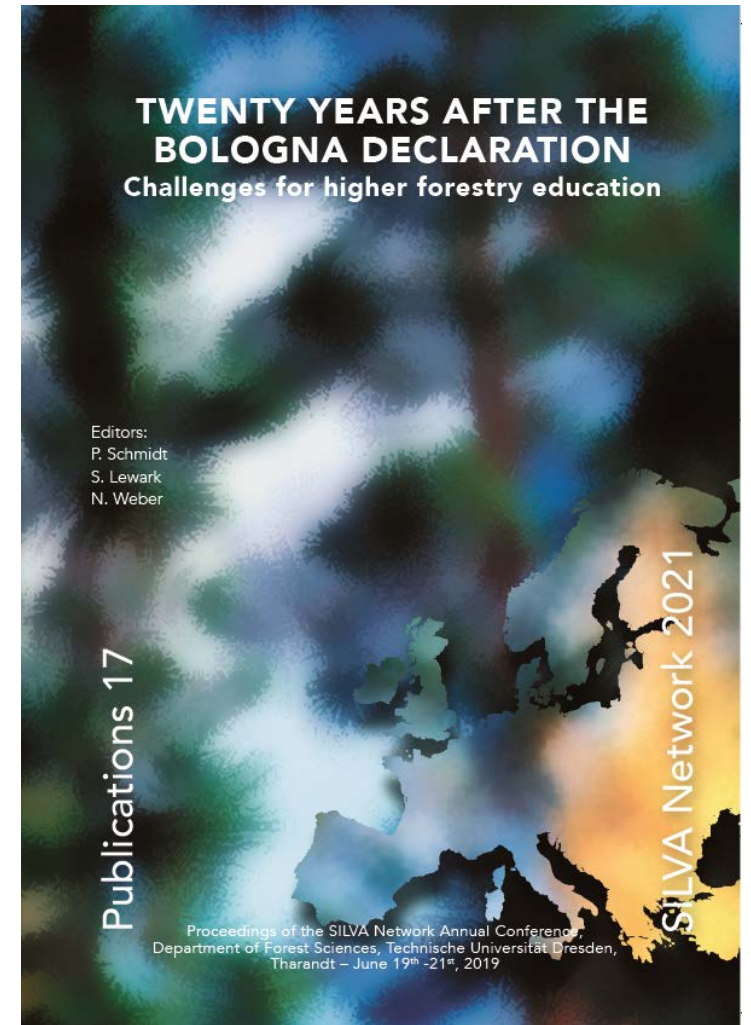
Recent activities and achievements

- Online-Conference 2021
„Digitalization in higher forestry education“
- Conference Dublin 2022
“Higher Forestry education in times of multiple crises”
- Cooperation with Forest Europe
- Interest of new universities in the network



Challenges

- low participation in activities
- cooperation with (and delineation to) similar networks on higher forest education
- dealing with offers to the network to engage in official accreditation activities
- Russian war against Ukraine – suspended cooperation with Russian partners



Forestry education is more than teaching!

[Students] ... “should not only become acquainted with the material necessary for their professional science, but should also acquire so much insight, judgment and skill that, when driven by their own desire or profession, they will be able to stand on their own two feet and help themselves further.”

Translation by
DeepL, slightly
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Karl Leberecht Krutzsch, 1772-1852

Thanks to the organizing team Sopron 2023!

A big thank goes to...

- ... participants for joining, both on-site and online – especially the students!
- ...Prof. Bálint Heil and his team for being a perfect local organizer!
- ...to SILVA Network Secretary General Sandra Liebal for organizing many things in advance of the conference!

Thank you very much
for your attention!



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