## The German Forestry Society

### ✓What happened…

### ✓ Our 65th Annual Conference...

#### ✓ International Year of Forests...

#### ✓ Aims for the EFN...

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# What happened...

- ✓ our society celebrates its 111th birthday
- ✓ the members of our society are increasing
- the society re-established the Committee for International Sustainable Forest Management
- preparations for our 65th annual conference in Aachen are going on
- ✓ we are involved in preparing the IYF

# What happened...

#### the German Timber Promotion Fund had to stop all his activities

✓ a new forest law passed the Bundestag

- the discussions between the forestry and hunting lobby is escalating
- the dialogue between forestry and nature conservation is intensive (especially national strategy for biodiversity)
- BMELV decided to support a campaign for the IYF

## 65th annual conference 2011

- ✓ takes place in Aachen
- ✓ from September 21 till 25, 2011
- ✓ will be Germany's biggest symposium for forestry in the International Year of Forests 2011.
- ✓ over 1.000 foresters, forest-owners, experts and interested people from Germany and abroad
- ✓ current forest topics like climate change, nature protection, silviculture, forest economics etc.
- ✓ output "Aachener paper"



## **International Year of Forests**

✓ Germany will celebrate the IYF with a campaign

✓ all institutions and NGOs can take part

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## **International Year of Forests**

- The umbrella-messages are the benchmark for the communications and all target groups. They decide the topics/contents of the campaign:
- Our forest is important for us people!
- Products and benefits of the forests guarantee life quality and future viability in the 21st Century!
- Sustainable forestry is known for working in line with nature!
- Forest owners and forest wardens care about the forest!
- Everybody can do something for the forest!

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## **International Year of Forests**

The German all over campaign contents (ideas/examples):

- "Waldkulturerbe": Forest is a main factor for our culture historical development
- central internet homepage (www.wald2011.de)
- central online event calendar (more than 3.000 events)
- ✓ image campaign: Without him...
- illumination of famous buildings during special events

#### **German Forestry Society** Forests for People!

Entdecken Sie unser Waldkulturerbel Wald2011.de

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## Aims for the EFN...

Some ideas to increase the cooperation between our societies:

- ✓ actual mailing list of all members
- invitation of members to important society events
- ✓ looking for bilateral excursions
- Iooking for partnerships between young peoples (universities etc)
- ✓ to agree on questions of EU forest politics (forest action plan, forest convention...)

✓ etc.







# Thank's for your attention!

#### **Questions?**

By the way: We have 35.234.356.301 trees in Germany

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