

# **SILVA Network: Committed to improvement of teaching and learning in forest sciences**

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# History of SILVA Network



- **Facilitate exchange** (1987 – 1998)
- **Exchange information** on curricula (1987 – now)
- **Act as discussion platform** for all aspects of teaching and learning (1998 – now)



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# SILVA News



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## *SILVA Network General Assembly 1999*

The SILVA Network General Assembly 1999 was held as a part of an international conference on "Forestry in Changing Societies in Europe" and research in the environmental and development strategies for XXI century Ukraine.

The Conference took place on September 12 - 19, 1999 and the work General Assembly was held on Tuesday 14 September, 1999.

The most important issues of the General Assembly to consider the approval of procedural rules, acceptance of new members, the Network annual report was discussed and approved. Current projects and the financial situation of the SILVA Network were also discussed.

### Procedural rules

A proposal for procedural rules was prepared for the 1998 SILVA Network General Assembly held at the University of Joensuu. The proposal was discussed on several occasions during the academic year 1998-99.

At the General Assembly, the proposal was approved. The SILVA Network procedural rules are attached to this newsletter. They can also be found at [gis.joensuu.fi/rules](http://gis.joensuu.fi/rules).

### Membership

During the academic year 1998-99 three applications for membership had been submitted to the SILVA Network. After their applications had been submitted



# Previous outcomes of the network

# Participants SILVA meetings 2011-2015

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PARTICIPANTS SILVA MEETING 9  
2011-2015

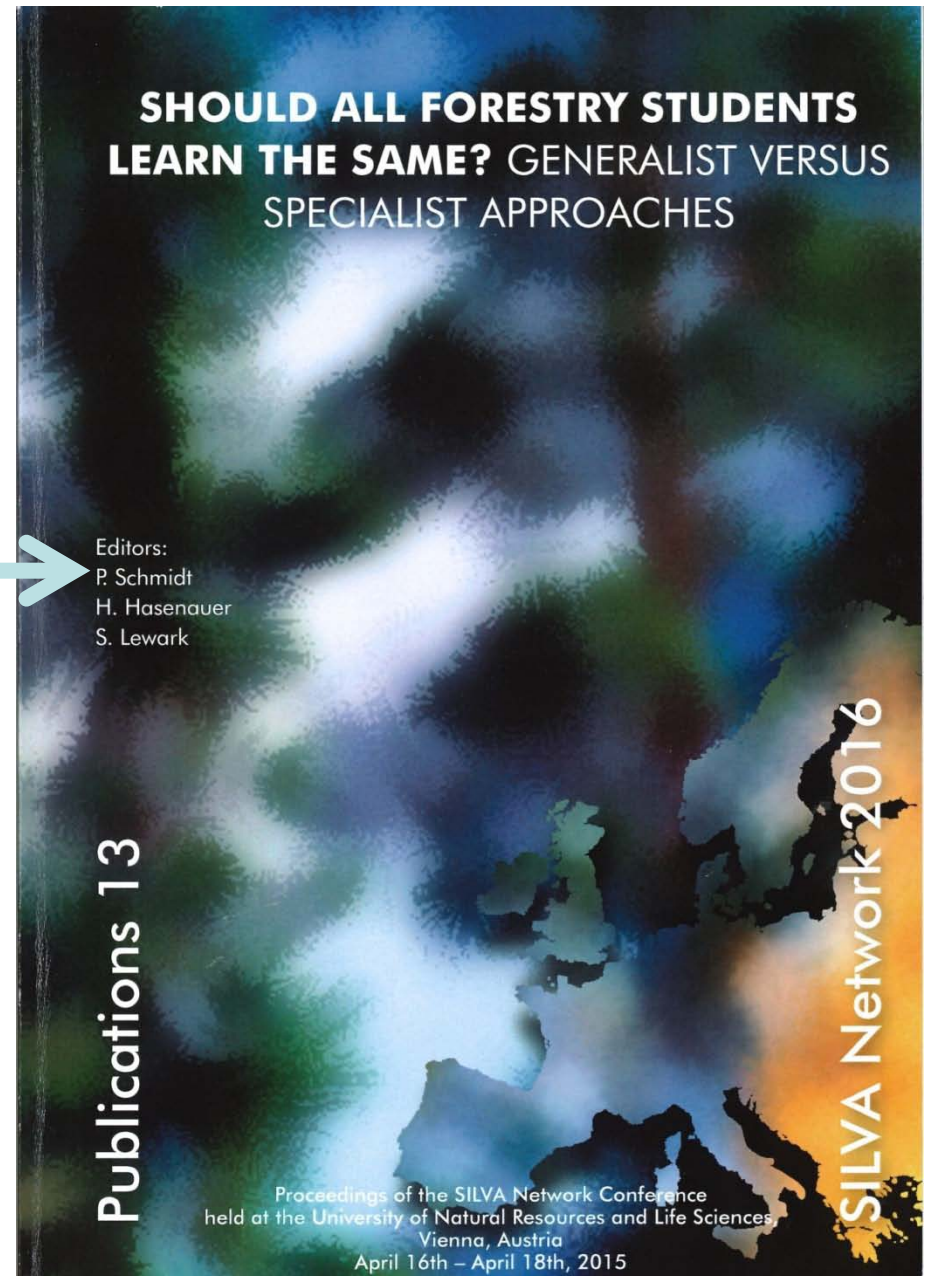




# Issues of the annual conferences since 2012

- **Forests for university education:** examples and experiences (2017, Prag)
- Forest science education: **Self-study** and activation of the learner (2016, Tartu)
- Should all forestry students learn the same?  
**Generalist versus specialist** approaches (2015, Wien)
- **Practice orientation** in forestry curricula in universities and universities of applied sciences (2014, Zollikofen )
- **From teaching to learning** – When will we take it seriously in forest sciences education? (2013, Istanbul)
- **Do students learn what they will need later?** About expected learning outcomes and competences of graduates (2012, Lleida)

Added value  
for all:  
proceedings



# Challenges

- Cooperation with (and delineation to) similar networks on higher forest education
- Integration of Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences outside Europe
- Launching the new SILVA website
- SILVA Annual Conference in Dresden 2019
- General Secretary

# SILVA Network summary

- Working successfully for nearly 30 Years
- Standing Committee of ICA
- about 60 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



Thank you very much  
for your attention



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