

**5th European Forest Pedagogics Congress 2010, Lahti**  
**Beneficial impacts of Forestpedagogy on education and society**  
**Conclusions: (Thomas Baschny / Dirk Schmechel)**

**1. Forestpedagogy in Europe already has ... :**

- a lot of good pedagogical concepts, experienced methods and a huge variety of actors, to bring especially the children (teenagers, adults) into the forests, as well as the forests to the children.
- sufficient proofs (results of surveys and scientific research), that it has a lot of beneficial impacts on educational deficits, that it develops competences in a sense of education for sustainable development (ESD), and that it so has beneficial impacts for our society
- recognized, that it is dealing with the future of the sector
- started to work together in networks with other actors from the forest-timber-sector, but also with other actors (e.g. education, environment, resource-management)
- learn from each others (different cultural background)

**2. Forestpedagogy in Europe is faced the challenge ... :**

- of explaining sustainable forest management (not with unfamiliar concepts, but showing that forestry is important for the future life of people, that its good for the things people need)
- to get more visible (for the society, in the media, for policy/for financing)
- that it needs more proofs, showing its contributions for ESD
- of bringing all the spheres of sustainability (economical, ecological, social, cultural) together, by using forests and the management of all their functions as an excellent model for sustainability
- include teachers !

**3. Forestpedagogy in Europe has to make further steps – such as ... :**

- communicating the content and the results of the Lahti-congress
- switch to the chances the IYF is giving us
- improve existing networks and develop or join new networks especially with actors coming from other spheres of sustainability
- increase offers with possibilities of participation (“ask for the childrens needs/wishes)
- develop the website [www.forestpedagogics.eu](http://www.forestpedagogics.eu)
- come to the 6<sup>th</sup> European FP-congress 2011, 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2011, in Freising