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COST CONFERENCE

“Green care: Health effects, economics and policies”

a part of

COST Action 866 - Green Care in Agriculture

and hosted by

Austrian Horticultural Society, Vienna, Austria, 20-22 June 2007

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

June 20th, 2007

Location: Gartenbaukino, Parkring 12, 1010 Wien

08.30 Start of registration
09.20 Short film about Vienna

Plenary sessions

09.30 Welcome and information on COST Action 866 by *Bjarne O. Braastad*,
Welcome addresses by *Peter Fischer-Colbrie*, Austrian Horticultural Society; and by
Michael Häupl, Mayor of Vienna (to be confirmed)
10.00 Green care services around Europe. *Jan Hassink*, Wageningen University, the Netherlands

Health effects of green care

10.25 Information on WG 1. *Joe Sempik*
10.30 Where Hope Grows: Gardening and Life Challenges. *Anita Unruh*, Dalhousie University,
Canada
11.15 Attention restoration theory: empirical work and practical applications. *Bernadine Cimprich*,
University of Michigan, USA
12.00 Offered presentations on health effects of green care (2 x 15 minutes)

12.30-13.30 Lunch

Economics of green care

13.30 Information on WG 2. *Saverio Senni*
13.35 Green care in the context of multifunctional agriculture. *Guido Van Huylenbroeck*, University
of Gent, Belgium
14.15 Offered presentations on economics of green care (2 x 15 minutes)

14.45-15.15 Coffee break

Policies related to green care

15.15 Information on WG 3. *Thomas van Elsen*
15.20 Concepts of green care in a social farm in relation to social policies in Northern Germany.
History, present situation and future aspects. *Hartwig Ehlers*, Weide-Hardebek Farm,
Germany
16.00 Education for sustainable development - an investment in the future. Implementation
strategies in schools. *Inge Schenk*, German Horticultural Society.
16.40 Offered presentations on policies of green care (2 x 15 minutes)

Roundtable discussion

17.30-18.30 Interdisciplinary cooperation in green care research. Challenges and solutions.
Discussion among national and international experts

- 19.30-- Welcome Reception at the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Stubenring 1, 1012 Wien, Marmorsaal:
- Short welcoming remarks: Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, or representative of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry
 - Buffet meal

Note: The start at 09.30h permits arrival in the morning. The Gartenbaukino is situated nearby the final station of the CAT, which is the direct train from the airport of Vienna to the town centre (25 minutes trip from the airport).

June 21st, 2007

Locations: Headquarter of the Austrian Horticultural Society (Siebeckstraße 14, 1220 Wien), Museum of Horticulture (same address); Vocational School for Horticulture and Floral Design (Donizettiweg 31, 1220 Wien), and/or Haus der Barmherzigkeit (Tokiostraße 4, 1220 Wien)
– all locations are situated within 10 minutes' walking distance

Workshops in WGs

08.30-12.30 Working Groups 1-3 – presentations and discussions

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 Working Groups 1-3 – sub-group discussions might be organised

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Working Groups 1-3 – final discussions

Poster session

17.00-18.00 Poster viewing in the Museum for Horticulture (presenters present, posters open all day)

17.30-18.30 Management Committee meeting of COST Action 866

19.00-- Garden party at the headquarters of the Austrian Horticultural Society

June 22nd, 2007**Excursions**

08.00-09.00 Management Committee meeting

09.00 Departure of two tours

10.00 Departure of the further two tours

18.00 Closing at a Heuriger (traditional wine house)

EXCURSIONS

The *preliminary plan* for excursions comprise four optional tours on 22nd June. Changes may be done.

Tour	Guide	Destination	Issue
Tour 1 – North	Birgit Steininger	○ Weißer Hof, Klosterneuburg	rehabilitation
		○ Rosenheim-Tulln	geriatrics
		○ LPPH Wilhelmsburg	geriatrics
Tour 2– West –	Fritz Neuhauser	○ Geriatriezentrum Wienerwald+ APAK	Geriatrics and clients with psychiatric problems

Vienna		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Otto Wagner-Spital ○ Kinderheim „Schwedenstift“ /Perchtoldsdorf ? 	<p>male prisoners with psychiatric problems</p> <p>disabled children</p>
Tour 3 – West	Eva Thun-Täubert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emmaus CityFarm ○ Himmelschlüssel-hof/ Texing ○ Fair-Wurzelt 	<p>skill development training for clients with psychiatric problems handicapped people</p> <p>vocational rehabilitation particularly for women</p>
Tour 4 – South-East	Georg Wiesinger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lebenshilfe Sollenau ○ Caritas Neusiedl Burgenland 	Handicapped people

Post Congress Tours

For those interested, post-congress tours on Saturday 23rd June could be offered

- Tour to Upper Austria (Salzkammergut): Promente, ...
- Vienna Sightseeing, ...

These are *not* organised by Austrian Horticultural Society, but information on how to book the tours can be sent to those interested.

PRESENTATION OF THE INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Jan Hassink: “*Green care services around Europe*”.

Dr. Hassink is Senior scientist at Wageningen University and Research Centre, Plant Research International, in the Netherlands. For the last decade he has conducted several research projects on various aspects of green care farming, including its economy for the farmer. He has organised conferences on the topic and co-edited the book “[Farming for Health: Green-care farming across Europe and the United States of America](#)”. Dr. Hassink was one of the pioneers in developing COST Action 866. His main expertise is in agro-ecosystems, environmental psychology, social care and public health.

Professor Anita Unruh: “*Where Hope Grows: Gardening and Life Challenges*”.

Prof. Unruh is Acting Director, School of Health Services Administration, and Professor in Health and Human Performance, and Occupational Therapy, at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Her research interests include spirituality and health, leisure activities and their impact on appraisal and coping with life stresses. She is interested in how people construct a meaning of stressful life experiences such as pain and illness, and how they find meaningful ways to live in these circumstances. Her previous research has been in the area of children and pain, pain education, and gender and pain.

Dr Bernadine Cimprich: “*Attention restoration theory: empirical work and practical applications*”.

Dr. Cimprich is Associate Professor at the School of Nursing, University of Michigan, U.S.A. Much of her research has been concerned with cancer diagnosis, care and the impact on quality of life. She has been instrumental in the development and testing of a theoretical model of attentional fatigue and restoration in life-threatening and chronic illness; and of restorative environmental interventions. Her current research includes assessing cognitive function in women treated for breast cancer using Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI). The theory she will present can represent one of the mechanisms behind positive effects of green care services.

Professor Guido van Huylenbroeck: “*Green care in the context of multifunctional agriculture*”.

Prof. Huylenbroeck is Professor of Agricultural economics and rural environmental economics at Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Gent, Belgium. His research field focuses on the relation and interactions between the farm and the political and rural environment and the consequences of these external interactions for the management of the farm. Research topics concern the influence of the Common Agricultural Policy, the possibilities for diversification in the agrarian sector, multifunctional agriculture, rural policy and rural development. He is responsible for a research unit within the “So Far” (Social Farming) project, a multi-country specific support action, funded by the EU Commission.

Mr. Hartwig Ehlers: *“Concepts of green care in a social farm in relation to social policies in Northern Germany. History, present situation and future aspects”.*

Mr. Ehlers is manager of a large farm with a social-therapeutic community of more than 100 disabled people in Northern Germany (<http://www.weide-hardebek.de>). His farm works together with cooperating farms in the surrounding. Mr. Ehlers is engaged in policies and tries to spread his special system of "cooperating farms" (which is quite exceptional in Germany as it does not fit to the usual system of "sheltered workshops for disabled people") over the country. As special laws normally do not allow such systems in Germany he is really a pioneer and lots of farmers are interested in that approach. He has also built up a 2-year education for farmers who integrate handicapped people.

Dr. Inge Schenk: *“Education for sustainable development - an investment in the future. Implementation strategies in schools”.*

Dr. Schenk is General Secretary of the Deutschen Gartenbau-Gesellschaft 1822 e.V. (DGG, German Horticultural Society). She has studied social pedagogy and educational sciences, and is a promoter of "nature and environment education". Dr. Schenk has been lecturer at the Nature Protection Centre of Hessen, leader of an educational establishment in Darmstadt focussing on cross-generational learning, and Managing Director (until 2005) and General Secretary of the Deutschen Gartenbau-Gesellschaft 1822 e.V. (DGG). Further she has developed the focus of "Paths to learning about nature". In 2002 she founded and became chairman of the Federal Syndicate of School Gardens (BAGS).