Second International Tree Forum– GENEVA - October 12th – 15th, 2023

Trees, children, Forests: a hope for Humanity, a (re)connection to the natural world

Thursday October 12th
Trees and Children: the primacy of the natural world

Tree planting in Geisendorf Park (2-4pm)

Venue: Salle Communale de Plainpalais
Collective fresco (1.30pm – end of the forum)
"Let's grow a forest!"
For children, with Marion Alexandre

Storytelling (2-2.45pm and 3-3.45pm)
"The sleeping tree"
By and with Lara Chaslot (Reserved for schools)

Conference Opening (6-7pm)
Welcome by ***Sophie Swaton,*** *with*
Antonio Hodgers Ecological transition in Greater Geneva
Alfonso Gomez Geneva, a green and blue city
Julie Schnydrig-Kettenacker
The importance of growing up in contact with nature
Michael Reinhard Swiss forests in search of balance
Florian Steierer Urban forests and health

The primacy of the natural world (7-7.30pm)
Sophie Swaton
How to think about the natural world?
Ernst Zürcher
Trees, forests, and life of the earth

Opening reception hosted by the City of Geneva (7.30-8.30pm)

Film "La forêt c'est la classe!" "The forest is the number one classroom!" (8.30-10.30pm)
By Daniel Schlosser, followed by a debate with Crystèle Ferjou and Daniel Schlosser.

Friday October 13th
At school under the trees and in a forest

The Living Forest (9-10am)
Odile Tacchi In the western Canada rainforest
Ernst Zürcher The collective intelligence of forest

Break (10-10.30am)

A school under the trees (10.30-11.30am)
Paula Tiirakari and Claire Boulch-Pedler
Forest treasures and children development

Round table (11.30-12.30pm) *with the morning speakers*
Childhood and forests
Moderated by ***Lia Rosso***

Lunch (not organised) (12.30-2.30pm)

Trees in our lives: personal stories (2.30-3.30pm)
Crystèle Ferjou Growing up with trees
Emilie Barrucand Living in the forest on a daily basis

Break (3.30-4pm)

Our relationship with nature (4-5pm)
Laure Oberli Toward a network of very old living trees
Pascale D'Erm Forest baths and child health

Round table (5-6pm) *with the afternoon speakers*
Childhood and forests (continued)
Moderated by ***Lia Rosso***

Dinner (not organised) (6-8.30pm)

Film "A school in the Finnish forest" (8.30-10.30pm)
By Claire BOULCH-PEDLER
Followed by a debate with Claire Boulch-Pedler and Paula Tiirakari

Saturday October 14th
Trees, forests, and health

Trees and forests in the history of humanity (9-10am)
Gabriel Gabriel The dignity of trees in traditional Indian medicine
Quentin Hiernaux The tree in Western tradition

Break (10-10.30am)

Shared living with natural forests (10.30-11.30am)
Mélila Saucy and Romain Blanc Natural forests management principles and potentials
Susanne Braun How to integrate human beings into the forest ecosystem

Round table (11.30-12.30pm) *with the morning speakers*
Humanity within the natural world
Moderated by ***Lia Rosso***

Lunch (not organised) (12.30-2.30pm)

The innate intelligence of the natural world (2.30-4pm)
Olivier Hamant The Anthropocene: what future for tomorrow's children?
Paco Calvo Planta Sapiens, Homo Stupidus: The New Science of Plant Intelligence
Ernst Zürcher The tree at school: the third alphabet

Break (4-4.30pm)

Wild Nature (4.30-6pm)
Cécile Faulhaber A different relationship to wild nature
Gilbert Cochet and Béatrice Kremer-Cochet
The wild forest of Europe in all its might
Marc Olivier The tree in African spirituality

Round table (6-7pm) Restoring dialogue
Moderated by ***Lia Rosso*** *with the afternoon speakers*

Dinner (not organised) (7-8.30pm)

Film "The manufacture of pandemics" (8.30-10.30pm)
By Marie-Monique ROBIN, followed by a debate with Gilbert Cochet, Béatrice Kremer-Cochet and Dominique Bourg

Sunday October 15th
Forests and Humans, together forward

The rights of the natural world (9-10.30am)
Marine Yzquierdo Laws to improve sharing habitat with the wild
Jean-Pierre Sorg Genesis and scope of a remarkable forest legislation
Benoit Hartenstein The keeping and conservation of private trees within everyone's reach

Break (10-10.30am)

Children, Trees, and Traditions (11-11.30am)
Children: Presentation of the Fresco
Presentation of wishes for the present and the future transmitted *to Daniel Griswold (UNECE)*

Round table (11.30-12.30) *with the morning speakers*
Children and the rights of the natural world
Moderated by ***Lia Rosso***

"We are all the children of the Earth, whatever our origin"

Lunch (not organised) (12.00-2.30pm)

Why a primary forest in Europe? (2.30-3.25pm)
Lecture by Francis Hallé

Where are we up to today?
By Eric Fabre

Round table (3.30-4.45pm)
Primary forests and society:
Call for a network of primary forests for the children of tomorrow
Moderated by ***Alice Khelifa*** with Francis Hallé, Marie-Anne Cohendet, Sophie Swaton, Patrik Fouvy, Dominique Bourg and Ernst Zürcher

Final word by Philippe Roch (4.45-5pm)
A manifesto for today and tomorrow.

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Warning: all activities will be in French language except "Forest treasures and children development" in English and "Planta Sapiens, Homo Stupidus: The New Science of Plant Intelligence" which will be in Spanish