

30TH ANNIVERSARY PRO SILVA NETHERLANDS

DAUERWALD-MANAGEMENT

This year Pro Silva Netherlands celebrates its 30th anniversary. We are going to celebrate this with an anniversary meeting on the 15th of October at the Schovenhorst estate in Putten.

Pro Silva Netherlands was founded in 1990. According to the documents, the founding fathers were *Jan Sevenster, Gijs van Tol, Jaap Kuper* and *Mauk den Boer*. Several events preceded this. To start with the legendary storms of the early 1970's. An important eye-opener of this was the possibility to use natural rejuvenation. Before these days, this was considered impossible in The Netherlands. In general, the interest in natural development in forest increased in this period. Critical Forest Management had very strong opinions and ideas about reducing the high degree of unnaturalness of almost all forests in The Netherlands. The increased interest in (natural values in) forest has also led to the first forest policy plan in 1985: The Multi-Year Plan Forestry in The Netherlands. The term 'multifunctional forest' was introduced in this plan. Forest in which attention is paid to wood production, nature and recreation. Not such an easy task for administrators yet. There was little experience with it and there was clearly a need for more knowledge. That is why Pro Silva was founded 30 years ago.

From the start we have worked with a **very strong formula**. Two excursions per year focusing on a theme. This may concern a tree species, type of mixtures, management forms, scale of interventions, etc. The excursions are prepared and guided by members of the Pro Silva committee. In groups of about 10 participants, ideas and experiences are exchanged in an open discussion. That there is still a need for this even after 30 years, is evident from the steady interest in excursions. Each time, 3 days were effortlessly filled with more than enough participants.

We want to celebrate the anniversary on the 15th of October at the *Schovenhorst estate*. We are inspired by the guidelines for Dauerwald management, drawn up by the Walloon Christine Sanchez. A cut-out system is leading. An extra festive touch is that on that day the Dutch translation of those guidelines is ready and will be presented. The program has an indoor section in the morning. In the afternoon we go outside to put these guidelines into practice.

The **costs** include coffee / tea and lunch are 30 euros for members of the KNBV (Royal Dutch Forestry Association), 15 euros for student members and 40 euros for non-members. Registration and more information via Martijn Griek: prosilva@knbv.nl. Please state when registering if you would like a vegetarian lunch! Also due to Corona, there is a limit to the number of participants of a maximum of 100 people. If this limit is reached, you will be put on the waiting list. If there are cancellations and there is still room for you, you will be contacted.

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