Photo Report of the European Young Horticulturists
CEJH Congress 2018
22.-28. July
Malmö, Sweden
Gardening Up North
The 59th CEJH Congress in Malmö

22.07. Sunday
Arrival
Dinner at the hostel
Music performance by Nordanvind
Introduction of the nations

23.07. Monday
Breakfast
Scandinavian Green Roof Institute
Green landscaping, one of the leading landscape companies
Lunch
The Swedish church in Malmö, burial grounds
Walk in the Bo01-area with a landscapers and the Turning Torso
Walk back through Malmö castle gardens
Dinner

24.07. Tuesday
Breakfast
Trädgårdspaletten: a unique family owned garden centre in Malmö
Flyinge Plantshop, full-scale garden centre + lunch
Stångby Plantskola, tree nursery + fika
Lund Botanical Garden
Dinner in Lund

25.07. Wednesday
Breakfast
Wändels Perenner, Sweden’s largest perennial nursery + lunch
Lindesro & Spisa Smaker, greenhouse herb grower
Engelbrekts Äpple AB, apple farm in Skåne
Visit to the beach and time to swim in the sea
Dinner

26.07. Thursday
Breakfast
General meeting for delegated persons
Free time for non-delegates
Lunch in Emporia shopping centre
Green Fortune demonstrates vertical planting systems at Emporia mall
Rehabilitation gardens at SLU, Swedish University of Agriculture
Games and dinner on campus
Tree planting ceremony

27.07. Friday
Breakfast
Hiking in Söderåsen National Park + lunch
Klinta Trädgård, unique perennial nursery and landscaper
Gala Dinner
The CEJH is an international youth organisation for horticulturists and florists.

The CEJH was founded in 1965 in Thun, Switzerland. Founding nations were France and Germany, but soon after, Austria and Switzerland joined the community. Today the CEJH consists of several member nations all over Europe.

In 1953 the first meeting of young horticulturists was organized in Hamburg and seven years later the first 7-day CEJH congress took place. Since then a 7-day congress was held in one of the member countries every year. Recently participating countries have been Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, Czech Republic, England and Estonia.

The tasks of the CEJH are as follows:

- to support the collaboration of European organisations for young horticulturists;
- to represent the interests and relevancies of the European youth being closely connected with horticultural professions in the public;
- to support the education and the developing of one’s knowledge of the horticultural youth for to enact the youth to act responsible;
- to contribute to the creation of a united Europe;
- to collaborate with similar horticultural youth organisations in Europe;
- to support the environment protection and to attend to them on the occasion of professional groups and organisations.
22.07. Welcome to Sweden

With a - quite literal - warm ‘Välkommen’ 53 adventurous people were greeted in the bustling city of Malmö. After accommodations were set and the hostel yard occupied, the evening could start with food, introductions and the recorder ensemble ‘Nordanvind’ bewitching us with fine tunes in the mild breeze of a Swedish summer night.
Our first visit on Monday brought us high up to the roof gardens over Augustenborg, a neighbourhood of Malmö, where we learned a great deal about how it’s possible to manage rainwater in an urban area. Afterwards Green Landscaping, one of the leading companies of landscape management in Sweden, gave us an interesting insight in their successful ways of teaching and integrating foreign people.

In perfect sunshine we then had a neither frightening nor boring tour over one of the biggest cemeteries in Malmö, with kilometres of hedges and probably the ‘longest’ tree in the world. And of course being in Malmö, one shouldn’t miss the best known skyscraper in town: the Turning Torso.
On Tuesday we had the opportunity to explore the garden centre Trädgårdspaletten in Malmö, where you would probably find everything you could be looking for if only you searched for it long enough, as there were surprises to find in about every corner.

It was much unlike our next stop, the very orderly Flyinge Plantshop with a wide range of trees, bushes and perennials of excellent quality. At Stångby Plantskola we got first-hand information about growing big trees in Airpots, even though later that week we learned that we had almost caused a disaster in the scorching heat of the desert-like weather the whole of Europe had experienced that summer. The day came to a close with a visit to the idyllic Botanical Garden of Lund.
25.07. Wändels Perenner, Lindesro & Spisa Smaker, Engelbrekts Äpple AB, beach stop

For the herb grower Lindesro & Spisa Smaker biological plant protection was an essential part of production and we followed the cycle from seed to delivery and got to take a look at their future project - 100% recyclable production and packaging. In the orchards of Engelbrekts Äpple AB we got the chance to cool ourselves off on a stylish tractor-ride just like apple boxes for the harvest and learned which varieties are successful in northern climate. Before dinner that day we could visit the beach and there was time for everyone to swim to their hearts content.

On our way to Wändels Perenner we had time for a short stop by the sea, with a fantastic view of Malmö and the Öresund bridge. Then it was time for ice cream and some fascinating lessons about perennials, substrate and how to become the biggest perennial nursery without aiming to be.
Thursday morning was reserved for the General meeting for delegated persons, the rest could either stock up on lost sleep or explore Malmö until it was time to start our journey to Emporia mall, where Green Fortune showed us different ways of vertical planting systems and told us everything about advantages and difficulties that come with these kinds of installations.

The train then took us to the rehabilitation gardens on the property of the Swedish University of Agriculture, on whose premises we spent the rest of the day, either exploring the area, playing games or relaxing in the shades. Dinner was followed by the tree planting ceremony where a home-grown tree found a new place to thrive.
The beginning of the last day was spent in the beautiful scenery of Söderåsen National Park, with short or longer hiking trails and stunning views around every corner. Equally stunning was the encounter with Peter Korn and Julia Andersson at Klinta Trädgård, who told us the secrets of growing perennials in sand without so much as watering them even in a summer like this.

With plenty to reflect on the Gala dinner made for a pleasant conclusion of another successful congress with lots of different experiences and a nice mix of Newbies and Veterans.
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The board of CEJH
From left: Bert Baeten, Silvia Steinert, Rikard Jansson
The 60th CEJH Congress in Latvia and Estonia
07. - 13.07.2019
Preliminary Program:

07.07. Sunday
Arrival

08.07. Monday
Riga Oldtown, parks in Riga city
Bulduri Gardening School
Pindstrup

09.07. Tuesday
Nursery Baltezers
Landscape/Greening company
Labie koki
Vegetable Marupe

10.07. Wednesday
Rundale palace
Kemeri National park – moorland

11.07. Thursday
Driving to Estonia
Palusalu Garden
Driving to accommodation Tallinn

12.07. Friday
Lahemaa National Park
Palmse Manor
Jägala Waterfall

13.07. Saturday
Departure
See you in Latvia & Estonia
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