



Photo Report
of the European Young Horticulturists
CEJH Congress 2017

2nd to 8th July

South Tyrol



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 accordance with the statutes, the CEJH is an independent youth organisation, which cooperates with the AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers).

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 eleven member countries every year.



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.



02.07. Welcome to South Tyrol

The congress started with a warm welcome by the South Tyrolean young horticulturists and the summer heat in the valleys that lasted long into the night. Later we were impressed by a local folk dance group who even invited us to take part in some traditional dancing.





3.07.17 Laimburg Research Centre, Gartenwelt Platter and winery Kurtatsch



For delegated persons the congress started with our annual general meeting in the rooms of the Horticultural School Laimburg. Meanwhile the non-delegated participants could take a close look through the Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry, which is also situated at the Laimburg.

After a successful meeting we headed out into the heat of the Italian summer and visited the garden centre and landscaper 'Gartenwelt Platter', where shopping is made an adventure.

Our next stop was the winery Kurtatsch where we made a tour through process-

ing halls and wine cellars, to be rewarded with a wine tasting of three wines from finest selection.

By the end of the day we were blessed with a bath in a lake and delicious pizza.





The whole morning of our second day was spent in Silandro with the cooperative of Silandro's fruit producers, and there was much to see as South Tyrol is Europe's biggest exporter of apples. As we made a tour through the huge premises, we could watch apples being packed by many diligent hands, see – literally – tons of them being sorted automatically in the blink of an eye, look at one of the only short-term

4.07.17 Geos in Silandro, marble producer Lasa

high-bay racking's for apples in action and freeze like the poor fruits in one of the cooling cells (luckily with enough oxygen).

Lunch was spent on an idyllic site in the woods with a view to snowy mountain-tops.

In the afternoon we went to Lasa where we could get first-hand impressions of the 'White Gold of Lasa' in many different forms and sizes. The marble from here is exceptionally pure, resistant to frost, and probably the only marble that spent part of its journey to the production site 'flying'!





5.07.17 Raffener Orchids, Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle



The afternoon was spent in the Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle – a botanical garden on 12 hectares. With 83 very different garden landscapes, 4 lakes and a different view from every corner, one afternoon is not enough to explore the area.

We visited orchid-grower Valtl Raffener, who showed us his greenhouses with lots of different Phalaenopsis and more than 300 different species of botanical orchids. He then took us into the jungle. In the 'Raffener Orchid World' we had the chance to see numerous orchids in their natural habitat and admire the abundant greenery. Afterwards we were treated to a lush meal in the halls of their own restaurant.





In Brixen we met with the guys from Planta, a young plant producer, who showed us their plentiful plant varieties and gave some tips on up and coming plants for the next years.

Afterwards the chairman of the South Tyrolean young gardeners took us to his family's company Hofer Andreas and revealed the necessities of a successful perennial grower and how they adapted to the changes in market and technology. We visited Auer Othmar, a landscape designer and bonsai expert, who has his

residence in walking distance of Hofer. In his garden he grows treasures in dwarf form and the species range from more common bonsai trees, such as Pinus and Acer, to rare ones like Wisteria and Rhus.

Last stop of the day was the greenhouse producer Rabensteiner in Brixen, where glass house dreams come true. They offer all kinds of greenhouses from the first sketch to the last screw and on a walk through offices and production halls we could assure ourselves of quality in the making.



Dinner back in the school this time came with live music from local musicians and – as every night – the bar was much frequented.





The morning of the last day was reserved for a brief visit of the Laimburg nursery, where we found out that all their produce was solely used for the gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle.

We then started our excursion to the Dolomites, namely to the Lago di Carezza, which is a beautiful multi-coloured lake with a breath-taking view of the surrounding woods and the Latemar in the background.

In the evening it was time for our annual gala dinner, which was held in a stunning stone cellar with adjacent wine cellars. This cavern has had such famous visitors as the Dalai Lama and Queen Beatrice! That evening European young horticulturists were successfully impressed by the sheer maze of cellars and a wine tasting of finest quality wines along with local delicacies from starters to dessert.

7.07.17 Laimburg nursery, Dolomites, tree planting, Gala Dinner









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The ELCA is the European Landscape Contractors Association. To promote cooperation as well as the exchange of information and experience in Europe the European Landscape Contractors Association (ELCA) was founded in 1963. Twenty-one national landscaping associations are currently full members of the ELCA. Moreover the ELCA has five associated members.

The work our landscaping contractors do is very varied. Today their fields of activities are just not mainly landscaping work such as landscaping and maintain-



EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

ing gardens, private and public parks, but also of increasing importance for European landscaping contractors is the landscaping of leisure centres and sports grounds, greenery for roof gardens and facades, greenery for back yards, indoor gardens, creating slow traffic areas, landscaping roads and accompanying paths etc. as well as the renaturalisation of stream beds.

The landscaping sector is an industry with a future in Europe. Most of the 74,000 medium sized landscaping businesses employ less than 50 staff per company. The industry as a whole employs more than 350,000 staff and the number is increasing.

European landscaping companies are proud of their large number of apprentice. On average the percentage of apprentices is eight percent of the employees. This

demonstrates how many young Europeans regard the profession of landscape gardener as one with a future and how serious the companies take their responsibility towards vocational training.

The Goals

- **Promote the mutual exchange of information and experience**
- **Look after the interests of landscape contractors Europe-wide**
- **Support the vocational training of young people and the mutual exchange of young qualified landscape gardeners**
- **Promote cooperation with organizations with similar goals Europe-wide**

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The 59th CEJH Congress Malmö, Sweden. 22-28 July, 2018



CEJH: the European community of young horticulturists.



Preliminary program

Accommodation:

STF Malmö City Hostel & Hotel

Address: Rönngatan 1, 211 47 Malmö, Sweden

Sunday: Individual arrival.

Monday: **Augustenborg:** botanic roof gardens.
Bo01-area: green infrastructure and the Turning Torso.
Trädgårdspaletten: garden centre and glass house gardens.

Tuesday : **Wändels Perenner:** perennial nursery.
Stångby Plantskola: tree nursery.
Flyinge Plantshop: specialized garden centre.

Wednesday: **SYSAV:** recycling and energy plant.
Jonstorp: fruit farm.
Green house company: focus on biological plant protection.

Thursday: **Free time:** explore Malmö.
General meeting
Emporia: shopping mall with vertical gardens.
SLU, Alnarp: Swedish University of Agriculture.

Friday: **Nature attraction:** hike in the swedish woods.
Spettkaksbageri: traditional bakery for the area.
Gala night: dress up and have fun!

Saturday: Breakfast and departure!



See you in Sweden

22nd to 28th July 2018

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