Photoreport of the European Young Horticulturists
CEJH Congress 2019
Latvia - Estonia
07. – 13.07.
Back to the roots
Program of the 60th CEJH Congress in Latvia and Estonia

07.07. Sunday
Arrival
Dinner at the school
Sunset at sea
Introduction of the nations

08.07. Monday
Breakfast
General meeting for delegated persons
Bulduri Gardening School for non-delegates
Lunch
Parks in Riga City
Riga Botanical Garden
Dinner in Riga

09.07. Tuesday
Breakfast
Landscape + greening company Labie Koki
Pindstrup
Lunch in Riga
Baltezers Nursery
Dinner in Jurmala

10.07. Wednesday
Breakfast
Rundale Palace
Lunch in Bauska
Kemeri National Park - bogland
Dinner in Jurmala

11.07. Thursday
Breakfast
Palusalu Garden and lunch
Driving to the hostel in Tallinn
Dinner in Tallinn

12.07. Friday
Breakfast
Laheema National Park
Palmse Manor
Jägala Waterfall
Gala Dinner in Tallinn

13.07. Saturday
Breakfast
Departure of the nations
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 a European country 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 horticulture; 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.
07.07. Welcome to the Baltic roots

After arriving in Latvia, one of the easternmost countries of the European Union, 45 people found their way to Bulduri Gardening School and were greeted with accommodations fitting this year’s motto ‘Back to the roots’. Following dinner the introduction of the nations was held in a rather stiff breeze on the banks of the Baltic Sea.
08.07. General Meeting, Bulduri Gardening School, Riga Parks, Riga Botanical Garden

The first morning was reserved for the general meeting, whereas the rest took a stroll around the premises of Bulduri Gardening School. Afterwards we met with a guide from Riga parks, who also manage a big area of forests around the capital, and had a tour through the parks that border the old town of Riga. Latvian University botanical garden which extends over 15 hectares was the last stop on our first day.
On Tuesday we gathered at Labie Koki where owner Edgars Neilands showed us a multitude of branches they work in and told us about his ambitious plans for the future of the company. Followed by a visit to Pindstrup Latvia, who supply customers worldwide with Baltic peat. Baltezers Nursery with lots of conifers, a big show garden and prices too good to be true completed this day around the outskirts of Riga.
10.07. Rundale Palace, Kemeri National Park

The morning of our last day in Latvia we spent in the impressive Rundale Palace also known as ‘The Baltic Versaille’ with its typical baroque-style park that we had plenty of time to explore.

After lunch in Bauska the bus took us to Kemeri National Park with the Great Kemeri Bog and a neat boardwalk that led through the heart of the bog and to a raised platform from which we had a stunning view of this unique landscape.
11.07. Palusalu Garden

‘Good things come to those who wait’ was the motto for this day, as we spent the better part of it in the bus driving to Estonia. We were then generously rewarded with an exquisite lunch, flourishing flower beds in finest weather and for those willing there was even time for sauna. Soon after we moved on to our new sleeping quarters right in the middle of the bustling city of Tallinn.
12.07. Laheema National Park, Palmse Manor, Jägala Waterfall

The first encounter with Baltic wildlife that day were moose on the road, whereas the beaver walk remained entirely free of beavers. So we continued on to Palmse Manor where we could try on clothes of past times that weight a ton or roam the park. To cool off our next stop was Jägala waterfall and later dinner was served in a medieval restaurant in Tallinn old town where we ended the congress with a thundering ‘VIVAT!’
The board of CEJH
From left: Bert Baeten, Silvia Steinert, Rikard Jansson
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26.07 Sunday
Arrival
Hostel Essen
Pastorsberg 2
45239 Essen

27.07 Monday
Gruga park, Essen
General Meeting
Visit to University about climate and plants

28.07 Tuesday
Perennial nursery Arends
Special plants nursery Hortvs

29.07 Wednesday
Landscape company with a big show garden.
Aboretum Härle

30.07 Thursday
Botanical garden Bochum
Westrupper Heide
Swimming

31.07. Friday
North Duisburg Landscape Park
Castel Benrath
Gala dinner

01.08. Saturday
Departure
See you in Germany
26.07-01.08 2020

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