

Meeting with Siegfried Lewark, president of silvanetwork, member in IPFE and in IUFRO's division on forestry education,

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About silvanetwork:

- Silva is the official network of quite many forestry faculties in Europe
- <http://www.silva-network.eu/>
- Siegfried Lewark is the current president, after his presidency, the current secretary Reiner Mühlisieg will take over, who is also from the university of Freiburg

A piece of information about forestry education in IUFRO:

- they used to have an active division for forestry education, but the current members of this division are somehow unactive
- IUFRO is divided into Divisions in general, the division that forestry education is located in has the number 6 and there are several parts:
 - o The most important is: [6.15.00 – Improving education and further education in forestry](#)
 - o But there is also: [6.08.02 – Education, gender and forestry](#)
 - o And [6.06.03 – Education and research in silviculture](#)

Some information about IPFE:

- <http://www.ipfe.info/>
- before IPFE existed FAO had people working on forestry education (see interesting articles on forestry education on: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/15927/en/>). One day, by luck, there was some money out of a heritage (100.000 \$) donated with the goal to improve forestry education
- with the help of FAO there was a position created with the goal of improving forestry education, first in an university in Canada, then in Australia and FAO fired their own forestry education officer and deleted the advisory committee on forestry education

Other networks of forestry faculties, around the world:

- Anafe for Africa: <http://www.anafeafrica.org/>
- Relafor for southern America: <http://www.relafor.net/>

Other things we talked about:

- WFC and IUFRO World Congress: how to propose a session for the one and the other, but that is out of date, because both has been done already ☺

Conclusion:

If you have some free time in Freiburg spend it with a cup of tea at Mr Lewark's office for some good hints on where IFSA can still grow with potential!!