
Press release**Announcement of 25th International Wood Construction Conference 2019
December 4-6 in Innsbruck, Austria**

There are still some days left until December, but time flies by in business life. Therefore, here and now, please mark your calendars for the upcoming 25th International Wood Construction Conference (IHF 2019) which takes place from December 4 to 6 2019. With the congress center in Innsbruck (www.cmi.at) as a new venue, FORUM HOLZBAU puts IHF on course for the future and new growth opportunities. Bottlenecks that existed for years have been eliminated with the change of venue, e.g. the limited exhibition areas, as well as scarce room for participants during coffee breaks are now behind us. For the 25th IHF anniversary event of the world's most important congress for timber construction, "FORUM HOLZBAU" expects more than 1,850 participants from all over the world to come to Innsbruck. As usual, the congress will be complemented with an exhibition, which offers a great opportunity for 140 companies to display their products and services.

At the Opening Event of the IHF on Wednesday December 4, the framework conditions, solutions and potentials for housing construction in wood will be scrutinized. As usual, this event will be moderated by LIGNUM Holzwirtschaft Schweiz. The opening will be followed by pre-conference seminars, the architectural seminar "simple, material-adapted and innovative" focuses on a topic that is attracting growing interest due to the complexity of many construction processes. In addition to the other two usual prologues (prefabricated housing, wooden house construction), this year a fourth pre-conference seminar "connection technology" will be organized by the Aalto University of Helsinki.

On the first day of the core part of IHF on Thursday December 5, FORUM HOLZBAU will provide a brief review of 25 years of the development of its founding and flagship congress "IHF" before the Zukunftsinstitut Wien addresses future challenges for timber construction. In the further course of the event, outstanding new projects will be presented in the sessions "Timber Structures" and "Timber Construction Development".

New at this year's IHF is that participants can also attend a "Master Colloquium" in the afternoon, organized by the Bern University of Applied Sciences Biel and the Technical University of Rosenheim. Here, students will present the contents and results of their master theses. FORUM HOLZBAU thus puts a stronger emphasis on the promotion of young talents.

On the second day of the core forum on Friday December 6, renowned speakers will be presenting in four parallel blocks projects from the fields of engineering structures, arena construction, multi-storey timber construction, and -in a new block- the "adventure wood research". The IHF epilogue, moderated by the Vienna University of Technology, will focus on aspects of resource storage and recyclability.

Please mark you calendars for December 4 to 6 to attend the 25th Anniversary Congress at the new IHF location. Welcome to Innsbruck!

About the FORUM HOLZBAU

FORUM HOLZBAU is a joint platform between the Aalto University School of Science and Technology Helsinki (FI), the Bern University of Applied Sciences (CH), the Technical University of Rosenheim (DE), the Technical University of Munich (DE), the Vienna University of Technology (AT) and the University of Northern British Columbia (CA). In Italy, we cooperate closely with the University of Trento. The goal and task of the association is the promotion of the use of wood in the construction industry, surplus funds are used in the sense of the timber industry for the support of research and development projects of students.

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