

Meeting of the Association of German Forest Experiment Stations
[including participation by Austria and Switzerland] at
Eberswalde in 1892.

Represented are:

- The Baden Experiment Station:
by Geheimrat Krusina
- The Bavarian Experiment Station:
by Privatdozent Dr. Kast
- The Braunschweig Experiment Station:
by Kammerrat Horn
- The Alsace-Lorraine Experiment Station:
by Regierungs-und Forstrat Ney
- The Hessian Experiment Station:
by Professor Dr. Wimmenauer
- The Prussian Experiment Station:
by Oberforstmeister Dr. Danckelmann
Forstmeister Dr. Schwappach
Forstassessor Fricke
- The Wuerttemberg Experiment Station:
by Professor Dr. Lorey
- The Austrian Experiment Station:
by Oberforstrat Friederich
Forstkandidat Ritter v. Lorenz-Liburnau
- The Swiss Experiment Station:
by Professor Dr. Bühler

As guest was present:

Oberforstmeister Weiss - Hann-Munden



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Minutes of the meeting at Eberswalde 17 August 1892.

On the basis of the resolutions made on 18 September 1891 at Badenweiler* the participating Experiment Stations requested from their respective governments approval of the draft for the statutes of the International Union of Forest Experiment Stations.

The result of the ensuing negotiations, which were transmitted to Professor Bühler, Head of the Swiss Forest Experiment Station at Zurich, according to a prior agreement, made it possible that the matter of founding an International Union of Forest Research Organizations could be dealt with on occasion of the meeting of the Union of German Forest Experiment Stations at Eberswalde.

Professor Dr. Bühler acted as moderator who reported the following about the state of affairs:

Even though formal approval was not given by all participating German States to their Forest Experiment Stations to agree to have the German Union of Forest Experiment Stations join the International Union, it seems unlikely that the still missing approval will not be given. The governments of Austria and Switzerland agree to the joining of their Forest Experiment Stations to the International Union. The government of Hungary was not able yet to take a position regarding this matter. However, it is hardly doubtful, according to informations provided by highly placed personages, that Hungary will also become a member of the International Union within the course of one year. At the moment negotiations are still under way with France if and when membership can become a reality.

Professor Bühler remarks that the Swiss government is willing to invite France via diplomatic channels to join the International Union.

* Protocol of the Committee for initiation of an international agreement for dealing with forest research organizations of 18 September 1891 as well as: Protocol of the meeting of the Union of German Forest Experiment Stations of 18 September 1891, p.8

Kammerrat Horn expresses his hope that the government of Brunswick would soon empower its Forest Experiment Station to declare its approval of the statutes of the International Union.**

Dr. Kast states that the Bavarian Ministry of Finances will not object to the joining of the International Union by the Bavarian Experiment Station on the basis of the statutes agreed upon at Badenweiler, provided the other participating governments would have declared their approval to the establishment of an International Union. Bavaria, however, wishes to belong to the International Union not as a member of the Union of German Forest Experiment Station but as an independent state.

After Oberforstmeister Danckelmann pointed out that the wish of Bavaria could not be acceded to because of the statutes agreed upon at Badenweiler, and that a change of the statutes would be out of the question because the other states had given approval to the joining the International Union by their Experiment Stations under direct reference to these statutes, and the last written communication of August of the year by the Bavarian Experiment Station to the Executive Secretary of the [German] Union [of Forest Experiment Stations] had held out the prospect that the (Bavarian) Experiment Station would agree to join the International Union under the conditions outlined by the draft of the statutes. Dr. Kast explained that he made his statement solely as a consequence of an oral instruction by a ministry official, Oberforstrat Dr. Viernstein, but in his [Dr. Kast's] opinion the Bavarian government had no intention of being an obstacle for the German Union of Forest Experiment Stations to join the International Union.

Oberforstmeister Dankelmann read the answers of the other German governments relating to the matter of the International Union and states following the prior verbal declarations of the representatives of the Experiment Stations of Bavaria and Brunswick, that the various Forest Experiment Stations had received permission from their Governments, or that permission could soon be expected, to agree to the joining of the International Union of Forest Experiment Stations by the Union of German Forest Experiment Stations.

** The Brunswick Forest Experiment Station has its formal approval given on 27 August to the statutes agreed upon at Badenweiler.

Consequently, the meeting of the Union of German Forest Experiment Stations resolves to begin deliberations about the immediate founding of the International Union.

Unanimously it is resolved:

"The Union of German Forest Experiment Stations, as well as the Austrian and Swiss Experiment Stations, will form the International Union of Forest Experiment Stations according to the statutes agreed upon on 18 September 1891 at Badenweiler and approved by their governments"

Prof. Bühler explained concerning further negotiations with the government of France, about its taking out membership in the International Union, that a diplomatic inquiry of the Swiss government regarding this matter should be regarded as a purely private matter of the Swiss government which is greatly interested to see France becoming a member. But, it should be stated that representatives of the Experiment Stations of the other participating countries consider membership by France as well as by Hungary as desirable.

Therefore the meeting resolves unanimously:

"The International Union of Forest Research Organizations considers the membership of other countries to be desirable, in particular by France and Hungary. In regard to membership of these two countries, representatives of the Austrian and Swiss Experiment Stations are going to take further steps"

Oberforstrat Friederich invited the International Union to hold a meeting in September 1893 in Austria (place Vienna).

During deliberations regarding the invitation, the motion of the Saxon government: "To hold meetings of the International Union of Forest Experiment Stations should be held at longer intervals, perhaps of 5 years" was also discussed.

Professor Lorey presented a motion against having a meeting of the Union the following year.

Professor Bühler considered a meeting of the International Union the first year following its founding as desirable, especially since still other countries should be invited to join the Union.

After Forstmeister Schwappach pointed out that it would be impossible in the years in which a meeting of the International Union of Forest Experiment Station would be held, also to have a meeting of the German Union of Forest Experiment Stations, the motion by Professor Lorey is defeated with 5 to 2 votes.

Forstrat Ney and Professor Lorey cast the 2 votes for not having a meeting in 1893.

The motion that the International Union should meet for the first time 1893 in Austria was then unanimously passed.

The motion by the Royal Saxon Experiment Station concerning longer intervals between meetings of the International Union was not voted upon but at next year's meeting this motion will be considered in depth in order to determine the date for the second meeting of the International Union.

Minutes read and adopted.

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