



## Press information

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### **Tradition with a future: FORST live demonstrates modern forest utilisation from A to Z**

#### **Growing into a “chopper festival”**

Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the “FORST live” will again be held on the Offenburg exhibition grounds. The international trade show has advanced to become the leading platform for forest technology, renewable energies and the outdoors in the southwest of Germany. Held from 13 – 15 April under the motto “Fascinating technology”, the show’s primary focus will be on practical experiences and applications presented on 40,000 square metres of open-air grounds and in the 6,000 sqm large Baden-Arena. Organiser Harald Lambrü expects to see more than 20,000 visitors attend the show.

To meet the increasing demand for wood as a popular fuel in the first instance requires powerful machinery and equipment. Private forest owners, forest wardens, contractors, local government officers and hobby woodworkers will find a wide variety of products and services on offer at the Offenburg demo show. Leading manufacturers and traders are set to present the latest state of the art in what will be a formidable experience for visitors both from an optical and an acoustic perspective.

#### **Large cross section of choppers and splitters**

A key focal point of the “FORST live” will be on modern wood chopping machines, shredders and splitters. “The FORST live presents the best cross section of choppers in Germany and is growing into a veritable chopper festival,” organiser Harald Lambrü says. More than 20 exhibitors from this sector alone will be showing the whole gamut of manually and crane-fed choppers. Featuring wood splitters with a capacity ranging from 6 to 40 tons in vertical and horizontal position and mobile automatic sawing/splitting machinery, Lambrü describes the range of machinery presented at the Offenburg demo show as the widest in Germany.

The spectrum of exhibitors from sectors including tree care through to radio technology, woodworking machinery, mobile saw mill technology, power saws, forwarders, rope and climbing equipment all the way to infrastructure and mulching technology extends across wide areas involving the harvesting and use of wood.

#### **Growing trade show offering**



Since the first "FORST live" in 2000, the number of exhibitors has continuously increased. "Today, 90 per cent of the exhibitors taking part have been here before," Lambrü states. The 13<sup>th</sup> trade show in 2012 is expected to see more than 250 exhibitors participate from ten nations. Key for Lambrü is the growing variety of the offering. Welding technology expert Technolit, for instance, will join the ranks of companies representing the special technical solutions sector in Offenburg. Mobile power supply solutions for special and emergency vehicles will be promoted by the LEAB company.

As a provider of local and district heating distribution stations, Aqotec is a specialist in optimising the operations of biomass systems. Hydromot from Luxembourg will introduce visitors to all aspect of hydraulic motors, gear pumps, hydraulic controls, valves and hydraulic tubes. Away from technology, Lahrer Treuhand as a tax consulting firm will be available for advice on tax and commercial matters. The company's spectrum includes agricultural accountancy services for part-time and full-time farmers and specifically foresters.

#### **Sustainable energies on the advance**

Thanks to the change in energy policy introduced by the Germany government, renewable energies will cover the majority of the energy consumption in only a few years. This factor is also taken into account at the "FORST live" where renewable energies are a further focal point. More than 40 suppliers will demonstrate the whole range of biomass and wood chip heating systems, wood gasification boilers, wood burners, and pellet and firewood boilers. The trade show provides suitable solutions for biomass based heat production which benefit both the climate and the wallet.

Answers to questions on heating with biomass will be offered by the Bioenergy Advice Service. Further special focus at the "FORST live" is given to the use of solar energy: providers of photovoltaic systems, solar energy storage units, solar heat systems and sun collectors will be presenting their latest products and services.

#### **Attractive programme**

In the third core area of the "FORST live" visitors will see and hear the latest on outdoor clothing as well as a wide range of hunting gear and accessories.

This year's accompanying programme is set to stand out with a spectacular highlight in the form of "Axeman" Werner Brohammer from Hornberg in the Black Forest. On all three days of the trade show, Germany's most successful sports lumberjack will stun the audience with athletic feats using his axe or a tuned power saw and magically whip up works of art from a single piece of wood. Each day, his creations and sculptures will be sold in a top-up auction.

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The large cross section of modern wood choppers, shredders and splitters will be a focal point at the “FORST live”.

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## About the FORST live

The leading demo show for forest technology, renewable energies and the outdoors in Germany is organised by FORST live GmbH. The FORST live South in Offenburg is held each year in spring, while the FORST live North in Hermannsburg takes place in autumn. Practical demonstrations of cutting-edge machinery and equipment technology involved in the wood value chain are a focal point on the large open-air exhibition grounds and in the various halls. Numerous well-known exhibitors in the renewable energies section provide information on pellet and firewood heaters, photovoltaic systems and solar power units. The presentation of the three-section trade show is rounded off by outdoor clothing. For further information visit [www.forst-live.de](http://www.forst-live.de)

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