

EUROPEAN EDUCATION CONGRESS IN TIMBER CONSTRUCTION IN BASEL - INVITATION

Timber Construction Europe and Holzbau Schweiz would like to invite you to the European Educational Congress on the **14th of October in Basel**, Switzerland. This congress substitutes the bi-annual timber construction parliament for topical reasons.

Vocational education in timber construction is the core theme of the congress which is hosted along with the European Championships in Timber construction and the Fair "Holzbau" from the 11th to 15th of October 2016 (www.holz.ch).

Due to its resource and energy efficiency the area of timber construction has experienced a significant upturn during the past years.

Innovative connection methods, novel developments concerning solid timber elements and engineered wood products as well as continuous improvements of standards, have significantly widened the possibilities for the use of timber in residential and non-residential construction.

In order to fully utilize the potential of timber construction an up to date education and further education of labour is essential. Only through implementation of novel technologies and construction methods into training as well as the advancement of further education, skill shortage in all groups of age can be prevented.

Certainty lies in the fact, that due to the strong linkage of economies between European partner countries, challenges can only be tackled and changes can only be brought about when collaborating with each other.

The target of the education congress is to develop an understanding for vocational education difficulties of each of the European countries and to enhance interchange concerning educational matters in timber construction.

Apart from a platform for personal interchange and networking short presentations provide insight in topics such as: **significance of vocational education in Europe, Networking in vocational education, national and international projects in this area as well as success factors in vocational education.**

A joint dinner closes and rounds up the educational congress.

We are looking forward to your participation, interesting presentations and enriching discussions.

Kindest regards,



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President Timber Construction Europe



Thomas Rothfuß
Chair of the Education Commission