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...and welcome to the 63. CEJH-congress from 20.07. -27.07.2024 in Hamburg!

- Nordish by nature –





Dear young gardeners and interested people,

it's a big pleasure for me to present you in the name of the German young gardeners (AdJ) and the European young gardeners (CEJH) some informations about the CEJH congress 2024.

It will take place from 20.07.-27.07.2024 in Hamburg, first time in the 63 years old history of this event.

With a population of 1,9 mio. inhabitants, Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany. The port, the philharmonia, the fishmarket and the quarter St.Pauli are world famous! The big variety of musicals, too. The rivers Elbe, Alster and many channels give a maritime flair. Together with a strong economy, cosmopolitanism and cultural diversity, this metropolis has a fascinating spirit.

And Hamburg is a very green city! Roundabout 27% oft the town are parks or nature protected areas. Further here grow 250.000 trees just along the streets! 89% of the inhabitants live less than 300m away from the next park or forest.

Of course, that means that also the horticulture business in Hamburg is very strong. So for me it's since a long time a heart project, to bring the congress to Hamburg and show you the green variety of my hometown. I'm very happy that this year it comes true!

On the next pages you get the most important informations about the event: Accommodation, costs, program... and, of course, how you can registrate from now!

In this sense: See you soon and many greetings from Hamburg!

Stephan

PS: If you have any questions, don't wait to ask me: Stephan.Siekendieck@gmx.de

Where will we be hosted?

The youth hostel "Auf dem Stintfang" is located at one of the most amazing places in the heart of the city. Placed on a small hill, we have a wonderful view over the river Elbe. The port, the famous quarter St.Pauli and the wonderful park "Planten un Blomen" are just a few minutes away by walk. Just the way to the only one wine yard in town is shorter!

From central station (the lines U3, S1, S3 needs 6-8 minutes) and from airport (the line S1 needs 31 minutes) you arrive the station "Landungsbrücken", what's a few meters away from our hostel, very comfortably without to change.

The hostel has 356 beds, 44 of them I reservated just for you!



Youth hostel "Auf dem Stintfang" (Quelle: booking.com)

How much is it and what do you get for it?

Every participant has to pay 490,00€ after registration.

In this price are included: 7 nights in the hostel, every morning a great breakfast and a delicious evening dinner. At some (not all!) days a lunch bag. Bedlinen (but no towels!), transfer to all places we visit (coach and public transport), tickets for harbour cruise and all other spots what we will visit, the gala-evening, tourism tax and an exclusive T-shirt.

Who is the organisator of this trip?

The congress is an official event of the European young gardeners (CEJH), administrated by the German young gardeners (AdJ). The preparation of the program and leadership during the congress is the job of me: Stephan Siekendieck, 41 years old, master in landscaping, native guy from Hamburg and participant of some CEJH-congresses in the last years. If I have guests, it`s a big pleasure for me to show them my hometown. Of course, I had never more than 40 visitors at the same time in the past... But I think 14 years after finishing the master school it's time for a new crazy challenge ;-).

So now I'm waiting to welcome you in Hamburg and if you have some questions, please contact me (Stephan.Siekendieck@gmx.de)!



Stephan Siekendieck

How is it possible to registrate me for this event?

The registration is opened now, please use this link: https://cejh.junggaertner.de/news/

There you find the possibility to registrate. Some days after that you get a request to pay the completely price. Before you didn't paid, you don't get a confirmation that you can participate.

Please don't wait too long, because it could be that the free places are sold out very fast!

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Program (Status: April 2024, subject to change in parts)

Saturday, 20.07.2024:

Individual arrival at the youth hostel "Auf dem Stintfang" in the center of Hamburg (preferably until 6 p.m.). After the evening dinner we will learn to know each other with a introduction of the participants. If you still have enough energy after that, you can explore the amazing quarter around the hostel or just enjoy the view at the Elbe river in the evening sun.

Sunday, 21.07.2024:

In the morning we will visit the fishmarked, what takes place since the year 1703 every sunday at the port. Today there you don't get just fish, also all varienties of food, flowers, clothes, souvenirs, further crazy people and livemusic. There is no better place to breath the unique spirit of Hamburg! In the run of the day we will make a sightseeing tour by walk (ca.8km), where you will learn to know some oft he the most popular tourist attractions: the Michaelis church, philharmonia, townhall and "Planten un Blomen", the most beautiful and spacious park in the center of Hamburg. In the evening we have general meeting (8:00-9:15p.m.)



Quarter of old storage houses



Michaelis church, called "Michel"

Monday, 22.07.2024:

Today we will make a harbour cruise. With the ship we come very close to the docks, shipyards and container-terminals and learn a lot about the largest port in Germany. If the tide is good, we will also see the Speicherstadt, an area with old storage houses (UNESCO world heritage) from water side. Further we will visit the Hochbunker St. Pauli (if already open). This massive bomb-shelter is a relict from second worldwar. Last year it was supplemented with a rooftop park in a hight of 40-60meters... One of the most spectacular greenroof projects in Europe at the moment! Last but not least we will make a walk (ca.6 km) across the cemetery in Ohlsdorf: It's with roundabout 4 km² the largest park cemetery in the world.



Green bomb shelter St. Pauli

Ohlsdorf cemetery

Tuesday, 23.07.2024:

Today we drive with a bus to southside of the Elbe. Here we will visit the tree nursery Lorenz von Ehren: With a production area of 600 ha and 200 employees one of the biggest nurseries in Europe. After that we drive across the area of Altes Land: This historical cultural landscape is with 10500 ha production area one of the largest fruit growing areas in Europe. Here we will visit the fruit growing company Schliecker, who produces on 70 ha apples, pears and cherries in third family generation.



 $tes Land (Quelle: <u>https://obsthof-hein-garrn.de/altes_land.htm</u>)$



Quelle: www.geo.de/reisen/reise-inspiration/ausflugstipp-norddeutschland)

Wednesday, 24.07.2024:

This day we will explore the area of Pinneberg. That's with more than 300 nurseries, which produce on 3600 ha, one of the largest tree- and shrub producing areas on earth.

Here at first we will visit the treeworking-company Thomsen. The founder, Uwe Thomsen, started his business 1980 and will share a little bit of his high experience with us.

After that we will visit Kordes Rosen, one of the most famous producers of roses in the world.

Further we will join the Arboretum Ellerhoop, an amazing and very beautiful botanical garden.



 $Landkreis\ Pinneberg\ ({\it Quelle:\ www.spiegel.de})$

Thursday, 25.07.2024:

Today at first we will visit the Haus des Gartenbaus, a competence center of the green business in Hamburg. From there we will start to a sightseeing tour across the area of the Vier- and Marschlande, guided by Andreas Kröger, the president of the horticulture business association of northern Germany. He will tell us something about the history of this cultural landscape. In the run of this tour we will visit two companies with a long tradition: Frank and Udo Stender are producing a big variety of annuals, perennials and herbs since more than 100 years. And the company of Stefan Eggers was established 1934 and is specialized to produce Gerbera, Paeonia and Helleborus.

Friday, 26.07.2024:

Today we take the local train to the district Klein Flottbek. There we will visit the Loki-Schmidt-Garten. It's a wonderful botanical garden what belongs to the university of Hamburg. From there we make a hiking tour (ca.6km): At first through the Jenischpark, a historical area in the style of an English landscape park with some amazing trees. Further we walk along the Elbe. If the weather will be good, we will make a picnic at the beach of the river. After that we take a ferryline back to the hostel. In the evening we will celebrate the gala event... but the facts about this are still top secret at the moment s.



Elbe beach

Saturday, 27.07.2024:

After a last delicious breakfast at the hostel, we have to say good bye for this year....

Thanks

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