

VETcert final event!

August 28th 2019 in Norrköping, Sweden
with special guest Francis Hallé



The VETcert project is coming to an end.
A certification for veteran tree management professionals is born!

Welcome to a day devoted to the VETcert project and get a detailed insight into the European certification scheme for veteran tree management that has been developed. The European Erasmus+ project has been achieved by the collaboration of 10 organisations from 7 countries representing purchasers, end users and training organisations with a joint vision of better quality veteran tree management across Europe. For more information visit: [the VETcert website](#)

The keynote speaker is Professor Francis Hallé on the topics of tree architecture and the concept of reiteration.

To register, fill in the form [-> Click here to register <-](#)

The seminar will be in English, free of charge and includes lunch, coffee/fika and a good opportunity to meet tree people from all over Europe.

If you have any questions, contact Peter Hjelmqvist, Sveriges Arboristförbund
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Place: Renströmmen konferens & restaurang, Drottninggatan 1 Norrköping

[Link to Renströmmen Conference Centre](#)

[Link to Google map](#)

Date: 2019-08-28

Time: 08.30 to approx. 16.00

VETcert website: www.vetcert.eu

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/GYjtBirQhzMw3Ray9>

Renströmmen konferens & restaurang: renstrommen.se/konferens/



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08.00-08.30 Registration and coffee

08.30-08.45 Welcome

08.45-09.45 VETcert presentation

Vikki Bengtsson (Pro-Natura), Tom Joye (Inverde) and Jim Mullholland (Ancient Tree Forum/Arboricultural Association) will give an overview of the project and the future implementation of this new certification scheme.

09.45-10.15 Coffee break

10.15-10.45 VETcert implementation

How will VETcert be implemented by the organisations buying veteran tree services? Two perspectives:

1. *Karin Sandberg*, national coordinator for the veteran tree action plan in Sweden
2. *Anton Sunnergren*, district ecologist, Ätvidaberg, Östergötland

11.00-12.00 Tree Architecture and the concept of reiteration

Francis Hallé, special guest and keynote speaker, legendary French botanist, tree architecture pioneer and Professor Emeritus of the University of Montpellier, will share his knowledge on tree architecture:

"According to Linnaean botany, flowers are necessary to identify a tree. However, in the tropical rainforests, flowers are rare and usually impossible to collect as they are high up in the canopy. The people living in the tropics, use architecture to identify their trees. The architectural models will be presented, together with the key concept of reiteration through which a tree is no longer unitarian and becomes a colony. From now on, understanding the genetic control of tree architecture is our aim and will better help us understand our ancient trees."

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-15.00 Field visit to Händelö nature reserve

Malin Larsson, district ecologist, Norrköping and *Nicklas Jansson*, entomologist, county administration Östergötland will guide us in the unique oak wood pasture.

There will also be a taster of the exam procedure and demonstration of veteran tree management.

[Link with more information about Händelö Nature Reserve](#)

15.00-15.30 Conclusions and questions

Moderated by *Ted Green (Ancient Tree Forum)*

15.30-16.00 Bus back to the conference hall where the event ends.



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