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# Large diameter timber - problem or chance?

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The COST action E40 "Innovative utilisation and products of large diameter timber" deals with a very specific topic within the forestry-wood-chain and wants to develop solutions for a proper use of large diameter timber. A conference in Biel/Switzerland within this COST action had the focus on large diameter timber as a problem or a chance. In order to find a proper answer to these very challenging questions, the conference was structured in several parts:

- Session 1 - political statements by invited speakers from forestry, wood processing and wood research including a round table discussion. Controversial points of view were to be presented and discussed.
- Session 2 - presentations concerning chances and potentials of quality grading referring to the specific properties of large diameter timber
- Session 3 - presentations showing appropriate processing technologies and products for large diameter timber
- Poster Session - providing a survey on various research activities concerning large diameter timber
- Conference summary and adoption of a conference communiqué

The proceedings provide a documentation of all the various sessions within the conference and provides some answers to open questions so as to develop a successful processing of large diameter wood.

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## Round table statements

"To insist on large diameters as the goal of forest production of softwoods weakens the national Forestry-Wood-Chain"

Dr. Carsten Merforth

"Producing large dimensioned softwood - only beautiful forests without economic perspectives?"

Dr. Jens Borchers

"Big is beautiful - if the timber quality fits high end customer needs!"

Prof. Gero Becker



**Fig 1 - Participants of the round table: Ernest Schilliger, Gero Becker, Anton Bürgi, Carsten Merforth, Jens Borchers, Alfred Teischinger (from left to right)**

"Most of the trees of reasonable quality are too small and not too big, even spruce and fir!"

Dr. Anton Bürgi

"Large diameter logs must be sold for a price based on the value of its timber - and not for a price based on a tradition!"

Ernest Schilliger

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