



A week of August each year collected nearly 400 forestry and orienteering enthusiasts from at least 14 countries of Europe for professional update, socializing and orienteering sport competitions. Participants range from beginners to ambitious semi-professional.

An EFOL arrangement consists of:

- A Forest Information Evening for further professional forest training purposes.
- A full day with various forest and culture excursions for the purpose of further professional forest training.
- An evening with a joint dinner/party for the participants.
- Training day as first offer to the participants prior to the competitions.
- Team Leaders' meeting at the beginning of the event.
- Annual Meeting of International Committee EFOL

The forest program and the competitions forms a good framework for creating network and make new friends and to share knowledge in forestry and orienteering.

Championships in orienteering:

- Sprint
- Middle distance
- Relay

The competitions follow the rules of the IOF, the International Orienteering Federation, however, EFOL has its own distribution on age classes both for men and women and open class for beginners.

The arrangements are characterized by good humor, healthy ambitions and nurturing of friendships across all political and linguistic boundaries. Most attending EFOL return year after year.

EFOL was initiated by Leif Strömquist in 1994 as a summer activity for European foresters following the similar winter activity for European foresters, EFNS www.efns.eu, which was founded in Germany already in 1969. Mr. Strömquist met understanding for his proposal when he was working in Latvia. The first EFOL was organized in Strenči, Latvia in August 1994.

In 2017 EFOL event awaits forestry employees, forestry educated individuals, forest owners and forest contractors and their respective closest family members in Lithuania, in 2018 Latvia and 2019 in Czech Republic.

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