

1st EUROPEAN WOODFIRE CONFERENCE Bröllin/Germany 2.-5.9.2010

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## MADE BY POTTERS - MADE FOR POTTERS

Broellin Wood Fire will take place over more than three days, and is expected to attract around two hundred delegates from Europe as well as overseas. We are very glad that we found Broellin Castle as the ideal place for the conference: a huge manorial estate in the east of east-Germany and for that reason easy to reach, not yet fully restored and for that reason full of possibilities. To benefit from these possibilities we will need many helpers, indeed an event made by potters, but not only for potters!

Wood-fired ceramics is particularly complex, and consequently its development was accomplished over a long period of time. Those who fire with wood themselves will know how painfully slow such a learning process can be. Since the end of the 70's, the wood firing conferences in the USA and Australia have tremendously furthered the spread of this knowledge; new ideas, concepts and networks have been the result. Germany and some parts of Europe have largely missed out on this process.

This is exactly where we want to begin: to bring new ideas and concepts here; to facilitate contact and exchange, and to promote development. This has inspired us to invite ceramists who fire with wood from outside of Europe. In addition to that we have established specific core themes:

- an international overview
- woodfiring techniques, with special emphasis on the consideration of sustainability and the conservation of energy
- the woodfiring aesthetic
- woodfiring in educational institutions

Lectures and discussions will be simultaneously translated. Conference languages will be English, French and German. The program is still not complete. We are attempting to entice people who would like to contribute something by offering a view into the planning stage at www.woodfire.net

Exhibitions The attendees exhibition will be opened by Janet Mansfield (president of IAC) on Thursday evening. Another exhibition will give an overview of woodfired ceramics in Europe. It will be shown in several well known ceramic museums in Europe in 2011.

workshops We have invited internationally well known ceramists to share their experience and knowledge with us: Lowell Baker (USA), Paul Davis (AUS), Stefan Jakob (CH) and Owen Rye (AUS).

Competitions We will present the »Log Book Woodfire Award 2010« for young woodfirers and organise a competition in splitting wood.

excursions After the conference several excursions will lead you to places of interest in Germany and Europe. One of the trips will bring you to the famous French potters village of La Borne in time to take part in the pre-conference events of the IAC general assembly which takes place immediately after our conference.

Collectors are very welcome at the conference. It will provide an excellent occasion to discover new talents and to buy directly from the artists. Your visit can be expanded easily with a nice trip to the Baltic Sea which is very close by.

Sponsors are still needed! If you want to support one of Europes most important ceramic events in 2010 please let us know. Registration will start at the beginning of 2010 via www.woodfire.net.

Deadline will be the 2nd of August 2010. We try to keep the fee as low as possible, it will include all meals.

