

# Moin!

...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 today in the name of the German young gardeners ( AdJ) and the European young gardeners ( CEJH ) first 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 first impressions of the program. But please note: This is tentatively for the moment. Expected in march/april I will publish an updated version and then the registration will be possible, too.

In this sense: Safe the date and many greetings from Hamburg!

Stephan

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

## **Program (Status: end of January 2024)**

### **Saturday, 20.07.2024:**

Individual arrival at the youth hostel „Auf dem Stintfang“ in the center of Hamburg. 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 fishmarket, what takes place since the year 1703 every Sunday at the port. Today there you don't get just fish, also all varieties of food, flowers, clothes, souvenirs, further crazy people and live music. There is no better place to breathe the unique spirit of Hamburg! In the run of the day we will make a sightseeing tour, so you will learn to know the most popular tourist attractions. Later we will go for a walk in „Planten un Blomen“, the most beautiful and spacious park in the center of Hamburg. The general meeting will be today, too.

### **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: This massive bomb-shelter is a relict from second worldwar. Last years it was supplemented with a rooftop park in a height of 40-60 meters... One of the most spectacular greenroof projects in Europe at the moment! Last but not least we will make a walk across the cemetery in Ohlsdorf: It's with roundabout 4 km<sup>2</sup> the largest park-cemetery in the world.

### **Tuesday, 23.07.2024:**

Today we drive with a bus to south of the Elbe. Here we will visit the tree nursery Lorenz von Ehren (still unconfirmed at the moment) : 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 Obstbaubetrieb Schliecker, who produces on 70 ha apples and cherries in third family generation.

### **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. There we will visit Rosen-Kordes, one of the most famous producers of roses in the world.

Further we will go for a walk in the Arboretum Ellerhoop, an amazing and very beautiful botanical garden.

And 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.

### **Thursday, 25.07.2024:**

Today we will drive to the Vier- an Marschlande. Here we will be accompanied by the president of the horticulture business association of northern Germany, Andreas Kröger. He will be our guide today and will tell us something about the history of this cultural landscape. Because it's a traditional area of annual-, perennial- and vegetable-production, we will visit different companies of this business.

### **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: 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 😊.

### **Saturday, 27.07.2024:**

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

