Preface

Dear colleagues, participants of the meeting and other interested readers!

It is our pleasure to present you a copy of this CD Proceedings, which results from the seventh meeting of IUFRO Unit 7.03.10: „Methodology of Forest Insect and Disease Survey in Central Europe“. The conference was held at the Forest Training Centre Ort/Gmunden, Austria, on 11 – 14 September, 2006. The meeting was hosted by the Federal Research and Training Centre for Forest, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW) Vienna and the Forest Training Centre Ort/Gmunden.

The program and local arrangements of the conference were organized by the scientists of the Forest Protection Department, Federal Research and Training Centre for Forest, Natural Hazards and Landscape, perfectly managed by DBiol. Ute Hoyer-Tomiczek.

The scientific program consisted of four sessions:
1. Bark Beetles: Monitoring – Risk Assessment – Control,
2. Forest Pests: Monitoring – Risk Assessment – Control,
3. Forest Diseases,

Sixty-seven delegates from 21 different countries joined the workshop; in total 30 oral and 30 poster contributions were presented within the particular sessions. Additionally one roundtable “Forestry Images and Invasive organisms: Tools and resources that can be used to improve forest pest survey, detection and educational programs” was organized.

The field trip guided us to the impressive Benedictine monastery of Lambach and its forest lands. Forest management practices and forest protection topics were discussed in the field. We visited a stand with an ongoing gradation of spruce sawflies (Pristiphora abietina and Pachynematus montanus). Dipl. Ing. J. Reisenberger and staff from the Landesforstdirektion Upper Austria presented the history and the phytosanitary situation. An outline of the research concerning these forest pests was done by Prof. Axel Schopf (BOKU Vienna). A pupae search in the litter was demonstrated as monitoring method. Many thanks go to the Monastery for the splendid tour and hospitality. We also thank the forest service for the very informative and lucullan field excursion.

The future of the IUFRO Unit 7.03.10 was discussed within the business meeting, mainly some topics concerning the forest protection, and possible themes and places for the next meetings.
This CD Proceedings contains all possible presentations, oral as well as poster contributions. They are published either in the form of regular scientific articles or as extended abstracts or .pdf form of presented contributions. The authors of particular contributions are responsible for both, scientific and linguistic value of their presentations. No major changes were made by editors of the proceedings, authors were supposed to provide camera ready manuscripts, ready for final publication.

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Looking forward to see you on our future meetings!

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