

Meeting 11:

15.01.2009 (8.30 - 12.30 and 14.00 - 18.00), 16.01.2009 (8.30 - 12.00)

Meeting of the Expert Panel on Foliage and Litterfall

Responsible chair:

P. Rautio (A. Fürst & R. Pitman)

Target group:

Members of the ICP Forests Expert Panel on Foliage and Litterfall

Objective of the meeting/expected outcome/links to FutMon actions:

1. To discuss and decide the items set by the information needs of the FutMon project and/or by the meeting 8 (pre-meeting for the chairs of meetings # 10-14).
2. Manual updates:
 - litterfall:
 - o consolidation of units of chemical analysis with foliar analysis
 - o drop Na and Al from the list of analysed elements and inclusion of Cd
 - foliage:
 - o new parameters needed in FutMon: 1) more intensive foliar sampling (all needle / leaf age classes) and 2) sampling of ground vegetation for nutrient analysis and treatment of samples before chemical analysis
 - both litterfall and foliage:
 - new structure of the manuals due to the harmonization of ICP Forests manuals
 - moving laboratory aspects to the "Laboratory QA/QC manual"
3. Ring-test results and actions needed on the basis of the results
 - Short summary of the meeting of the WG QA/QC for labs from 13.1.2009
 - Needle/Leaf ring-tests timetable in FutMon
 - Proposal for tolerable limits for foliage and litterfall ring-tests for the mandatory and optional elements for low concentrations

Agenda

- 1) Opening and acceptance of the agenda (Rautio)
- 2) New information needs due to FutMon and corresponding demands for the EP and manuals
 - 2.1 manual for litterfall (Pitman)
 - 2.2 manual for foliage (and sampling ground vegetation for nutrient analysis) (Rautio, Fürst & Pitman)
- 3) Quality issues including ring-test results and coming ring-test (Fürst)
- 4) Other business
- 5) Closing of the meeting