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Preface

The tenth regular workshop of the IUFRO Working Party WP 7.03.10 "Methodology of Forest Insect and Disease Survey in Central Europe" was held in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, September 20-23, 2010. It was organized and hosted by the Forest Research Institute of Baden-Württemberg, Department of Forest Protection. The workshop topics focused to the following themes: Biotic Risks and Climate Change in Forests, with respect of three subtopics in context to Climate Change: 1) Risk assessment of actual and introduced pests and diseases; 2) Survey of actual and introduced pests and diseases and 3) Information platform on pests and diseases occurrence in Central Europe.

All together 77 participants attended the meeting. During the scientific program, 29 oral and 29 poster presentations were organized as well as a guided tour through the historical part of the city of Freiburg. The whole day field excursion introduced us the local forest protection highlights of the famous Black Forest - including the strictly protected forest reserve Napf with its bark beetle situation.

Our working group is mainly engaged in biotic influences to the forest health condition in Central Europe, but although researchers from elsewhere are welcome to attend. Meetings are an ideal platform to exchange information on methods and techniques in forest protection, conducting of forest pest and disease survey and advisory service, which have a long tradition within European forest research institutes and faculties. It is a unique platform for both, forest entomologists and forest pathologists to meet together in one place to discuss and share experiences, practices and scientific results.

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