

## **MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE ISPP FOREST PATHOLOGY SUBJECT MATTER COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008  
**TIME:** 17:00  
**VENUE:** Le Meridien Art+Tech Hotel, Torino, Italy

### **AGENDA**

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## **MINUTES**

### **1.0 WELCOME**

Mike Wingfield and John Gibbs welcomed every one to the meeting. The meeting was organized by Johan and Mike and run by Mike Wingfield in absence of Thomas Kirisits who has been the chairperson for the committee for the past five years. Mike explained some of the history of the committee as background to the meeting, also providing some of the history of the committee, explaining that John Gibbs was the first chairperson, followed by Mike, Giles Hardy and then Thomas Kirisits.

### **2.0 APOLOGIES**

Thomas Kirisits  
Teresa Coutinho

### **3.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

It was requested that all persons present at the meeting write their names and email addresses down for future communication

### **4.0 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN CHRISTCHURCH**

No minutes were available for this meeting as Thomas was not present.

### **5.0 ISSUES ARISING**

#### **5.1 IUFRO Division 7 issues**

Mike Wingfield is currently the Chair of Division 7 of IUFRO. This presents a very good opportunity to get all forest pathologists of the world connected and to develop synergy between IUFRO and the ISPP Forest Pathology Subject Committee. There are several Working Parties in IUFRO Div. 7 that deals with tree health.

Working parties are expected to meet at least once in five years.

Forest Pathologists are encourage to get more actively involved, especially also in the IUFRO world congresses. The next one will be held in Seoul, Korea and Mike has managed to secure a Forest Pathology theme at this congress. Any suggestions for symposia to be held under this theme are welcomed.

It is suggested by many present that the big world conferences should not only be political in nature, but that they should also include good, strong science. We must try to achieve such a balance in future congresses, also in Korea and China.

#### **5.2 Terms of reference for committee**

- Ensure that forest pathology topics are well represented at the International Congresses of Plant Pathology, the next of which will be held 2013 in Beijing (China).
- Ensure that a forest pathology field trip is held in connection with the ICPP (as a pre-congress or post-congress tour)
- Co-ordinate activities with IUFRO, i. e. the various forest pathology/forest health working parties.
- This is an open group and any one who is a forest pathologist is encouraged to participate and make suggestions.

#### **5.3 Election of new committee chairperson**

Jolanda Roux (Tree Protection Co-operative Programme, Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute, University of Pretoria, South Africa) was suggested as the new chairperson for the next five year period. This was accepted by all present at the meeting.

It was suggested that regional people be selected to assist the chair and to ensure continuity if the chair resigns. It was requested that volunteers contact Jolanda and that two people per major geographic area be involved in running the committee.

### **5.3 Communication between world pathologists**

Mike reminded every one of the existence of the email list servers, FORPATH and FORENT, started by Dale Bergdahl and now hosted by IUFRO. There are 564 Forest Pathologists listed on Forpath. Everyone is encouraged to join this list server and to spread the word to other forest pathologists. All present also extended their gratitude to Dale for setting up and running these list servers in his spare time.

### **5.4 Forest Pathologist photo album project**

Mike has started compiling a photo album of forest pathologists from photos that he has been given by retired pathologists. He thus suggested that this should be done on the internet in such a manner that any of us can add photos, add captions to photos and help identify some of the unknown people in the photos. Jolanda (and others) will speak to a computer/IT specialist and find out about possible programmes with which we can do this. This will allow us to preserve some of the wonderful history of forest pathology.

### **5.5 Forest Pathologist's "family tree"**

The American Phytopathology Society started a plant pathology family tree, but Mike pointed out that there are very few forest pathologists in it. Mike thus suggested that all forest pathologists add information to this family tree to make sure we are represented in it.

## **6.0 BEIJING 2010 (DESIRES AND SUGGESTIONS)**

The next ICPP congress will be in Beijing. Xudong Zhou was requested to assist Jolanda in ensuring good representation of Forest Pathology at this meeting. Jolanda and Xudong will thus start talking to the organisers to ensure good sessions, a meeting time and place for the committee and a great field trip!

## **7.0 GENERAL**

Jolanda "formally" took over the "chair" for the meeting, with Mike taking minutes. She invited all to contact her with suggestions and to participate in making forest pathology more visible at ISPP meetings.

### **7.1 Biosecurity meeting in New Zealand 2009 – Todd Ramsfield**

In March 2009 there will be a biosecurity meeting in Rotorua in New Zealand. Todd encouraged all to look at the website for the meeting and submit abstracts to attend.

### **7.2 Tomas Jung** announced a meeting for 2009.

**7.3 Paolo Gonthier** provided some information on the post congress field tour scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be to the Aosta Valley and will include stops to look at *Heterobasidium* and decline of pine.

## 8.0 PHOTO AND CLOSE

The meeting was closed and a group photograph taken of all present. Jolanda will send minutes out on Forpath and remind people to volunteer to assist with ensuring continuity for the committee.

