

10th International Conference on “Root and butt rots”

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This meeting was held in spite of the horrible events that occurred on September 11 in New York, a few days before the meeting. This catastrophe has prevented several participants to reach Quebec City because of flight cancellations. Notwithstanding this omen, 75 scientists from 17 countries met at the Château Frontenac during three days. A total of 27 oral communications and 37 posters were presented. The papers will be published in the Proceedings now in preparation. Registered scientists who could not participate to the meeting are invited to submit their papers as well for publication. This means that we could possibly be able to print up to 45 communication papers and 55 texts from posters. Like the sessions, these texts will be presented under six groups: 1 - Phylogeny and Taxonomy; 2 – Ecology and Biodiversity; 3 – Control; 4 – Genetic and Population Dynamics; 5 – Pathogenicity, Resistance and Etiology, and 6 – Incidence and Epidemiology.

All the abstracts should be posted soon on the IUFRO home page of our IUFRO unit

Our banquet was held at the Manoir Montmorency near the Montmorency falls. The scientific portion of the meeting ended with the business meeting headed by the co-ordinator of the unit, Dr. Claude Delatour from Nancy, France. Colleagues from Poland had showed in the past two meetings interest in organising the meeting. No one from Poland could attend the meeting because of the September events. So I was ask to contact them and I received a positive answer from Prof. M. Manka. So the next meeting should be held probably in 2005 in Poland. Following the tradition of our working unit, I am becoming the co-ordinator of the group and Mrs Manka is now the deputy who is also responsible for the Newsletter of the group.

The meeting was followed by field trips north-west of Montreal and near Ottawa. We have visited two areas: one located near the village of Harrington (Quebec), and the second in the Larose Forest (Ontario). These sites are infested with *Heterobasidion annosum*, *Armillaria spp.*, *Inonotus tomentosus*. and few other diseases. At the resort station where the group spend two nights, we had marked a trail where trees, diseases and Polypores had been identified. During the last evening, participants were acquainted with the Quebec folklore; this has given us the chance to discover artists in our own IUFRO unit!

I had the chance to organised that meeting with Guy Bussi res, our treasurer, a research assistant at Laval University, and with Jean B rub , a research scientist at the Canadian Forest Service(CFS) Quebec. I organised the field trip on the first day in co-operation with R. Blais, forest technician at the CFS-Quebec, and Louise Innes, forest pathologist with the Quebec

Ministry of Natural Resources. The second field trip was organised by Mike Dumas, research scientist at the CFS-Great Lakes in Ontario, in collaboration with John McLaughlin, forest pathologist at the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.