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**7.02.06 – Disease / Environment Interactions in Forest Decline**

**WORKSHOP ON COMPLEX DISEASES**

**CHANGE OF LOCATION AND PERIOD**

**Sept. 22 - 25, 2007**

***Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry Brno, Brno, Czech Republic***

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**Announcement and call for Contributions**

**February, 2007**

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**To: IUFRO Disease / environment interactions in forest decline Working Party members.**

Considering the accumulation of meetings of Forest Pathologists and/or Entomologists in September 2007 we decided to **change the location** and (**slightly**) **the period** of the 2007 meeting of the working group 7.02.06 – Disease / Environment Interactions in Forest Decline from Brasov, Rómania, **to Brno and Bystrice nad Pernštejnem, Czech Republic, about 60 km from Brno**. The meeting will be held from **Saturday, September 22 to Tuesday, Sept. 25 2007** and will be hosted by the *Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry Brno, Brno, Czech Republic (MUAF)*.

This decision is furthermore based on the advantage of a joint meeting with Forest pathologists of the EC project “European Network on emerging diseases and threats through invasive alien species in forest ecosystems” (FORTHREATS) in the same area from Sept. 25 to 29 2007.

As already stated in the first announcement the workshop will include oral and poster presentations on complex diseases of forest trees as well as excursions to declining broadleaved and conifer stands.

**Location**

Mendel University at Brno and Hotel Skalsky Dvur between Bystrice nad Pernštejnem and Nove Mesto na Morave, in the Czech - Moravian Higland, 60 km northwest of Brno. Brno is situated in South Moravia, about 120 km to North of Vienna and 200 km East of Prague (see map).

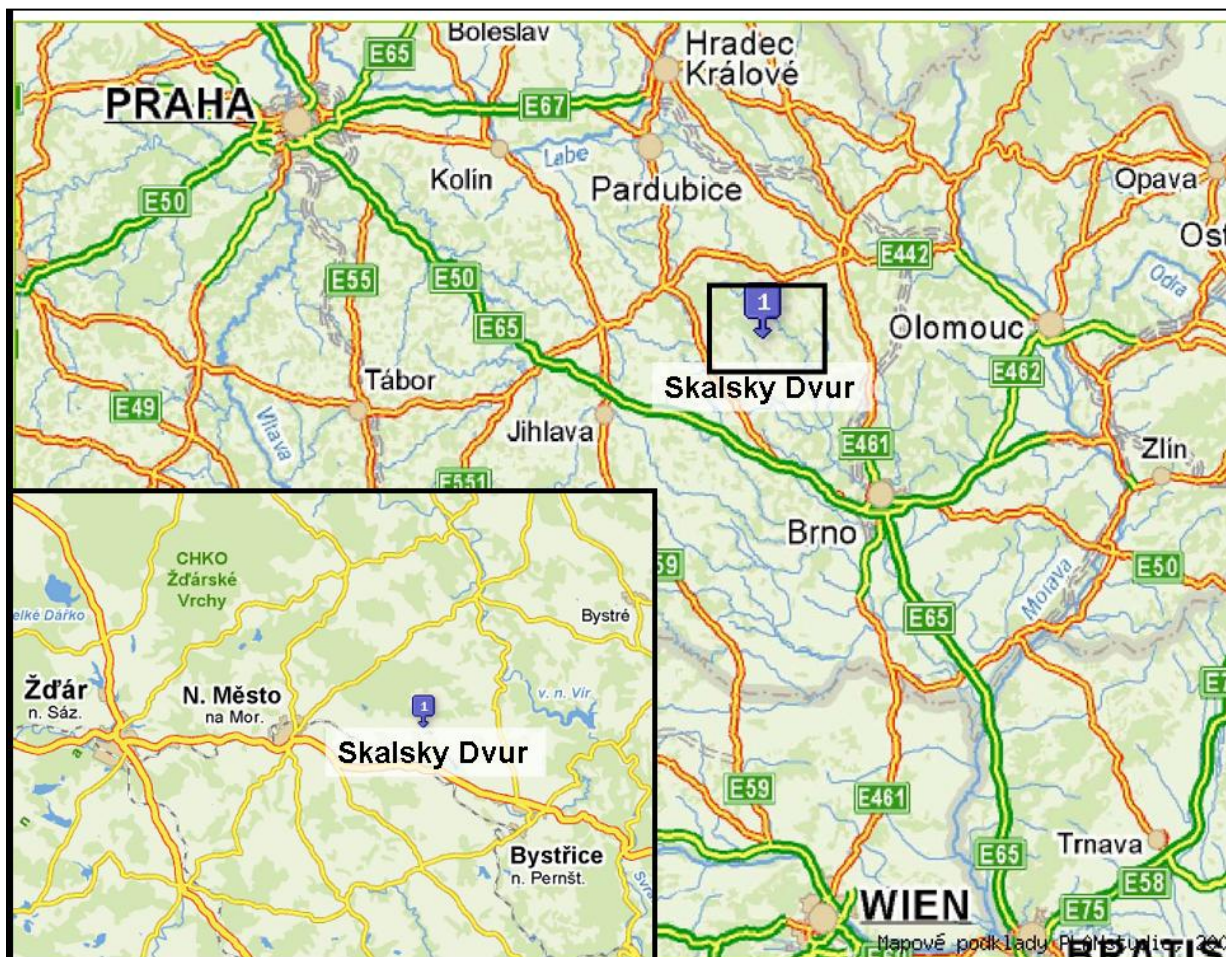


Fig. 1 Position of Brno and Skalsky Dvur.

## Transport

Transport from Brno, Mendel University, to Skalsky Dvur by coach will be organized on Saturday, September 22.

## How to come to Brno

### By plane

Only few regular direct lines. From London Stansted (Ryan Air), from Munich and from Prague (see <http://www.airport-brno.cz/index.php?id=15&lang=en>).

### Via Vienna

Brno can be reached via Austria. To Brno you can use Vienna Schwechat airport. There are bus connections (Student Agency company) from Schwechat airport 4 times per day (08:05, 11:05, 18:05, 20:30 at present). One way will be 2h45 min. We reserve tickets (open tickets) and buy them on your request and send to you by post or give to you at Vienna airport.

### Via Prague

There are plane or bus connections by Czech Airlines from Prague every 2 hours. You can buy a direct ticket to Brno (BRQ) via Prague. By plane one way will be 45 min. (there are 2 connections per day at present), by bus 2h45 min. There are also some other companies running busses from Prague to Brno (every 30 – 60 min.). Or you use the train from Prague. You can also rent a car in Prague. Prices start at 20 EURO per day (<http://www.alimexcr.cz>).

### By bus

There they are connections with many cities in Europe. See Eurolines company (<http://www.bei.cz>) or others.

### By train

Brno has a direct connection with many European destinations (Berlin, Vienna, Budapest). Brno main station is just in the center of Brno (see fig. 2).

### By car

Brno is situated by the motorway D1. We can send you itinerary.

### How to go to the Mendel University from bus station or railway station

Meeting point on Saturday, September 22, is Mendel University, Zemedelska 3, 613 00 Brno. There are direct connections by tram No 9 from the railway station or the bus station (CSA, Student Agency, Eurolines, from Brno Airport) to University (it takes about 15 min., see fig. 2).

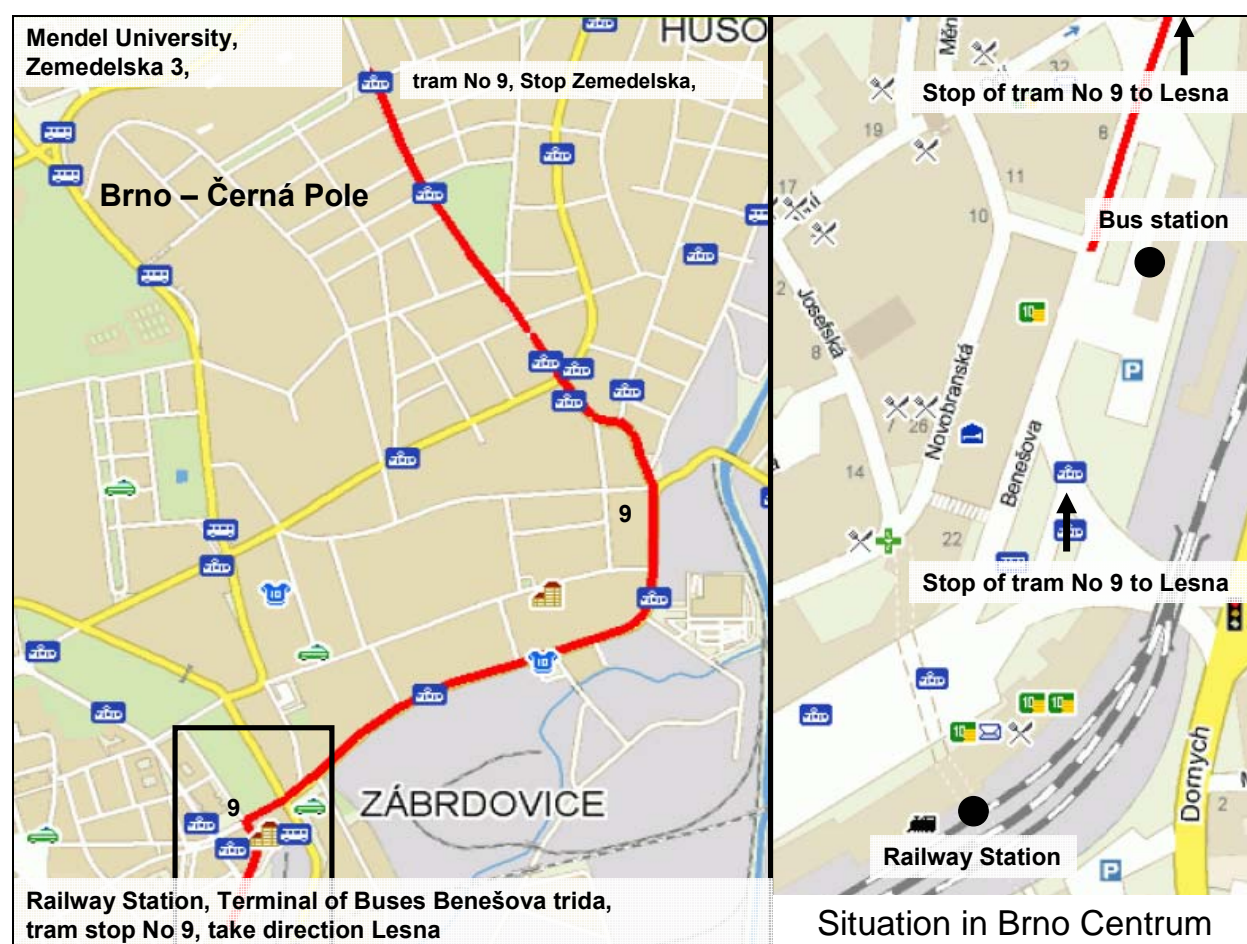


Fig. 2 How to go from the bus station and railway station to the Mendel University

### Accommodation

#### Optional before and after meeting, on your request

If you want to arrive before the meeting (Friday, September 21) and if you want to stay in Brno after the meeting (Tuesday, September 25), we can make reservation of accommodation on your request in the student residence of the Mendel University (<http://www.skm.mendelu.cz/fotogalerie.php#jak>) \*\*\* category or in other hotels in Brno and its neighborhood (price 20 – 130 €per night).

## Meeting

The sessions of the meeting will be in [Hotel Skalsky dvur](http://www.skalsky-dvur.cz/indexEng.htm) (<http://www.skalsky-dvur.cz/indexEng.htm>, map see <http://www.skalsky-dvur.cz/jaknasnajdeteEng.htm>).

## Schedule

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Arrival in Brno. Welcome reception at the University. For participants arriving in the morning optional visit of Arboretum and Botanical Garden of the Mendel University. In the evening transfer to Skalsky dvur by coach (60 min.). Dinner at the hotel.

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Registration. Opening session. Lunch at the hotel. Afternoon half day excursion to spruce decline sites in the Czech Moravian Highland. Visit of the castle Pernstejn, dinner at the hotel.

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> session (papers and posters) on complex diseases of broadleaved trees and conifers at Skalsky Dvur. After lunch short excursion to forests around the hotel complex. Dinner with barbecue outside the hotel.

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>:** Transfer by coach to Brno, working party business meeting, end of the workshop at Mendel University.

Alternatively transport to Tisnov (Meeting Forthreats)

**Optional:** visit to Brno, accommodation in student residence or in other hotel in Brno on request

We hope that it will be possible for you to attend this meeting.

Best regards

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### **Estimated Costs**

**Registration Fee:** approx. 200 € including: lunch and dinner for 3 days, transport, excursion, book of proceedings and other organizing fees.

#### **Hotels:**

**September 21** (optional if you arrive on Friday) and **September 25** (optional if you leave on Wednesday Sept.26th and later): Student residence and guest rooms of Mendel University, (without breakfast) about 15 - 20 € other \*\*\*hotels 30€- 50€ \*\*\*\* Boby Centrum Hotel 116 – 136 €

#### **September 22 - September 25** (3 nights):

Hotel [Hotel Skalsky dvur](http://www.skalsky-dvur.cz) (<http://www.skalsky-dvur.cz>) category \*\*\*: Single room 35€ double room approx. 56 € with breakfast.

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## Registration

I plan

to attend the workshop in Brno and Skalsky Dvur, Czech Republic:  Yes  No  Uncertain

With accompanying person:  Yes  No  Uncertain

I plan to present a paper (about 15 minutes):

I plan to present a poster:

Preliminary title of the paper:

Preliminary title of the poster:

Name:

Address:

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Please fill out and send this form **before March 31, 2007**

to

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