Short Contribution to IUFRO Annual Report 2017

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News and prominent topics in IUFRO Division 7 in 2017

2017 was a special year for Division 7 (Forest Health); it marked the first All-Division 7 conference with contributions across all three research groups (Air Pollution and Climate Change, Pathology, and Entomology). Initially this was planned to take place in Istanbul (Turkey), but unfortunately, we had to relocate the conference due to security concerns. Instead it took place within the 125th Anniversary Congress in Freiburg (Germany) in Sept. 2017. The conference was very successful and was attended by ca. 300 Division 7 delegates.

Another highlight was the 28th RG 7.01 conference for Specialists in Air Pollution and Climate Change Impacts on Forest Ecosystems in Tokyo, Japan, which was themed "Actions for Sustainable Forest Ecosystems under Air Pollution and Climate Change". The conference was attended by 72 participants from 16 countries.

Jolanda Roux resigned as coordinator of Research Group 7.02 (Pathology), after serving in that role since 2010. Jolanda facilitated many IUFRO pathology conferences as well as contributions to IUFRO congresses, and she was a committed advocate of fostering involvement and participation of researchers and students from Africa. Jolanda had a large impact on the research group and we will miss her input. The IUFRO Board approved Tod Ramsfield as the new coordinator of RG 7.02, with Beccy Ganley and Julio Diez Casero serving as new deputies.

Several Division 7 participants contributed to a special issue of the journal ‘Biological Invasions’ that was coordinated by the IUFRO Task Force on ‘Biological Invasions in Forests’. This is the first major compilation of papers on invasions of forests across a wide range of taxa (for details see https://link.springer.com/journal/10530/19/11/page/1)
Photos from Division 7 activities

Jolanda Roux, formerly of FABI, South Africa, resigned as coordinator of Research Group 7.02 (Pathology) which she led since 2010.

Participants of the 28th IUFRO RG 7.01 conference for Specialists in “Air Pollution and Climate Change Impacts on Forest Ecosystems” in Fuchu, Tokyo, Japan
Participants of the meeting of **Working Party 7.02.02** “Foliage, Shoot and Stem Diseases of Forest Trees”, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, May 2017

Participants of the conference “Forest Insects and Pathogens in a Changing Environment: Ecology, Monitoring & Genetics” of working parties 7.03.05 and 7.03.10 in Thessaloniki, Greece (September 2017)
List of Activities and Meetings of Division 7 units

19-25 March 2017, Sapa, Vietnam: Meeting of WP 7.02.09 - Phytophthora in Forests and Natural Ecosystems. Contact: Giles Hardy, G.Hardy(a)murdoch.edu.au

7-11 May 2017, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada: Meeting of WP 7.02.02 - Foliage, Shoot and Stem Diseases of Forest Trees. Contact: Tod Ramsfield, Tod.Ramsfield(a)canada.ca


18-22 Sept. 2017, Freiburg, Germany: All-Div. 7 Conference within the IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress. Contact: eckehard.brockerhoff(a)scionresearch.com

22-26 October 2017, Fuchu, Tokyo, Japan: 28th IUFRO RG 7.01 conference for Specialists in Air Pollution and Climate Change Impacts on Forest Ecosystems: "Actions for Sustainable Forest Ecosystems under Air Pollution and Climate Change". Contact: Makoto Watanabe, iufro.tokyo2017(a)gmail.com