

Nordic-Baltic Forest Conference: Wise Use of Improved Forest Reproductive Material

Forest regeneration is a key for successful and adaptive forestry in future climates and a prerequisite for continued and increasing supply of forest biomass and ecosystem services. The breeding and seed material of today simply lay the foundation for future forestry.

On September 15–16, 2015, Nordic-Baltic forest conference “Wise Use of Improved Forest Reproductive Material” was held in Riga, Latvia. The conference was organised jointly by NordGen Forest, the EFINORD-SNS Nordic Network of Forest Regeneration, the Estonian University of Life Sciences and Latvian State Forest Research Institute “SILAVA”.

NordGen Forest is organized under NordGen and the Nordic Council of Ministers and is a forum for

discussion of forest regeneration, plant, seed and genetic resources, as well as themes and issues related to this. NordGen Forest hosts annual thematic days and conferences in the Nordic countries. EFINORD-SNS network is organized jointly by Nordic Forest Research – SNS and the North European Regional Office of European Forest Institute – EFINORD. The aim of the network is to increase North European regional synergy within forest research by networking and establishing better contact between the forest research communities in the Nordic, Baltic Sea and the North Atlantic regions.

The conference brought together Nordic-Baltic forestry, management and research community. Major themes of the conference related to nursery produc-



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tion, seed orchard management, different aspects of forest regeneration, climate change, broadleaved tree species and future forestry.

Altogether about 70 participants from all Nordic and Baltic countries took part in the conference. The 14 oral presentations given, and complemented with poster sessions during the coffee breaks, on the first conference day created good discussions. On the second conference day an excursion was organized and participants visited Riga pine forest, a nursery and some broadleaved stands.

More information can be found on conference webpage: <http://www.nordgen.org/index.php/en/content/view/full/2897/>.

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