

Invasive species Workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam: The biennial meeting of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC) was held April 21-25, 2008, in Hanoi, Viet Nam. The APFC is one of six regional commissions established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to “bring together the Heads of Forestry in each major region of the world to address the most important forestry issues in the region.” In conjunction with the APFC meeting the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission Invasive Species Network (APFISN) also held their meeting. The APFISN is a relatively new network established by the APFC for the purpose of sharing knowledge and information to detect, prevent, monitor, eradicate or control forest invasive species. The purpose of the 2008 APFISN workshop was to transfer invasive species risk mapping information and technology to member countries. FHP and FHP/FHTET forest health specialists represented the US, providing appropriate risk assessment information and technologies to over 20 member countries who were present. These members planned to utilize the information provided and to implement the technologies as was suitable in their countries. In addition, members benefited greatly from general information sharing and networking with each other.

Larry Yarger (WO) and Marla Downing (FHTET) attend the workshop and gave presentations on “Risk-based targeted Surveillance for Forest Invasive Species”. Fhp also provided funding to support the workshop.