

IAT Trip Report to Poland – Aug. 14-22, 2004

From August 14 to 22 I attended an IUFRO Root and Butt Rot Working Group meeting in Poznan and Bialowieza, Poland. The trip was graciously funded through IAT. The first three days of the meeting were held at the August Cieszkowski Agricultural University at Poznan. Two days consisted of presentations of research and projects by scientists from around the world. One day was devoted to a field trip to annosus and Armillaria root disease sites near Poznan. I presented a paper concerning 20-30 years of monitoring Armillaria root disease in precommercially thinned mixed-conifer plantations in central Oregon and Washington federal forests.

On the fourth day of the conference we traveled by train across Poland to the Bialowieza National Park on the Poland-Belarus border. Forests here are some of the oldest in Europe, with some trees over 300 years old. We spent one day in the field and one day indoors for presentations.

About 75 people attended the conference representing 18 countries. The next meeting will be held in 2007 in the USA in southern Oregon and northern California hosted by USFS-FHP in Portland and Univ. of California at Berkeley.

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