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Preface

The fifth meeting of IUFRO working party (WP) S7.03.04 (Diseases and insects in forest nurseries) was held May 6–8, 2003, at Peechi, Kerala province, India. The meeting was hosted by Dr. C. Mohanan of the nearby Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI). Originally the meeting was scheduled to be held at the same locality in 2002, however, resulting from world unrest it was postponed until 2003. Unfortunately just before the 2003 meeting an outbreak of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) had a severe impact on attendance by non-Indian members of the WP with only four attendees coming from outside India, i.e. two from Finland and one each from Canada and the Czech Republic with the remaining approximately 25 participants all being from south India. In spite of this 15 excellent papers were presented during technical sessions in the forenoons of the first and third days of the meeting. On day two there was an all-day long field tour to the Chettikulam Central Nursery and related sites while most of the afternoon of the third day was spent touring the KFRI. The meeting concluded with a banquet on the third evening at the Trichur Towers Hotel. WP members are indebted to Dr. Mohanan for arranging the meeting and to the staff at the KFRI, especially the director Dr. Joyti Sharma, for being such gracious hosts. This electronic version of the proceedings contains full-text versions of the papers presented at the meeting. The next meeting of the WP will be held in the Czech Republic in the autumn of 2005.

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