

NordGen Forest invites to a conference:

Alien tree species – possibility or threat?

6-7 october in Uppsala, Sweden

Welcome to a conference where we discuss different aspects concerning alien tree species.

Which scenarios do researchers and forestry predict for future forestry? If forest production increases, is this to the cost of introducing new pests and outcompeting indigenous species? Which regulatory EU and national frameworks do we need to follow?

These are some of the questions illuminated during two conference days, when we also will visit the tree collections in the beautiful botanical garden of Uppsala. The conference allows an excellent and pleasant opportunity for an informal exchange of thoughts and experiences concerning a current topic.



Douglas Fir planted 1850 in Frisenborg, Denmark. Photo Torsten Lagerberg, 1931.

Contributors are speakers from the Nordic countries, the Swedish Forest Agency and other Swedish authorities, the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture, forest companies and several researchers from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. The main languages will be Swedish but a few presentations are given in English.

When? The conference starts October 6 at 10.00 och ends October 7 oktober at 15.30.

Where? First Hotell Linné, Skolgatan 45, Uppsala (www.firsthotels.se/linne).

Register before September 1 in the attached excel file. Send your registration to Kjersti Holt Hanssen at NordGen (kjersti.hanssen@nordgen.org). The conference fee is 1 600 SEK.

For questions about the program, contact:

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Travel: Participants arrange their own travel Uppsala has good communications with Arlanda (<http://www.flygbussarna.se/>) and Stockholm (www.sj.se). First Hotell Linné is at a walking distance from Uppsala.

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Wednesday October 6

- 9.00 Arrival and registration
- 10.15 Welcome address Jessica Kathle, Director of NordGen
- 10.30 Current issues in forest politics Lotta Möller,
Swedish Ministry of Agriculture

Use and legislation in the Nordic countries

- 11.00 Information from:
Sweden (Sanna Black-Samuelsson, Swedish Forest Agency)
Norway (Ivar Ekanger, Ministry of Agriculture and Food)
Island (Valgerður Jónsdóttir, Northern Iceland Afforestation Project)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.10 Information from:
Denmark (Gunnar Friis Proschowsky, Danish Forest and Nature Agency)
Finland (Teijo Nikkanen, Finnish Forest Research Institute)

Alien species in EU and Sweden

- 14.00 EU legislation, the Swedish strategy and action plan for alien species Melanie Josefsson, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- 14.30 How do we prevent the introduction of new pests? Ingrid Åkesson
Swedish Board of Agriculture
- 15.00 Coffee

The forestry perspective

- 15.30 Large forest companies and alien tree species Marie Larsson-Stern
Forest company Sveaskog
- 16.00 Thoughts of a family forester Marianne Eriksson, Swedish Federation of Forest Owners
- 16.30 Introduction of alien trees in forestry - step by step Ola Rosvall, The Forest Research Institute of Sweden
- 17.00 Summary and question time
- 19.00 Conference dinner

Thursday October 7

8.30 Guided tour in Uppsala Botanical Garden
Coffee

Research perspective

11.00	Research program Future forests	Annika Nordin (SLU) Swedish Univ. of Agricultural Sciences
11.30	Intensive forestry – a SLU investigation	Tomas Lundmark SLU
12.00	Lunch	
13.00	Case study of <i>Pinus contorta</i>	Sten Edlund Swedish Forest Agency
13.30	Threats of pathogen diseases - theory and practice	Pia Barklund SLU
14.15	Insect damage of alien tree species – a large scale experiment!	Åke Lindelöw SLU
14.45	Discussion and conclusions	
15.15	Coffee	