We are pleased to announce that, IUFRO 7.03.04 Diseases and Insects in Forest Nurseries Working Party Meeting will be held in Kuşadası, Turkey 21st - 26th of October, 2018 with oral and poster presentations along with social programs.

Kuşadası is a resort town on Turkey's Aegean coast and the center of the seaside district of the same name within Aydın Province. It is located 95 km (59 mi) away from İzmir, and 71 km (44 mi) from Aydın. It's primary industry is tourism. There are many well preserved historical sites on the Aegean coast of Turkey belong to Greek and Roman eras. Ephesus is the nearest and best preserved one among them. The ancient city of Ephesus has been inscribed to the World Heritage List of the UNESCO.

Ephesus located within what was once the estuary of the River Kaystros, Ephesus comprises successive Hellenistic and Roman settlements founded on new locations, which followed the coastline as it retreated westward. Excavations have revealed grand monuments of the Roman Imperial period including the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre. Little remains of the famous Temple of Artemis, one of the “Seven Wonders of the World,” which drew pilgrims from all around the Mediterranean. Since the 5th century, the House of the Virgin Mary, a domed cruciform chapel seven kilometres from Ephesus, became a major place of Christian pilgrimage. The Ancient City of Ephesus is an outstanding example of a Roman port city, with sea channel and harbour basin.

On behalf of the organizing committee of the meeting, it is my great pleasure to invite all the interested researchers and educators in the international scientific community to join us in Kuşadası and share in the excitement of good science for the benefit of mankind.

Oral and poster presentations will be published in English in a special book after the meeting.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Kuşadası in October, 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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