



Birmensdorf, 20 January 2017

Subject | Minutes of the First WG2 Meeting of COST Action CA15226

*Birmensdorf, Switzerland
6/12/2016*

1. Participants

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2. Time

Participants met at 10:00 in Birmensdorf, at Paolo Cherubini's office, had a lunch break between 12:00 and 13:00, and left the WSL at 16:00.

3. Discussion

The following points were discussed, in order to prepare a letter that will be circulated among MC members and substitutes before Christmas. The letter has the aim of collecting information on existing long term monitored plots at the national/regional level that may provide the existing data (species, volume, size, etc.) for setting the ESFONET. The letter will define clear questions and hypotheses.

- 1) Integrating people in international publication with some empirical work (methods, standards)
- 2) Long term plots (permanent plots)
- 3) **Tree level and stand level data (bias between tree and stand level, because sampling only dominant trees)**
- 4) Sampling systematically all trees in a plot in different sites
- 5) **Altitudinal gradient (growth at different altitudes)**
- 6) Measurements on late and early wood
- 7) Including exotics, like *Pseudotsuga* (**suitability of exotic species for mountain forestry**)
- 8) Focus on fully stocked stands
- 9) Sites with different management approaches
- 10) Different altitudes per experimental area (200-500 m minimum difference),
- 11) 30 years of data, including mortality



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Prof Roberto TOGNETTI Universita degli Studi del Molise Contrada Fonte Lappone 86090 Pesche Italy tognetti@unimol.it	Chair: led the meeting providing an overview of the main objectives of WG2 and linkages with other WGs
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Prof Hans PRETZSCH MC Member Technische Universitat Munchen Wissenschaftszentrum Weihenstephan, Lehrstuhl fur Waldwachstumskunde, Prof. Dr. H. Pretzsch 85354 Freising Germany H.Pretzsch@lrz.tum.de	WG2 deputy: supervised the meeting and contributed to the discussion and to compile the information letter to be circulated among MC members and substitutes