

Disease Control Committee Report

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The Disease Control Committee met on September 14, 2001. Only 6 people were in attendance. We primarily discussed the need for and future of the committee. During the past several years there has been very little interest in the committee; most of the discussions have concerned applications of direct disease control involving forest nurseries. There has been little, if any, input from other WIFDWC subject areas such as dwarf mistletoes, root diseases, rust diseases and tree hazards. Much of the discussions in the Disease Control Committee have been continuations of those initiated during the nursery pathology meeting associated with WIFDWC.

The consensus of this year's discussions was that the Disease Control Committee should be dissolved. The other four WIFDWC committees should include topics dealing with disease control in their discussions. Disease control applications in forest nurseries will be included in the nursery pathology meeting attached to WIFDWC. A summary of that meeting will be included in the WIFDWC proceedings each year.

If the WIFDWC membership believes it is necessary to form an "invasive species" committee, the topic should be discussed in a forthcoming business meeting. Currently, it is not felt that the Disease Control Committee should be redesigned to include discussions of issues concerning invasive species.

A proposal to dissolve the Disease Control Committee will be made during the next WIFDWC business meeting. Topics normally included in the Disease Control Committee meetings will be covered by the other WIFDWC committees and the nursery pathology meeting.