

Dothistroma satellite meeting – Smithers, B.C.

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for researchers from around the world to discuss issues around Dothistroma from a scientific perspective, to determine the greatest research needs, and to provide an opportunity for collaborative research.

Date and Place: Oct. 6 (pm) and 7, 2006. Smithers, B.C. Canada. This satellite meeting will follow the week-long Western International Forest Disease Work Conference (Wifdwc) to be held in the same location.

Proposed topics:

Presentation/discussion sessions:

- disease trends, including climatic factors
- understanding the pathogen (e.g. genetic variability, virulence, role of toxin)
- understanding the host (e.g. plant biochemistry, physiology, resistance, age-related effects)
- disease management

Panel/open discussion sessions:

- practical issues (e.g. pathogen testing, field identification, strain variability in culture)
- research directions
- future meetings