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## **Research interests:**

- national progeny test program in Poland and in Europe (specialy for Norway spruce, Silver fir and European beech)
- conservation of gene resources (specialy in the Carpathian Mts.)
- forest reproductive material
- gene markers for provenances of Norway spruce

## Genetic reactivity of Norway spruce to climate change based on experimental results from IPTNS-IUFRO 1964/68 test in Poland

IUFRO 1964/68 - History

In 1959 Professor Olaf Langlet from the Stockholm Faculty of Forestry proposed that an international inventory provenance trial of Norway spruce be established. Prof. Langlet offered to establish such a trial. By 1964 Langlet already collected 1614 seed samples and an extensive international interest in the experiment developed. Langlet chose from his collection 1300 seed lots and these were sown in a nursery of the Institut für Forstgenetik in Schmalenbeck near Hamburg under the control of Professors Wolfgang Langner and Klaus Stern. In 1966 the seedlings were transplanted to a commercial nursery of Pein & Pein in Halstenbeck, near Hamburg. There, under the supervision of Dr Walter Neugebauer, the seedlings were grown till 1968 when each one was individually supplied with a label and prepared for transport to wherever the experimental areas were to be established. From the Institute at Schmalenbeck this work was co-ordinated by Dr E. Masching. Up to that stage there were no replicates. Finally 1100 populations were qualified for the experiment. For each of the populations there was a sufficient number of transplants needed by co-operators to include them in all of the planned 20 experimental areas. The populations were divided into 11 groups of 100 populations each, with a maximally even representation of the whole range of the species in each group. As a result each group in itself is already an experiment encompassing the whole range of the species. In all, 20 trial areas were established, 3 in Germany and Sweden, 2 in Belgium and Norway and one each in Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Poland and Scotland.

The experimental design was proposed by Prof. Klaus Stern. As a result the experiment includes 1100 populations each represented by 25 trees on each trial area, treated as

single-tree plots. Since each of the 11 groups of populations covers the whole range of spruce, it was assumed that blocks with populations from different groups would have similar means and variances. No 2.02.11 Norway Spruce Provenances, under the leadership

of Jon Dietrichson and Peter Krutzsch, which took over responsibility for the international

co-ordination of efforts pertaining to the 1964/68 experiment.

The Polish trial area was established by Prof. Stanisław Bałut in the Experimental Forest of the Cracow Agricultural University in Krynica.

The trial has a full set of 1096 provenances. It is the most elevated planting site (750 m) for the whole experiment. The experiment covers provenances from the natural range of the species and from the area where spruce was introduced by man. Poland is represented by 92 provenances. Among all the provenances considered, 528 have a strictly defined (accurate to a stand) location, so they can be reproduced and used in practice. The material is thus representative of the whole Picea abies species to the degree that has no parallel in any previous research. To avoid the effect of crown closure for as long as possible, a 2 2 2 m spacing was employed. As a result each block covers 1 ha. The specimens representing individual provenances are randomly distributed over the block area.

(prof. M. Giertych)

## Division of Poland into seed regions againt the backround of natural-forest regions (I-VIII)



I. Baltic natural forest region II. Mazury-Podlasie region III. Great-Pomeranian region IV. Mazowsze-Podlasie region V. Silesian region VI. Region central Polish VII. Sudeten region VIII. Carpathian region



## 1970 Wojkowa, Block 02

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1985 Wojkowa, Block 10 Location of blocks of the international provenance test of Norway spruce (area No 19 Poland). Krynica Experimental Forest Station

Forest Range	Block No	Geogra coordir	Altitude	
		Longitude	Latitude	(m)
Kopciow a	05	21°01'	49°28'	705
Wojkowa	02	20°58'	49°21'	795

### Records from 1956–1965 (after Baliński, 1974)

Attitude	Average of temerature in year [°C]	Percipation [mm]	Period wit average tejmperature above 5°C	Snow covering period [date]	Period without frosts [days]	Period of snow covering in year [days]
800	4,3	1000	179	2.XI - 15.IV	170	120

Records from 1969–1988. Data base for belt 600 a 850 m abave sea level (Beskid Sądecki Mts) According to Dep. of Forest Protections and Forest Climatology. Forestry Faculty in Cracow

Years	Temp. Average (°C)	St. deviation	Precipitation (Mm)	St. deviation	Wegetation (days above 5°C)	Snow covering Days
1969	4,9	7,0	990	49	190	128
1972	5,6	6,9	885	55	180	85
1975	5,9	7,3	1020	45	187	126
1978	4,2	6,9	1190	55	181	124
1983	6,1	7,7	1175	57	198	134
1988	5,3	7,6	1117	53	184	133

Investigations:

*Height in age* 6, 9, 12, 15, 20, 25 (1969, 1972, 1975, 1978, 1983 and 1988)

The observations and measurements of the tree height were carried out in 11 blocks of the IPTNS-IUFRO test 1964/68 in Krynica. Each block contained 100 provenances of 25 young trees each on average. The measurements were carried out in the years 1969, 1972, 1975, 1978, 1983 and 1988.

The mean heights in blocks, locations and years were converted into values expressed in units of the standard deviation for the given year and block.

In evaluating the variability between the regions and between the years analysis of variance was applied with repetitions.

Cluster analysis with Euclidean distance was used for grouping similar regions.

The calculations were carried out in the STATISTICA software package.

# Provenance level

### **REGIONS:**

- 1 Scandinavian provenances
- 2 N-NE provenances
- 3 South provenances
- 4 Carpathian provenances
- 5 Alp provenances

Distribution of Norway spruce provenances with high and short tree height (based on measurments of 1978, tree age 15 years) Provenance test of Norway spruce IPTNS – IUFRO 1964/68 in Krynica

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# Differentation of average height of spruce provenances in relationship with attitude. (IPTNS-IUFRO 1964-68)

Altitude	Mean height in unit of standard deviation. Age 25 years				
	100 m	200 m	300 m		
Powyżej 1700	-	0.97	0.05		
1601-1700	-0,87	-0,07	-0,95		
1501-1600	-1,04	0.22	-0,95		
1401-1500	-0,29	-0,32	-0,34		
1301-1400	-0,55	0.26	0.24		
1201-1300	-0,17	-0,50	-0,34		
1101-1200	-0,29	0.20	0.00		
1001-1100	-0,07	-0,20	-0,09		
901-1000	0,10	0.14	-0,09		
801-900	0,20	0,14	0,23		
701-800	0,04	0.24	0,23		
601-700	0,49	0,24			
501-600	0,41	0.26	0,19		
401-500	0,15	0,20			
301-400	-0,27	-0.44	0,19		
201-300	-0,61	-0,44	-0,26		
101-200	-0,14	-0.21	-0.26		
0-100	-0,29	-0,21	-0,20		

### Krutzsch regions level

### Location of provenance regions of Krutzsch (1-95) after Schmidt-Vogt (1977) Mean height of Norway spruce provenances in different years of observation. Height is given in units of standard deviation from the block mean, IPTNS-IUFRO 1964/68, Krynica 1969 Age 6 years



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# Methods of statistical analysis

In evaluating the variability between the regions and between the years analysis of variance was applied with repetitions.

Cluster analysis with Euclidean distance was used for grouping similar provenance regions according to G x Age interaction using Finlay-Wilkinson [1963] and Mallard methods. (From Gallais [1990]).

The calculations were carried out in the STATISTICA software package.



 $G \times E$  ( $G \times A$ ) interaction without change in classification of value genotype

 $G \times E (G \times A)$  interaction with change in classification of value genotype

Genotypic provenance response to environment;  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$  – genotypes; 1?3 – increasing productivity of site (E); P – value of genotype (defined by survival of trees in plantation)



# Krutsch regions level

## $G \times Age \ interaction$

- Group 1: very good height growth, no effect of  $G \times A$  interaction
- Group 2: average height growth, no effect of  $G \times A$  interaction
- Group 3: bad height growth, no effect of  $G \times A$  interaction
- Group 4: very bad height growth, no  $G \times A$  interaction effect
- Group 5: average height growth, no  $G \times A$  interaction effect
- Group 6: average height growth, significant  $G \times A$  interaction effect, mean height increases with age
- Group 7: very bad height growth, significant  $G \times A$  interaction effect, mean height increases with age
- Group 8: low value of height growth,  $\mathbf{G} \times \mathbf{A}$  interaction effect
- Group 9: very low value of height growth,  $\mathbf{G} \times \mathbf{A}$  interaction effect



Different adaptability of Norway Spruce in IUFRO Test 1964-1968. G x A in years 1969-1988 (age 6-25)

- 1. West, central Europe and East Baltic Krutsch regions
- 2. SW Europe, Russia
- 3. West Alps, Southern Carpathians
- 4. S Scandinavian Krutsch regions
- West Carpathians (Beskid), East Carpathians; Bihor Mts, Transylvanian, Romania
- 6. Poland Masurian Likeland
- 7. Latvia, Estonia
- 8. Swabian Upland, Germany
- 9. Central Scandinavian Krutsch regions

## *IUFRO 1964/68 - Investigations:*

The spring flushing of Norway spruce tested at Krynica was evaluated on the basis of analyses of the degree of development of individual trees using a classification of the developmental phases of spruce worked out by Krutzsch.



## Spring flushing in age 15.

Developmental phases of Norway spruce in the annual cycle of spring flushing. Variants A i B according to Krutsch.

(Krutrsch P. 1973. IUFRO S. 2.02.11 Norway spruce. Development of buds. The Royal College of Forestry, Stockholm, Sweden.















Results spring flushing – provenance level

#### **REGIONS:**

- 1 Scandinavian provenances
- 2 N-NE provenances
- 3 South provenances
- 4 Carpathian provenances
- 5 Alp provenances

### Numeracja pochodzeń wg IPTNS - IUFRO 1964/68

- ─ late provenances
- early provenances

RYC.2. Distribution of Norway spruce provenances early and late spring flushing. (based on measurments of 1975). Provenance test of Norway spruce IPTNS – IUFRO 1964/68 in Krynica

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**Results** Results frost – provenance level

#### **REGIONS:**

- 1 Scandinavian provenances
- 2 N-NE provenances
- 3 South provenances
- 4 Carpathian provenances
- 5 Alp provenances

### Numeracja pochodzeń wg IPTNS - IUFRO 1964/68

- resistant provenances
- sensitive provenances

RYC.3. Distribution of Norway spruce provenances resistant and sensitive to frost . (based on measurments of 1977). Provenance test of Norway spruce IPTNS – IUFRO 1964/68 in Krynica

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## IUFRO 1964/68 - Investigations:

*Chermes viridis Ratz. (Sacchiphantes abietis L.)*  Resistance to the infestation with Chermes viridis

Observations were made on 11 and 12 June 1977 on all 23 843 specimens of 1095 Norway spruce provenances from the whole range of the species.

A well-known insect pest that causes much damage to Norway spruce plantations is *Chermes viridis* Ratz., called also *Sacchiphantes abietis* L. or *Adelges abietis* L. A plant infested by this aphid develops 2 – 3 cm-long excrescences at the base of young shoots, which results in their unnatural bending and the deformation of crowns in young trees. Chermes Chermes viridis – provenance level

#### **REGIONS:**

- 1 Scandinavian provenances
- 2 N-NE provenances
- 3 South provenances
- 4 Carpathian provenances
- 5 Alp provenances

### Numeracja pochodzeń wg IPTNS - IUFRO 1964/68

- resistant provenances
- sensitive provenances

*RYC.4. Distribution of Norway spruce provenances resistant and sensitive to (Chermes viridis Ratz.). Provenance test of Norway spruce IPTNS – IUFRO 1964/68 in Krynica* 

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Resistance of Norway spruce provenances to *Chermes viridis* Ratz. by Krutzsch region (degree of damage from the aphid,  $\varphi$  (°), is expressed as arc sin  $\sqrt{p}$ , where *p* percentage of damaged trees)IPTNS-IUFRO 1964/68, Krynica



# IUFRO 1964/68 Conclusions

- 1. Assessment of the height growth of Norway spruce, carried out on trees in the juvenile period (5 to 25 years) on the IUFRO trial plot in Krynica (Beskid Sądecki, Carpathian Mts), revealed that trees from the provenances representing the Krutzsch's regions in which the number of spruce provenances exceeds 10 show a significant variation both at provenance and regional level. Based on a dendrogram, six distinct provenance groups were identified differing in genetic height reactivity. The groups are as follows:
- **Group 1:** region 48 Tatras, Slovakia, Poland; good height growth, strong G × A interaction effect.
- **Group 2:** regions 47 Nízkie Tatry, Slovakia; 59- East Carpathians; Romania; 63 Beskid Ślaski, Beskid Żywiecki; very good height growth, significant G × A interaction effect, mean height increases with age.
- Group 3: regions 22, 23, 24 Swabian Bavarian Upland (1 Bavaria, 2, 3 Swabia) Germany; 13 Schwarzwald (Baden-Wurttemberg)Germany; 34 Styria (E) 3 Austria; 25 Bavarian Alps, Germany; 21 Bohemian Forest, Czech Republik; 17 Swabian Jura, Germany; 28 Tyrol Salzburg, Austria; 30 Niedrige Tauren, Styria; 32 Styria (N-E) 1 Austria; 31 Carinthia Styria Austria; 26 East Alps, Germany; 16 Swabian Upland (Wurttemberg) Germany; 8 Meclenburg Lakeland, Schwerin, Rostock; Germany; average height growth, no G × A interaction effect.
- Group 4: regions 36 Bohemian Upland, Lower Austria; Czech Republic; Austria, 66 West -Pomeranian Lakeland, Poland; 41
  Bohemia; Czech Republic; 19 Franconia, Upper Palatinate; Germany; 18 Franconian Jury, Germany; 45 Moravia 3, Czech Republic; 10 -Erzgebirge; Czech Republic; 37 West Bohemia, Czech Republic; 44 Moravia 2, Czech Republic; 42 South Bohemia, Moravia, Czech Republic; 7 Harz Mts 2 (Westerhof), Germany; good height growth, no G × A interaction effect.
- **Group 5:** regions 56 Rhodope Mts; Bulgaria; 27 Tyrol; Austria; 14 Breisgau, Germany; 15 West (Lepontine) Alps; Switzerland; 2 West Alps; France; 5; poor height growth, weak G × A interaction effect.

**Group 6**: region 90 - Central Sweden; poor height growth, no  $G \times A$  interaction effect.

As shown by an analysis of variance, the effect of study year (seedling age) and of the interaction study year (seedling age) × provenance region was significant for groups 3, 4 and 5. The provenances from the western and southern Carpathians, belonging to group 4 (fast height growth, favourable G × A interaction), and those from Bohemia, Austria and the Hartz Mts, belonging to group 4 (good height growth, no change in incremental dynamics due to interaction), can be considered the most suitable for juvenile selection.

# IUFRO 1964/68 Conclusions

- Late flushing provenances of a high spring frost resistance are those from regions 55 -61, 68-71, 75-78 and 80, i.e. the mountain regions of southern Carpathians, Bihor Mts and Rhodope Mts and the northeastern regions lying within the lowland range of spruce - from Masuria, Białowieża and central Russia. The studies conducted so far foud a high heritability of this trait.
- Spruces from the Bohemian provenances and a part of southern Carpathian ones are resistant to Chermes viridis Ratz. Those extremely late or early flushing from regions 40 South Bohemia, Czech Republic, 49 East Slovakia, 50 Slovenskie Rudohorje and 57 Southern Carpathians, Transylvanian Applend, Romania exhibit a high resistance to the infestation by this insect species.
- As suggested by the height of trees aged 25 years and the frost resistance (late flushing) of spruces, the provenances from regions 67 East Pomeranian Lakeland, Masuria Poland, 69 Augostów,
   Lakeland Poland, 50 Slovenskie Rudohorje, 75 Belarus, 96 Canada (Hudson, Ontario) and 58 Bihor Mts., Transylwania, Romania have the greatest genetic and breeding value.
- The current results on the variability of height and resistance traits indicate a high marketing potential of the seeds and seedlings of Norway spruce originating from the western and southern Carpathian regions as well as from the lowland regions of Poland and Russia lying within the northeastern range of the species.
- 6. Analysis of dependence between the altitudinal location of the experimental plot in Krynica, the altitudinal location of parent populations and the total height of their progeny at age of 25 which determines the breeding success of the vertical transfer of the spruce reproduction material, was carried out distinctly showing the necessity of a strict regime in the selection of seed basis in mountainous conditions. At age of 25 years the best growth characterized the progeny representing spruce stands of the altitudinal location similar to that of the comparative plantation. In the progeny of spruce populations from sites both lower or higher than the experimental plot decreases in height were found significant in the range of -0.95 for stands from the altitudes exceeding 1700 m above sea level to -0.26 for stands from 100 to 0 m above sea level, being proportional to differences in the altitude of the location of plantations and parent stands of the provenances tested.



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