

Outcomes of the Nordic meeting “Vegetative propagation of conifers for enhancing landscaping and tree breeding

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The Nordic meeting “Vegetative propagation of conifers for enhancing landscaping and tree breeding” was held at Punkaharju, Finland, in September 10-11th, 2008. The aim of the meeting was to share ideas and experiences among researchers, tree breeders, and commercial plant producers /nurseries, together with customers acting in landscaping or in forestry on the potentials and challenges in vegetative propagation of the Nordic conifers. There were 54 participants from six European countries. The meeting was hosted by Finnish Forest Research Institute, and kindly supported by GENE CAR and The Foundation for Forest Tree Breeding in Finland. The information presented by the speakers and the posters is collected into the proceedings publication available at <http://www.metla.fi/julkaisut/workingpapers/2009/mwp114.htm>

The topics discussed include I) Tree breeding framework, II) Landscaping framework, III) Technical issues – grafting and rooting of cuttings, and IV) Technical issues – potentials of tissue culture, and V) Collaboration and future sights containing also information on funding possibilities.