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Action FP0801

Established and Emerging Phytophthora: Increasing Threats to  
Woodland and Forest Ecosystems in Europe

**FIRST WORKING GROUPS MEETING**

**April 16 to 19, 2009**

**Nový Smokovec, Slovakia**

**Announcement**

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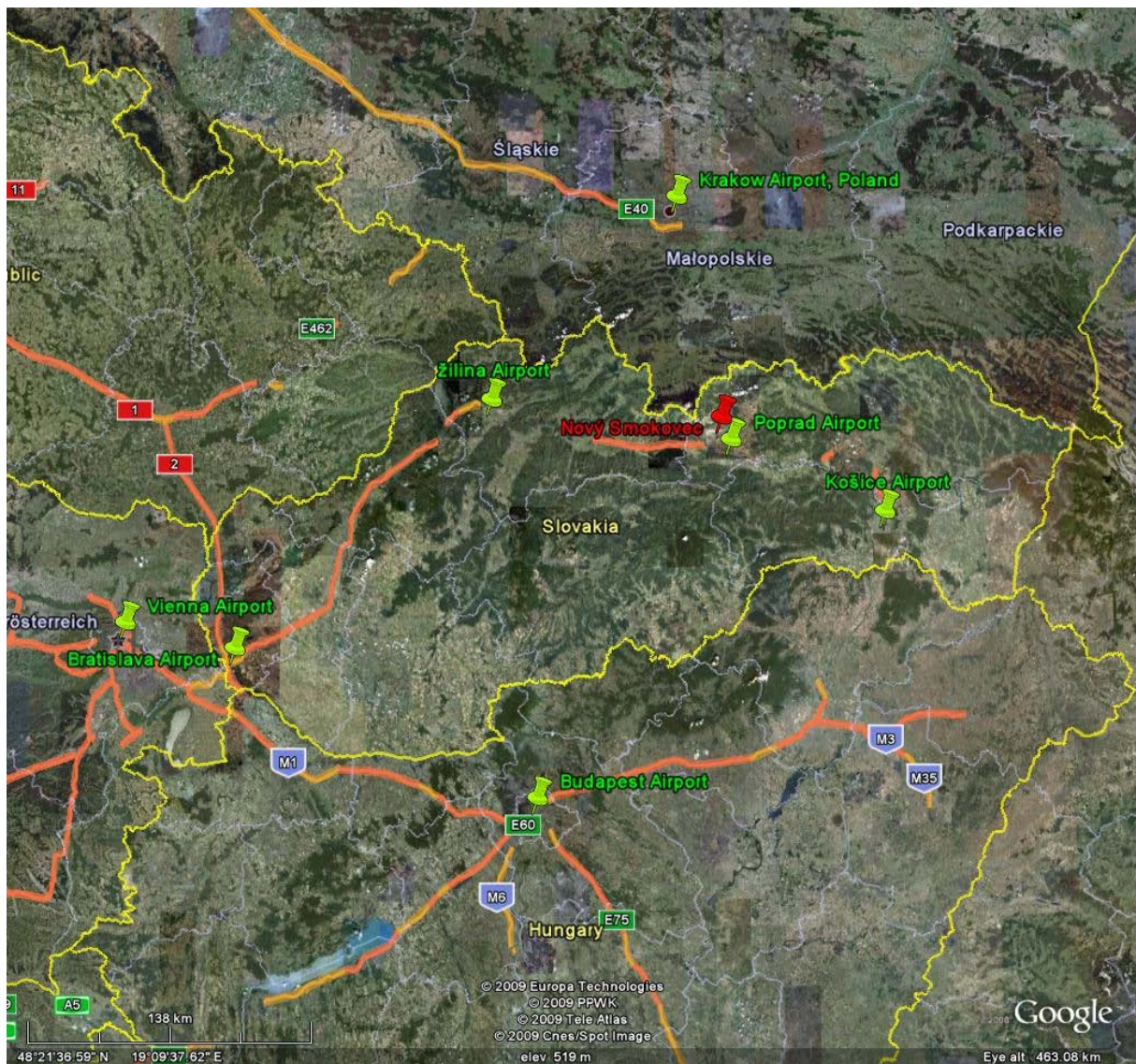
Dear colleagues,

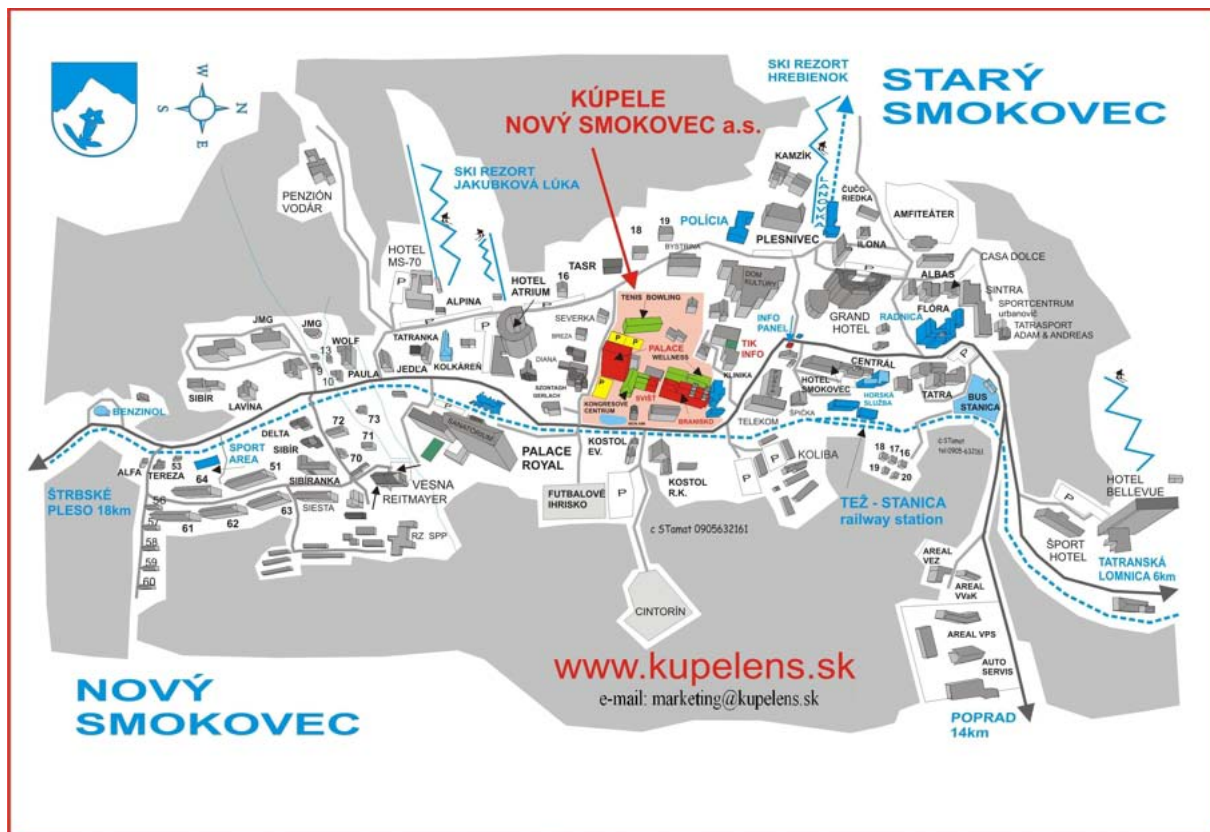
We have the honour to invite you to take part in workshop on COST Action FP0801: Established and Emerging Phytophthora: Increasing Threats to Woodland and Forest Ecosystems in Europe.

## LOCATION OF THE WORKSHOP

- Nový Smokovec, Slovakia

GPS  
49° 08' 17,95" N  
20° 13' 03,58" E





Conference will be held directly in the central part of the oldest Slovak national park – Tatra National Park, in hotel Kúpele (Spa) Nový Smokovec, a.s. situated in the elevation of 1010 m a.s.l. Spa Nový Smokovec\*\*\* belongs amongst the most climatic spas in Slovakia. The spa provides stays with healing procedures for the clients of health insurance companies, as well as for individual customers.

The village Nový Smokovec is situated under the Slavkovský štít peak and was found by Dr. Mikuláš Szontagh (1843-1899). He hired 20 ha of land from Veľký Slavkov village in 1875 in order to build a climatic spa.

The High Tatras are the highest mountains in Slovakia. Twenty peaks are over 2400 m and 35 clear mountain lakes are scattered amongst them. The snow covers mountains 200 - 250 days a year. There are about 1300 species of vascular plants, many are glacial relics. The important animal species include chamois, marmot, brown bear, lynx, eagle and wolf.

The catastrophic windthrow attacked High Tatras region at the end of 2004, when 12 000 ha of forest were totally destroyed during few minutes (2.3 millions of m<sup>3</sup> of timber damaged). That situation established an exceptional condition for study of the post calamity forest ecosystems development and increases a large areas bark beetle outbreak.

**DATE: APRIL 16 TO 19, 2009**

**April 16, Thursday:**

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by 11:00 Arrivals of the participants, registration  
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch  
12:30 – 17:00 Opening

**1. Plenary meeting:**

Introduction to Slovakia, Tatra Mount., Forest Health  
Thanks and overall FP0801 Introduction:  
Short introduction to participants  
Separate meetings of WGs [establishing the WGs]

*Andrea Kunca, Milan Zúbrik  
Steve Woodward*

**2. MC Meeting**

Organisation of meeting in Portugal: speakers; working groups; workshop structure.  
Next meeting (Spring 2010)  
Meeting(s) of steering group  
STSMs  
Participation by young researchers  
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18:00 - 20:00 Welcome dinner

**April 17, Friday**

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7:00 - 9:00 Breakfast  
9:00 - 12:30 Plenary

- 1. Situation in Australia**
- 2. Situation in NZ**
- 3. Offered papers (Action members – general papers on *Phytophthora* threats in European forests)**

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch  
14:00 - 17:00

- 1. Separate meetings of WGs**
- 2. Plenary: WG leaders/deputes report back to full meeting**

18:00 - 19:00 Dinner

**April 18, Saturday**

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7:00 – 9:00 Breakfast  
9:00 – 17:00 Excursion to Low Tatras  
18:00 – 20:00 Dinner

**April 19, Sunday**

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7:00 - 9:00 Breakfast  
from 9:00 Departure

## Working Groups

### 7.2.1 Working Group 1: Invasive Potential and Ecology

Co-ordinator: Sabine Werres (DE)

Deputy Co-ordinator: Joan Webber (UK)

### 7.2.2 Working Group 2: Host-Pathogen Interactions

Co-ordinator: Wolfgang Osswald (DE)

Deputy Co-ordinator: Daniel Rigling (CH)

### 7.2.3 Working Group 3: Diagnostics

Co-ordinator: Peter Bonants (NL)

Deputy Co-ordinator: Jozsef Bakonyi (HU)

### 7.2.4 Working Group 4: Management and Control

Co-ordinator: Thomas Jung (DE)

Deputy Co-ordinator: Anna Maria Vettraino (IT)

## Conference language

English

## Payment

Organizers will reserve rooms and food for you, but you will have to pay for it yourself.

Price in the hotel Kupele Novy Smokovec, a.s.:

<b>16. - 19. 4. 2009</b>			
	<b>Price/person</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Accomodation</b>			
Room	59,00 €	3	177,00 €
			<b>177,00 €</b>
<b>Food</b>			
Lunch	16,00 €	3	48,00 €
Dinner	16,00 €	3	48,00 €
			<b>96,00 €</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>273,00 €</b>

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### **Accommodation : Kúpele Nový Smokovec, a.s.**

Rooms will be reserved by organizers according to registration forms.

### **Transport :**

#### *Arrival by plane:*

There are 4 international airports in Slovakia. However, all of them are pretty small. There are other airports which are bigger: Vienna, Budapest, Krakow

Airport Bratislava (the biggest one – 350 km)

<http://www.airliners.sk/letisko-bratislava.html>

<http://www.flightstats.com/go/Airport/airportDetails.do?airportCode=BTS>

Airport Poprad Tatry (the closest to Kupele Novy Smokovec a.s. – 20 km)

<http://www.airliners.sk/letisko-poprad-tatry.html>

Airport Košice (200 km)

<http://www.airliners.sk/letisko-kosice.html>

Airport Žilina (150 km)

<http://www.airliners.sk/letisko-zilina.html>

#### *Arrival by car:*

If necessary we will send you a special map, don't hesitate to contact us for any assistance.

#### *Arrival by bus:*

Please, be so kind to announce us arrival time and bus station.

#### *Arrival by train:*

Please, be so kind to announce us arrival time and train station.

Slovak currency: EURO (since January 1, 2009)

## Information about the workshop

Information about the workshop one could find on web-site: <http://www.los.sk/COST-FP0801.html>

## Organizing Committee

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