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This conference is a continuation of the Nordic network of Growth and Yield Researchers. The theme of the conference was mixed and heterogeneous forests. During the conference, about twenty interesting projects were presented including invited key-note speakers from North Carolina, USA and New Zealand.

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and they all contributed to an overall picture of the width of current knowledge in this field within the Nordic and Baltic countries. In addition, invited key-note speakers provided valuable perspectives from countries outside Europe. As a direct spin-off of this conference, at least one new joint project between the Nordic countries was formed. This project, which will develop mortality functions for old trees, commenced in January 2016.

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The network of researchers within the topic of forest growth and yield research has been ongoing since the 1960s and many co-operations in studies and projects can be traced to this network. Maintaining this type of networks must be a continuous process to make room for new generations of researchers and PhD-students

In the Nordic and Baltic countries there is a shortage of data concerning development of forest stands that are mixed and heterogeneous, with regards to tree-species, age and tree-size. Therefore, it is of great interest to make a joint effort between the countries in the network, to share research ideas and available relevant data. Through co-operation it is possible to develop tools and models that are more accurate and useful than what would be the case if each country would work on there own. The theme of the conference in 2015 was "Mixed forests – production, plant physiology and silviculture", with the subtitle: "Does current research meet the future demands"? About twenty presentations were given during the conference



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