



Knud Knudsen showing spore trapping of *Neonectria* sp. from forest trees in Denmark during second network meeting October 2018. *Photo: Jorunn Børve*



Larisa Gustavsson explaining canker diseases in apple growing in a Swedish orchard during second network meeting October 2018. *Photo: Jorunn Børve*

## Neonectria in focus for broad collaboration

**Strengthened communication and knowledge exchange within horticulture and forestry, by new opportunities and platforms for scientific interactions between those two disciplines.**



The long term aim of the network is to significantly increase our knowledge on the canker diseases caused by *Neonectria* spp. in horticulture and forestry. Given the importance of commodities such as forest products, pome fruit, Christmas trees, bough and other end-use products for the Nordic bioeconomy, it is crucial to reduce the negative economic impact of these diseases.

The major impact of the networking activities is a better understanding of disease epidemiology, more interactions with the stakeholders and improved knowledge based recommendations for best management practices of *Neonectria* cankers in horticulture and forestry. The meetings and information sharing has lead to new ideas and fresh cross-disciplinary approaches needed for studies of emerging plant diseases. Altogether it has improved our preparation to the on-going climate change in both sectors.