

# Three years of improving forest health!

It is time to show you what we have done in the past year!

"A very sincere thank you for all the great work that has been done in HOMED so far. I am confident that we can go on with the good atmosphere and very effective collaboration between partners," - commented the project coordinator Hervé Jactel.

## **HOMED** partners met up for the third annual meeting of the project



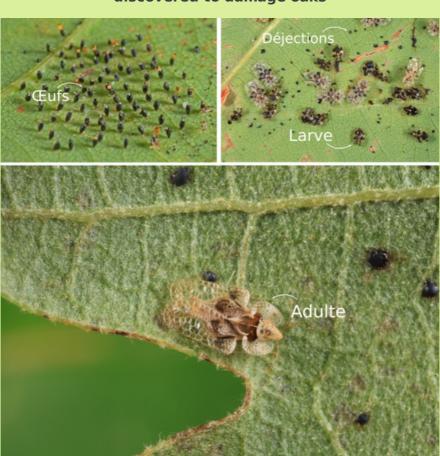
More than 50 project partners gathered between 13 and 17 September 2021 to mark the successful ending of the third year of the HOMED project. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the third annual meeting of HOMED was also held online. As the four-year project enters its final stage of development, the third HOMED AGM is the last regular annual meeting of the project consortium.

Within the five conference days, working group teams of scientists and experts discussed project achievements, research results and discussed future actions. Each working group held a separate panel where they shared their research progress, challenges and upcoming plans for the last year of HOMED's duration. Project partners held the sessions within an interactive online environment and a lot of ideas were generated.

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#### **HOMED's scientific progress**

## Forest health at risk: A new invasive alien species is discovered to damage oaks



The long list of herbivorous insect species associated with oak has a newcomer - a small bug from the Tingidae family. Its name is *Corythucha arcuata*, more commonly known as the oak lace bug.

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Biological control of emerging forest diseases: How can we move from dreams to reality?

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# Rapid Detection of Pine Pathogens Lecanosticta acicola, Dothistroma pini and D. septosporum on Needles by Probe-Based LAMP Assays

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Host-mediated, cross-generational intraspecific competition in a herbivore species

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**HOMED** results presented at the IUFRO Conference 2021



Results of the HOMED project were presented at the IUFRO Scientific Conference: "Biological invasions in forests: trade, ecology and management". The event was held between 20 and 24 September 2021, and it featured seven presentations by HOMED researchers:

- "Effects of density and diversity of neighbouring trees on horse chestnut leafminer damage in urban areas", Alex Stemmelen
- "The effect of tree diversity on forest resistance to non-native pests: the case of the invasive western conifer seed bug, Leptoglossus
  - occidentalis, in Europe", Ana Farinha
- "Modelling dispersal trajectories of Monochamus galloprovincialis, insect vector of the invasive pine wood nematode, to optimize monitoring
  - by trapping networks", Pedro Nunes
- "A global perspective on biological control policies: between patchwork and harmonization management", Lukas Seehausen
- "Small-scale sampling intensity for sentinel nurseries", Rene Eschen
- "A Reciprocal Sentinel Planting Approach for Assessment of Risk from
  - Invasive Alien Tree Pests", Caleb Kime
- "Worldwide tests of generic attractants for early detection of nonnative cerambycid species at arrival on other continents", Alain Roques



HOMED held first mentor workshop for project's PhD students and post-doctoral researchers

HOMED held its first quarterly workshop for HOMED PhD



HOMED held second mentor workshop for project's PhD students and post-doctoral researchers

The main aim of the workshop was to provide a forum for

students and post-docs. The idea of the workshop was to intensify young researchers' involvement in the project.

discussion between young researchers involved in the project and renowned HOMED senior scientists who can provide their expert advice and mentoring.

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### **HOMED** research presented to EC Working Group on Plant Health Surveillance



Results of the HOMED project were presented at the Innovative approaches for territorial surveillance event organised by the Working Group on Plant Health Surveillance, co-organized by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE). The event was held on 18 March, where 58 participants, two official representatives from each EU country and EC agents, gathered to discuss innovative approaches for territorial surveillance.

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#### **HOMED's collection of practice abstracts**

### HOMED's collection of practice abstracts featured on EIP-AGRI



As part of the promotional and dissemination toolset of HOMED, selected to make the results of the project available across stakeholders and the general public, a collection of practice abstracts was prepared and published on the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI) platform. These concise and clear pieces of knowledge aim to present HOMED results to one of the key project target groups – the practitioners.

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#### **HOMED on Social Media**









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#### **Coming Soon**

We are entering the final year of the HOMED project!



