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Dear colleagues,

The National Crown Condition section of the Thünen Institute of Forest Ecosystems is pleased to invite you to the **International Photo-Intercalibration Course 2017** (Photo ICC 2017) on behalf of the German NFC. This Photo ICC 2017 is independent of the 2017 International Cross-Comparison Course on Crown Condition which will take place in the Czech Republic.

Basis of the planned evaluation will be the Photo ICC reports from 2010 and 2015 (attached). As done previously, the three regions (north, central and south) will receive separate species photos. You are, however, free to participate in the Photo ICC for several regions depending on your predominant species (Tab. 1). For each tree species you will receive 30 photos which will have been pre-evaluated by a regional expert. In addition we will ask you to provide a short description of the participants (e.g. name, qualification, field team). In Table 2 you find a provisional timeline for the course.

Table 1: Tree species of the Photo ICC 2017 per region

Tree species	Pictures per species	Region
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	30	north, central and south
<i>Picea abies</i>	30	north, central
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	30	central
<i>Quercus robur</i>	30	central
<i>Quercus ilex</i>	30	south
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	30	south

Table 2: Time schedule

March 2017	Short presentation at the meeting of the expert panel on crown condition in Zagreb, Croatia
15 June to end of August 2017	Defoliation assessment by the participants
September 2017 to May 2018	Evaluation
May 2018	Report

We always need more photos for the course. Therefore we would be very grateful if you provided us with crown pictures from all major species and all defoliation classes. Please make sure that the crown is clearly visible and the picture is of high resolution. Please upload the pictures to:

<https://tc.thuenen.de/index.php/s/81atpUjPZXrTbyW/authenticate>

Password: ICC2017

To register your participation, please send an email to nicole.wellbrock@thuenen.de stating your affiliation, the number of people participating, and the region(s) **until 20 April 2017**.

Any comments are welcome and a short presentation will be given at the upcoming Expert Panel Meeting in Zagreb.

Best regards

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