

PREFACE

The Working Group "Estimation of Increment" of Section 25 was suggested at the 13th congress of IUFRO in Vienna in September 1961. At that time the sources of error were discussed, which may occur in different procedures of increment determination, especially with the core-method. At the beginning of the past decade the Working Group was chiefly occupied with systematic errors. Soon it turned out, that in determination of measurements of the single trees numerous questions are not clarified. Therefore at the 14th congress in Munich the cooperators were asked to pay special attention to these problems. The results of these investigations were discussed on the occasion of a meeting in Birmensdorf near Zürich in September 1970. A selection of these works is here completely reproduced. To all those who cooperated my sincerest thanks for their work.

After nine years of activity the chairman considers it appropriate to resign. Dr. J. Pollanschütz of the "Forstliche Bundesversuchsanstalt" in Vienna, Austria, has declared his willingness to accept this task. I hope he succeeds in finding colleagues who are willing to cooperate with him the same way as they did with his predecessor.

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