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Private Forestry Officer presents at Forestry Management Conference

Gippsland Farm Plantations Inc employee Phil Alcorn recently gave a presentation on *'The Effects Of Light Availability On The Growth Of Messmate Seedlings In Forest Gaps'* as part of an International Uneven-aged Forestry Management Conference held in Helsinki, Finland.

Phil's presentation was based on his Final Honours Research Project (completed at ANU). The aim of his pilot project was to research the minimum light requirement for seedlings to survive and grow in forest gaps. Research was conducted in Southern Tasmania in a silviculture systems trail looking at alternative treatments to clear felling.

Phil stated that the conference provided him with an opportunity to receive feedback from his colleges and exchange information based on similar research. The conference also provided Phil with an opportunity to observe Private Forestry activities in Northern Finland and Sweden. The tours allowed participants to gain an insight on the Forestry techniques exercised in this part of Europe.

It was made possible for Phil to attend and present at this years Forestry Management Conference through the Maxwell Jacobs Research Grant administered through the Australian Academy of Science.

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