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The IUFRO working parties "Site Classification" (S 1.02-06) and "Quantitative Studies of Site Factors" (S 1.02-07) held a joint meeting at the Federal Forest Research Station in Vienna from May 5th to 9th, 1980, with delegates from 13 countries from the world. The overall theme was "The Determination and Interpretation of Site Factors and Sites and their Alteration by Human Activity".

The following subjects were discussed:

- Site classification and mapping - its application for general mapping and land use planning.

- Determination of site factors - site analysis; suitability of soil analytical and other data for site diagnoses and evaluation.

- Interpretation of site factors - interrelation between site and tree growth.

- Change of site quality caused by impact of man.

As far as possible the papers were printed in the form as they were received. The presentation, therefore, may be nonuniform in some cases. Two of the 24 contributions were not presented orally. Two others have been published meanwhile in other journals and thus only abstracts were admitted in these proceedings. We regret that it was not possible to publish minutes of the often very lively discussions and of the contributions during the excursion.

We are grateful to the Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry and to the directors of the Federal Forest Research Station, Vienna, for making this meeting possible, for the support and for publishing the proceedings of the meeting. We wish to thank also all the speakers and participants in the discussions and the staff of the institute, who helped to make the meeting successful.

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