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## **Børge Klemmensen due to retire!**

Børge Klemmensen is resigning as seed-dealer and passes the baton to Ulrik Kejser Nyvold as part of a long-planned business succession and continuation of his work focusing on Nordmann fir (*Abies nordmanniana*).

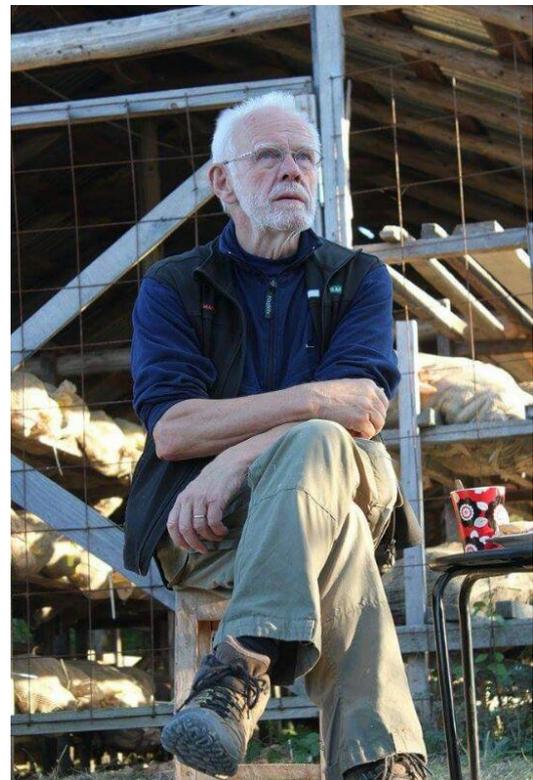
The establishment of Levinsen & Abies A/S in 2009, through the merger of Levinsen Skovfrø A/S and Abies Frø ApS., was driven by a mutual desire to create a strong and forward-looking solution for both companies in terms of skillset, organization and location. This cooperation has enabled Levinsen & Abies A/S to meet the seed needs of our professional customers, including provenances, technical quality, quantity, delivery and, of course, careful documentation.

Børge Klemmensen is one of the persons who have ventured furthest with investigations of Nordmann fir and the growth characteristics of the various provenances. This assures that new supplies can be gathered from the best provenances after finishing provenance trials and analyzing all the test data. Børge's energetic curiosity and his many trips throughout the Caucasus Mountain range of the Nordmann fir have given him a unique and comprehensive knowledge. Over the years Børge has put much effort into creating systems for the management and documentation of our seed collections. From the harvest in the fall of 2012 in Georgia, this system honored an ISO certification of the entire harvesting process and in 2014 this was supplemented by the "new voluntary Danish control system" for certification of the origin of the seeds. This openness and full transparency during the work of the harvest, combined with regular visits from customers and guests, has greatly strengthened our customer relationships.

Børge's special knowledge about everything from planning the collection season to the final cleaned, tested and certified, ready-to-grow seeds, is today an essential and completely integrated part of the company. It is of great benefit to our customers as well as to our company that the known quality parameters, along with the known growth characteristics of the various provenances, are now backed by the external controls of certification.

Ulrik Kejser Nyvold leads the ongoing company in close cooperation with the employees Marianne Pedersen, Steffen Havelund, Peter Biltriss, Bent Johansen and Louise Heissel (trainee). With regard to seed from Russia, it was agreed that Børge, together with the Russian partner, will continue to deliver Apsheronsk seeds to Levinsen & Abies, as it has done previously. Børge will continue to be present during the annual cone harvest in Georgia along with Levinsen & Abies' longtime supplier Jadvári-Abies Ltd. Børge's continued participation during the critical harvest season, in cooperation with Levinsen & Abies's representatives, will assure continuity even as he reduces his workload.

We look forward to seeing business partners and friends of the house for a reception on Thursday January 14, 2016 at 13-16 at the company's address, Bøllelosevej 9, DK-3550 Slangerup. Please register on [mail@treeseed.com](mailto:mail@treeseed.com) – if you plan on coming to visit us.



**Børge Klemmensen by the cone storage shed, where the nordmann fir cones are scaled and stored in Ukeshi, Ambrolauri, Georgia.**