

# ICP-Forests 5th Needle/Leaf Interlaboratory Test 2001/2002

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### 1. Summary

The results of the 5<sup>th</sup> ringtest of ICP Forests show in general a good analytical quality in foliar analysis. Compared with the 4<sup>th</sup> ringtest the results of some elements improved (K, Zn, Mn, Cu, Pb, B, Na), but the analysis of Nitrogen, Sulphur and very astonishingly of Carbon got worse. The reason may be that according to the suggestions of ICP-Forests some laboratories changed from classical methods to CNS-elemental analysers or analysed this element for the first time. In some cases there is too little experience with these new apparatus and their calibrations. This shows, that a high standard is to be elaborated by a daily praxis of good quality control. Quality control must become a tradition for each laboratory and for each new member of the staff too.

The results of the 5<sup>th</sup> ringtest confirm the conclusions of the last one: It is reasonable to restrict the allowed methods to a minimum:

1. Elemental analysers (for C, N and S)
2. HNO<sub>3</sub>-digestions in closed systems (pressure bomb or microwave) in combination with ICP-OES or ICP-MS (for S, P, Ca, etc.) or Flameless-AAS (for Cu, Pb, Cd)
3. X-ray fluorescence analysis for S, P, Ca, Mg, K, Zn, Mn, and Cu, Pb, Cd, if the contents are not too low.

#### 1.1 Introduction

ICP-Forests of UN-ECE in collaboration with EU initialised a programme for intensive and continuous monitoring of forest ecosystems for Europe in order to realise a better understanding of air pollution processes. An important task in this field is the needle/leaf-analysis of trees, because they serve as bioindicators for nutrition state and damages.

Necessary is the harmonising and the improvement of analytical techniques. A high and comparable laboratory standard in all countries is indispensable for a European-wide survey of forest state. Important steps on this way have been the edition of the „Manual on methods and criteria for harmonised sampling, assessment, monitoring and analysis of the effects of air pollution on forests“ (UN-ECE, Hamburg and Prague 1994) and the performance of the first European needle/leaf interlaboratory test on two certified standards (BCR 100-beech leaves and BCR 101 - spruce needles) with 24 laboratories from 21 countries, organised by France in 1993.

The intensive discussion of ICP-expert panel in As 1994 ended with the recommendation of a second test with 4 unknown samples (spruce, pine, oak) during the running level-II monitoring programme. It was organised by Germany in 1995/96 and subsequently discussed on expert panels in Vienna 1997 (BARTELS 1996, STEFAN et al. 1997). The expert panel in Vienna therefore decided on a complete repetition and authorised the Landesumweltamt North-Rhine-Westfalia (LUA) to organise another interlaboratory test on foliage every two years. The 3<sup>rd</sup> interlaboratory study with 5 unknown samples (spruce, pine, oak, beech) and its consequences for the analytical quality management (BARTELS 1998) were intensively discussed in Bonn 1999 and ended with a revision of Part IV “Sampling and analysis of needles and leaves” of the above mentioned manual.

These results of the 4<sup>th</sup> test (Bartels 2000) were discussed by the expert-panel in Tampere (Finland) in Sept. 2001. The minutes of this meeting state:

- “considerable improvements for the mandatory elements compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ringtest. However further improvements are needed. Taking into account difficulties with analysing Na and Al the group agreed to delete those elements from the optional parameter list of the submanual” (Point 4 of Draft minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Foliar Expert panel meeting from 10 to 11 September 2001 in Tampere/Finland).
- “After in depth discussion it was decided that it is strongly recommended to use in future the element analyses for C, N and S and HNO<sub>3</sub> digestions in closed systems in combination with ICP methods for the remaining elements. Reference is made to the report with detailed results from the 4<sup>th</sup> ring-test (Bartels 2000). Countries not able to follow this recommendation are allowed to use other methods as described in the ICP Forest Manual (for details see [www.icp-forest.org](http://www.icp-forest.org)) on the understanding that sufficient accuracy is reached.” (Point 5)
- “The Expert Panel recommend to decode the number used for the national laboratories in the ring-test for internal use in the Expert Panel. Reservations against this recommendation are welcomed before the end of October 2001.” (Point 6)
- The Expert Panel agreed to open the ring-test to laboratories outside of the programme on the understanding that also in future separate evaluations should made for those labs involved in the ICP Forests work at level I or Level II.” (Point 8)

## 1.2 Material

In July 2001 the LUA sent dried plant powder of the following five samples to about 50 European laboratories:

1. Spruce needles (Slovakia)
2. Spruce needles (Norway)<sup>\*</sup>
3. Spruce needles (Germany)
4. Pine needles (Germany)

All materials were foremost ground with a Retsch-centrifugal-mill (sieve 0.25 mm, Cr-Ni steel) and homogenised by the LUA-laboratory by shaking over head for 24 hours before dispatch.

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## 1.3 Participant countries

53 laboratories from 29 countries joined in this test (1<sup>st</sup> test: 24/21; 2<sup>nd</sup> test: 39/25; 3<sup>rd</sup> test 51/29, 4<sup>th</sup> test 52/29).

**Figure 1** gives an overview of the participant countries. Because of diverse problems we got no results from Belarus. From Sweden we got not any response.

The code numbers of the laboratories are mostly the same as in the last interlaboratory test to make it easy to compare the two runs. An 'a' after the number means the x-ray- laboratory of the same institute. Five laboratories (4a, 37a, 38a, 51, 55a) used x-ray-spectroscopy.

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- **Sample 2 was – unknown to the participants – identical with sample 2 ('spruce needles Finland') of the 3<sup>rd</sup> interlaboratory test.**

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 Participating countries



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**Figure 1:** Europe map of participant countries

## 1.4 Task

The laboratories were asked to analyse the following elements with three replicates before November, 30<sup>th</sup> 2001 :

| <i>a) mandatory elements</i> | <i>b) optional elements</i> | <i>c) additional elements</i> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Nitrogen</i>              | <i>Zinc</i>                 |                               |
| <i>Sulphur</i>               | <i>Manganese</i>            |                               |
| <i>Phosphorus</i>            | <i>Iron</i>                 |                               |
| <i>Magnesium</i>             | <i>Copper</i>               | <i>no limitation</i>          |
| <i>Calcium</i>               | <i>Lead</i>                 |                               |
| <i>Potassium</i>             | <i>Cadmium</i>              |                               |
|                              | <i>Boron</i>                |                               |
|                              | <i>Carbon</i>               |                               |
|                              | <i>(Sodium)*</i>            |                               |
|                              | <i>(Aluminium)*</i>         |                               |

The samples - moisture content was about 5% - were to be dried at 80 °Celsius prior to analysis. Anyhow all results had to be reported as by dry matter (105 °C). With a few exceptions all laboratories analysed the complete list of mandatory elements and most of the optional elements. An overview is given in **Table 1**.

All laboratories were given the opportunity to recheck their data.

## 2. Data Evaluation

### 2.1 Method of data calculation

A computer programme (RING 4.0, author: Dr. Steffen Uhlig, Berlin) was used to calculate the ring test data. The evaluation was carried out for all mandatory elements and all optional elements

The evaluation is presented in the same way as in the past and calculated on the basis of modern „robust statistics“. The procedure is given by LISCHER in the ‘Schweizer Lebensmittelbuch’ (‘Swiss food handbook’, chapter 60A). Its advantage is that it works without elimination of outliers and its complete absence of any manipulations by the ring-test leader. It is based on a monofactoral variance analysis but requires no assumptions on the distribution of the measurement deviations. The disadvantage is the black box character of the used iterative calculations. They are normally not understandable for most chemists without deeper knowledge of statistic methods. For further information please see the ‘Schweizer Lebensmittelbuch’ or the more specialised literature listed in chapter 2.5 (HAMPEL 1980, HAMPEL 1987, LISCHER 1987, ROCKE 1983).

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\* Sodium and aluminium were deleted from the list of optional elements by ICP Forests expert panel (September 2002)

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**Table 1.:** Participant laboratories and elements they analysed

| Nr. | N | S | P | Ca | Mg | K | Zn | Mn | Fe | Cu | Pb | Cd | B | C | Na | Al |
|-----|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|
| 1   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 2   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |    | X | X | X  | X  |
| 3   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 4   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X | X  | X  |
| 4a  |   | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |   |   |    | X  |
| 5   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    |   |   | X  |    |
| 6   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    | X | X | X  | X  |
| 7   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    | X | X |    |    |
| 8   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X | X  | X  |
| 9   | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |   | X | X  | X  |
| 10  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 11  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |   | X |    | X  |
| 12  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    |   | X | X  | X  |
| 13  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  |    | X  |    |    |   | X |    |    |
| 14  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    | X |   |    |    |
| 15  | X | X |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   | X |    |    |
| 16  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    | X |   | X  | X  |
| 17  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X |   |    |    |
| 18  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X |   | X  | X  |
| 19  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X |    |    |    |    |    |    |   | X |    |    |
| 20  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X | X  |    |
| 21  |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 22  |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 23  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    | X  | X |   | X  | X  |
| 24  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X |    |    |
| 25  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X |   | X  | X  |
| 26  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X |   | X  | X  |
| 27  | X |   |   | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |   |   | X  |    |
| 28  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    | X |   |    |    |
| 29  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    | X |   |    |    |
| 30  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   | X  |    |
| 32  |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 33  |   |   |   | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  |   |   | X  |    |
| 34  |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 35  | X |   | X |    |    | X |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 36  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X | X  |    |
| 37  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X | X  | X  |
| 37a |   | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    |   |   | X  | X  |
| 38  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X | X  | X  |
| 38a |   | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    |   |   | X  |    |
| 39  | X | X | X | X  | X  | X | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X  | X | X | X  | X  |

|     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 41  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X | X |
| 42  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 43  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |   | X | X | X |   |
| 44  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X |   |
| 45  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 46  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X | X |
| 47  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X | X |
| 48  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |   | X |   | X |
| 49  |   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 50  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |
| 51  | X | X | X | X | X | X |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 52  | X |   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   | X | X | X |
| 53  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 54  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   | X | X |
| 55  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 55a |   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |   | X | X |

The complete data are presented on **pages 2-1** and following. If single values have an enclosed ‘a’, ‘b’, or ‘ab’ their data are automatically ‘trimmed’(the original German term is ‘gestutzt’) by the iteration process, but, as explained in the above citation, not eliminated. Only the data with values lower than the determination limits were not included in evaluation.

## 2.2 Comparability of the 5<sup>th</sup> interlaboratory test 1999/2000 to former ring tests

As mentioned before, sample 5 (beech, Slovenia) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> test and sample 4 (“beech Slovakia”) have been identical. The following **Table 2** gives a comparison between these two samples.

For almost all elements the means harmonize very well. It proves a very good comparability between the 5<sup>th</sup> and former ringtests.

**Table 2:** Mean comparison of sample 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> ring test) and sample 2 (5<sup>th</sup> ring test)  
(*n* = number of data sets)

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> test 97/98 sample 2 |               |          | 5 <sup>th</sup> test 01/02 sample 2 |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Element                             | Robust Stat.  | <i>N</i> | Robust Stat.                        | <i>N</i> |
| <b>Nitrogen</b><br>(mg/g)           | <b>11.77</b>  | 45       | <b>11.73</b>                        | 47       |
| <b>Sulphur</b><br>(mg/g)            | <b>0.86</b>   | 46       | <b>0.84</b>                         | 49       |
| <b>Phosphorus</b><br>(mg/g)         | <b>1.39</b>   | 50       | <b>1.39</b>                         | 49       |
| <b>Calcium</b><br>(mg/g)            | <b>2.46</b>   | 49       | <b>2.38</b>                         | 49       |
| <b>Magnesium</b><br>(mg/g)          | <b>1.04</b>   | 49       | <b>1.03</b>                         | 49       |
| <b>Potassium</b><br>(mg/g)          | <b>5.12</b>   | 50       | <b>5.17</b>                         | 49       |
| <b>Zinc</b><br>(µg/g)               | <b>42.12</b>  | 45       | <b>41.79</b>                        | 48       |
| <b>Manganese</b><br>(µg/g)          | <b>323.40</b> | 46       | <b>318.3</b>                        | 49       |
| <b>Iron</b><br>(µg/g)               | <b>69.38</b>  | 45       | <b>68.93</b>                        | 47       |
| <b>Copper</b><br>(µg/g)             | <b>3.52</b>   | 38       | <b>3.41</b>                         | 43       |
| <b>Lead</b><br>(µg/g)               | <b>0.61</b>   | 19       | <b>0.55</b>                         | 24       |
| <b>Cadmium</b><br>(ng/g)            | <b>130.30</b> | 17       | <b>104.4</b>                        | 22       |
| <b>Boron</b><br>(µg/g)              | <b>11.82</b>  | 23       | <b>11.60</b>                        | 26       |
| <b>Carbon</b><br>(%)                | <b>51.89</b>  | 17       | <b>52.33</b>                        | 28       |
| <b>Sodium</b><br>(µg/g)             | <b>34.27</b>  | 37       | <b>35.02</b>                        | 28       |
| <b>Aluminium</b><br>(µg/g)          | <b>293.20</b> | 33       | <b>283.20</b>                       | 27       |

## 2.3 Data Evaluation

The agreements of As (1994) and Vienna (1997) say that the ring tests should be evaluated on the basis of fixed limits. **Table 3** presents an overview of the percentage of non-tolerable values, based on the original data given on pp 2-1.

**Table 3:** Percentage of non tolerable values; comparison of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ring test

|         |                                                | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Labtest<br>1995/96 |          | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Labtest<br>1997/98 |          | 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Labtest<br>1999/00 |          | 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Labtest<br>2001/02 |          |
|---------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Element | Tolerable<br>deviation<br>from<br>mean<br>(±%) | Non<br>tolerable<br>(%)               | <i>n</i> | Non<br>tolerable<br>(%)               | <i>n</i> | Non<br>tolerable<br>(%)               | <i>n</i> | Non<br>tolerable<br>(%)               | <i>n</i> |
| N       | 15* / 10**                                     | 2.7                                   | 148      | 4.4                                   | 225      | 6.6                                   | 196      | 10.1                                  | 188      |
| S       | 20                                             | 25.8                                  | 132      | 14.3                                  | 230      | 9.8                                   | 184      | 14.2                                  | 196      |
| P       | 15                                             | 6.8                                   | 148      | 19.6                                  | 250      | 7.1                                   | 196      | 8.2                                   | 196      |
| Ca      | 15                                             | 9.6                                   | 156      | 16.3                                  | 245      | 6.6                                   | 196      | 8.2                                   | 196      |
| Mg      | 15                                             | 12.2                                  | 156      | 16.7                                  | 245      | 5.1                                   | 196      | 6.1                                   | 196      |
| K       | 15                                             | 7.7                                   | 156      | 20.4                                  | 250      | 6.6                                   | 196      | 4.1                                   | 196      |
| Zn      | 20                                             | 18.9                                  | 132      | 16.9                                  | 225      | 12.0                                  | 183      | 8.3                                   | 192      |
| Mn      | 20                                             | 3.6                                   | 139      | 10.9                                  | 229      | 4.2                                   | 192      | 1.0                                   | 196      |
| Fe      | 20                                             | 20.6                                  | 136      | 23.7                                  | 224      | 17.9                                  | 196      | 19.1                                  | 188      |
| Cu      | 30                                             | 20.7                                  | 116      | 16.2                                  | 191      | 20                                    | 165      | 9.8                                   | 174      |
| Pb      | 30                                             | 53.0                                  | 66       | 42.4                                  | 99       | 32.1                                  | 78       | 23.9                                  | 109      |
| B       | 20                                             | 33.9                                  | 56       | 18.2                                  | 115      | 18.4                                  | 103      | 12.5                                  | 104      |
| Cd      | 30                                             | 48                                    | 25       | 39.0                                  | 77       | 16.9                                  | 65       | 21.6                                  | 88       |
| C       | 10* / 5**                                      | 0                                     | 24       | 0                                     | 85       | 3.3                                   | 60       | 20.5                                  | 112      |
| Na      | 30                                             | 61.0                                  | 84       | 46.6                                  | 178      | 43.4                                  | 136      | 25.0                                  | 120      |
| Al      | 20                                             | 32.3                                  | 99       | 31.1                                  | 164      | 16.1                                  | 124      | 13.1                                  | 107      |

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Labtest, \*\* 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Labtest

The percentage of results out of the given tolerable limits decreases for many elements (K, Zn, Mn, Cu, Pb, B, Na !) but decreased for Nitrogen, Sulphur and very astonishingly of Carbon. The reason may be that according to the suggestions of ICP-Forests some laboratories changed from classical methods to CNS-elemental analysers or analysed this element for the first time. This is surely the case for Carbon where the number of given data doubled from 60 to 112. In some cases is too little experience with these new apparatus and their calibrations. This shows, that a high standard is to be elaborated by a daily praxis of good quality control. elements, especially for all mandatory elements.

The analysis of Aluminium is a special problem because only three laboratories used HF and fulfilled ICP Forests manual. These data are not correct. Aluminium is no longer on the list of optional elements.

**Table 4** gives a short survey about the laboratories with 'values out of tolerance'.

| Values out of tolerance      < = too low      > = too high |      |      |      |     |      |      |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|----|----|------|------|----|------|----|------|
| ICP Forests interlaboratory comparision 2001/2002          |      |      |      |     |      |      |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |
| Lab No                                                     | N    | S    | P    | Ca  | Mg   | K    | Zn | Mn | Fe   | Cu   | Pb | Cd   | B  | C    |
| 1                                                          | *    | >    | *    | <<  | *    | *    | *  |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |
| 2                                                          | *    | *    | >    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    | *  |      | *  | <<<< |
| 3                                                          | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | *    |      |    |      |    |      |
| 4                                                          | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    | *  | <    | *  | <<<  |
| 4a                                                         |      | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | >>>> | *    | *  | *    |    |      |
| 5                                                          | <    | <<<  | *    | <<< | *    | *    | *  | *  | >>>> | <    |    |      |    |      |
| 6                                                          | >    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | >    | *    |    |      | *  | <<<  |
| 7                                                          | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | <<<  | *    |    |      | *  | *    |
| 8                                                          | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | >    | *    | <  | *    | << | >>   |
| 9                                                          | *    | *    | *    | *   | <    | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    | << | *    |    | <<<< |
| 10                                                         | *    | <    | <    | <>> | >>>> | *    | *  | *  | *    | >>>> |    |      |    |      |
| 11                                                         | >    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    | *  |      |    | *    |
| 12                                                         | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | <<<  | *  | *  | *    | >    |    |      |    | *    |
| 13                                                         | *    | *    | *    | <   | *    | *    | << | *  |      | >>   |    |      |    | *    |
| 14                                                         | <<<< | *    | <    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | <    | <    |    |      | <  |      |
| 15                                                         | *    | >>>> |      |     |      | <    |    |    |      |      |    |      |    | >>>  |
| 16                                                         | <    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | >> | <<<  | *    |    |      | *  |      |
| 17                                                         | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    | *  | *    | *  |      |
| 18                                                         | <<<< | *    | <<<  | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | >    | *    | >> | *    | *  |      |
| 19                                                         | *    | >>>  | *    | >>> | *    | *    |    |    |      |      |    |      |    | *    |
| 20                                                         | >    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | >  | *  | *    | *    | <  | <    | <> | *    |
| 21                                                         |      |      |      |     |      |      |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |
| 22                                                         |      |      |      |     |      |      |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |
| 23                                                         | *    | >>   | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | >>>  | >>   |    | *    | *  |      |
| 24                                                         | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | >    | *    | *  | >>>> | >  | *    |
| 25                                                         | *    | *    | *    | *   | >>>  | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    | >> | >    | *  |      |
| 26                                                         | >    | *    | <<<< | *   | *    | <<<< | *  | *  | *    | *    | *  | >    | *  |      |
| 27                                                         | *    |      |      | <<< | <<<  | >>>> | *  | *  | *    | *    | >  |      |    |      |
| 28                                                         | *    | *    | *    | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | <    | *    |    |      | *  |      |
| 29                                                         | *    | *    | >>>  | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    |    |      | *  |      |
| 30                                                         | *    | <<<  | *    | >>> | <<   | *    |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |
| 32                                                         |      |      |      |     |      |      |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |
| 33                                                         |      |      |      | *   | *    | *    | *  | *  | *    | *    | >> | *    |    |      |
| 34                                                         |      |      |      |     |      |      |    |    |      |      |    |      |    |      |

|     |      |      |      |      |     |   |      |   |      |     |      |      |      |      |  |
|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|---|------|---|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--|
| 35  | >    |      | >    |      | <<< | * |      |   |      |     |      |      |      |      |  |
| 36  | *    | <    | *    | *    | *   | * | <<<< | * | <<<< | >>> | >>>  | >>>> | >>>> | *    |  |
| 37  | *    | >>>> | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | <    | *   | *    | *    | *    | *    |  |
| 37a |      | >>   | *    | *    | *   | * | >>   | * | <    | *   |      |      |      |      |  |
| 38  | *    | >>>> | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   | <    | *    | *    | *    |  |
| 38a |      | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | >    | *   |      |      |      |      |  |
| 39  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   | *    | *    | <    | <<<< |  |
| 40  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   | <    | >    | *    | *    |  |
| 41  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | >>>> | * | *    | *   | *    | <    |      | *    |  |
| 42  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   | *    | *    | *    | *    |  |
| 43  | *    | *    | *    | *    | <   | * | *    | * | <    |     |      |      | >>   | *    |  |
| 44  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   | *    | *    |      | *    |  |
| 45  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   | *    | <<   | *    | *    |  |
| 46  | >>>> | *    | <<<< | <<<< | *   | * | *    | * | >    | *   | <    | >    |      | *    |  |
| 47  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   | *    | <    |      | *    |  |
| 48  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | *   |      |      |      | *    |  |
| 49  |      | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | >    | *   |      |      |      |      |  |
| 50  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | <<   | *   | >>   | *    | *    | *    |  |
| 51  | *    | *    | *    | *    | >>> | * |      | * | *    |     |      |      |      |      |  |
| 52  | *    |      | *    | *    | *   | * | <<<  | * | *    | *   | >>>> |      |      | *    |  |
| 53  |      |      |      |      |     |   |      |   |      |     |      |      |      |      |  |
| 54  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | >    | <<  | >    | <    |      |      |  |
| 55  | *    | *    | *    | *    | *   | * | *    | * | *    | >   | *    | *    | *    | *    |  |
| 55a |      | *    | >>   | *    | *   | * | *    | * | >    | *   | <<   |      |      |      |  |

The consequences of these results have not been finally discussed by the foliar experts of ICP Forests. But only national data of proved quality can be taken into surveys of forest condition in Europe. Here are proposed two main criteria to use:

- All national laboratories have mandatory to participate the ICP Interlaboratory study with 4 samples every second year.
- Only the results from those elements with max. 25% of non tolerable values ( = max. 1outlier for each element in the case of four samples to be analysed) can be accepted. Otherwise the complete element data are to be revised.

These criteria are demonstrated in **Table 5** for the mandatory elements

- point = all results of the element fulfil the quality criteria
- grey = no results given
- black = more than 25 % of results are non tolerable

| Evaluation of laboratories                        |   |   |   |    |    |   |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| ICP Forests interlaboratory comparision 2001/2002 |   |   |   |    |    |   |
| Lab No                                            | N | S | P | Ca | Mg | K |
| 1                                                 | * | * | * |    | *  | * |
| 2                                                 | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 3                                                 | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 4                                                 | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 4a                                                |   | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 5                                                 | * |   | * |    | *  | * |
| 6                                                 | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 7                                                 | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 8                                                 | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 9                                                 | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 10                                                | * | * | * |    |    | * |
| 11                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 12                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  |   |
| 13                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 14                                                |   | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 15                                                | * |   |   |    |    | * |
| 16                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 17                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 18                                                |   | * |   | *  | *  | * |
| 19                                                | * |   | * |    | *  | * |
| 20                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 21                                                |   |   |   |    |    |   |
| 22                                                |   |   |   |    |    |   |
| 23                                                | * |   | * | *  | *  | * |
| 24                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 25                                                | * | * | * | *  |    | * |
| 26                                                | * | * |   | *  | *  |   |
| 27                                                | * |   |   |    |    |   |
| 28                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 29                                                | * | * |   | *  | *  | * |
| 30                                                | * |   | * |    | *  | * |
| 32                                                |   |   |   |    |    |   |
| 33                                                |   |   |   | *  | *  | * |
| 34                                                |   |   |   |    |    |   |
| 35                                                | * |   | * |    |    | * |
| 36                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 37                                                | * |   | * | *  | *  | * |
| 37a                                               |   |   | * | *  | *  | * |
| 38                                                | * |   | * | *  | *  | * |
| 38a                                               |   | * | * | *  | *  | * |
| 39                                                | * | * | * | *  | *  | * |

|     |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 41  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 42  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 43  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 44  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 45  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 46  |   | * |   |   | * | * |
| 47  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 48  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 49  |   | * | * | * | * | * |
| 50  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 51  | * | * | * | * |   | * |
| 52  | * |   | * | * | * | * |
| 53  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 54  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 55  | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 55a |   | * |   | * | * | * |

### 3. Evaluation by analysis methods

This part will discuss in more details the problems of used pretreatment and measurement methods.

The evaluation by methods is based on the following information for each element:

a) Elementspecific code index according to the used methods on pp 1-19.

b) Original laboratory data with graphic presentation on pp 2-1

The graph shows the plus/minus deviations of methods for each element from mean based on the robust evaluated data (annex) and arranged by ascending pretreatment methods. Each column represents one of the 4 samples. The broken lines define the tolerable limits (see table 3).

„PN“ means pretreatment method, „DN“ means determination method

c) Presentations of data arranged acc. method codes on pp 3-1

For these graphs the same explanations are valid as for the graphs of the original data pp 2-1.

It will be tried to gain important results from this ringtest for each element by comparing graphs for each digestion and determination method. Methods that lead to the best comparable results and help to further optimise and, if possible, concentrate/condense the manual will be highlighted.

The overview of **Table 6** demonstrates that numerous values out of tolerance depend on low element contents in the foliar samples. In most cases lower element contents cause higher numbers of intolerable values.

## ICP Forests interlaboratory comparison 2001/2002

### Element contents (mean) and percentage of values out of tolerance (%)

| Element | Sample:   | 1 spruce          | 2 spruce        | 3 spruce          | 4 pine-D          |
|---------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| N       | mg/g<br>% | 12,53<br>14,9     | 11,73<br>10,6   | 13,91<br>8,5      | 20,04<br>6,4      |
| S       | mg/g<br>% | 1,29<br>10,2      | 0,84<br>18,4    | 1,03<br>10,2      | 1,34<br>18,4      |
| P       | mg/g<br>% | 1,28<br>12,2      | 1,39<br>8,2     | 1,39<br>8,2       | 1,62<br>4,1       |
| Ca      | mg/g<br>% | 11,25<br>6,1      | 2,38<br>8,2     | 3,87<br>6,1       | 2,58<br>12,2      |
| Mg      | mg/g<br>% | 0,79<br>10,2      | 1,03<br>4,1     | 0,59<br>4,1       | 0,74<br>6,1       |
| K       | mg/g<br>% | 6,92<br>6,1       | 5,17<br>4,1     | 4,20<br>2,0       | 5,48<br>4,1       |
| Zn      | µg/g<br>% | 55,58<br>6,3      | 41,79<br>8,3    | 22,67<br>10,4     | 50,13<br>8,3      |
| Mn      | µg/g<br>% | 304,90<br>0       | 318,30<br>0     | 1271,00<br>2,0    | 975,80<br>2,0     |
| Fe      | µg/g<br>% | 108,20<br>29,8    | 68,93<br>19,1   | 109,60<br>14,9    | 143,50<br>12,8    |
| Cu      | µg/g<br>% | 4,41<br>9,1       | 3,41<br>11,6    | 3,02<br>11,6      | 4,28<br>6,8       |
| Pb      | µg/g<br>% | 2,35<br>20,0      | 0,55<br>42,0    | 0,82<br>30,1      | 1,99<br>6,9       |
| Cd      | ng/g<br>% | 34,54<br>52,6     | 104,40<br>9,1   | 103,30<br>21,8    | 443,20<br>8,3     |
| B       | µg/g<br>% | 20,80<br>7,7      | 11,60<br>15,4   | 10,48<br>19,2     | 18,17<br>7,7      |
| C       | %<br>%    | 50,56<br>21,4     | 52,33<br>25,0   | 52,34<br>14,3     | 52,40<br>21,43    |
| Na      | µg/g<br>% | 46,39<br>46,4     | 35,02<br>53,6   | 71,71<br>19,4     | 220,70<br>6,1     |
| Al*     | µg/g<br>% | (78,07)<br>(42,3) | (283,20)<br>(0) | (138,70)<br>(7,4) | (220,30)<br>(3,7) |

### 3.1 Nitrogen (pp 2-1, 3-1, 3-2)

\* For the Al-problem pay attention to chapter 3.18 on page 1-18

In comparison with the 4<sup>th</sup> ringtest the percentage of outliers increased from 6.6% to 10.1%. Three laboratories (14, 18, 46) failed with all four samples. Some other laboratories have a single outlier. They used different methods.

Eight laboratories still use the traditional Kjeldahl-methods. The trend to Kjeldahl-apparatus or to elemental analysers is evident. The use of Kjeldahl-apparatus (D11) show a tendency to lower values and more outliers.

The dominance of elemental analysers (C-N-S) is to be expected in the future.

### **3.2 Sulphur (pp 2-6, 3-3, 3-4)**

In comparison with the 4<sup>th</sup> ringtest the percentage of outliers increased from 9.8% to 14.2%. Eight Laboratories failed with two and more samples. The reason is to be found within the laboratories because they used different methods.

28 laboratories used ICP for determination, 8 laboratories used an elemental analyser and 5 of them used X-ray-spectroscopy. The results are mostly good, specially for the combination of closed digestion (P 4.1 / P 5.1) with ICP (D 31).

Dry ashing and classical titration cannot longer be accepted. This method tends to lower values.

### **3.3 Phosphorus (pp 2-11, 3-5, 3-6)**

The results are good. Only a three laboratories (26, 29, 46) have apparently difficulties with the determination of phosphorus. This may be due to internal problems because the participants applied different methods.

Generally all wet digestions using HNO<sub>3</sub> followed by determination by ICP lead to very good results.

Results achieved by X-ray-spectroscopy are acceptable.

Photometric methods tends to lower values.

Best results are gained with digestions in a closed system and determination with ICP-spectroscopy.

### **3.4. Calcium (pp 2-16, 3-7, 3-8)**

The results are not so good as they have been in the 4<sup>th</sup> ringtest. Six laboratories (5, 10, 19, 27, 30, 46) found extremely deviating results for calcium. They used different methods.

The best results can be obtained from the combination of HNO<sub>3</sub> digestion in a closed system with ICP determination. Dry ashing methods cannot longer be accepted.

Results from X-ray spectroscopy are good.

### **3.5 Magnesium (pp 2-21, 3-9, 3-10)**

The have the same results for magnesium as for Calcium and find more laboratories with problems (10, 25, 27, 30, 36, 51)

The best results are obtained from combined HNO<sub>3</sub> digestion with ICP. This will be the chosen method for magnesium as well.

Results from energy disperse X-ray-spectroscopy are acceptable.

### **3.6 Potassium** (pp 2-26, 3-11, 3-12)

Results for potassium are very well. Only three laboratories (12, 26, 27) have too much outliers.

Pressure digestion in combination with ICP leads to the best results and should be preferred in future. Yet results obtained by flame AAS or classic flame photometry are fairly acceptable. Results from X-ray spectroscopy are good.

### **3.7 Zinc** (pp 2-31, 3-13, 3-14)

Zinc causes problems for five laboratories (13, 36, 37a, 41, 52). But the number of values below the tolerance limit of  $\pm 20\%$  is with 8,3% even lower than in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> ringtest. Open acidic digestion should be avoided. Digestion with HNO<sub>3</sub> in closed pressure or microwave systems is recommended.

ICP-OES and with restriction X-ray fluorescence spectrometry have proved advantageous against flame AAS.

### **3.8 Manganese** (pp 2-36, 3-15, 3-16)

Manganese shows with only 1% the lowest number of values outside the limits. Only one laboratory (16) find too high values in two samples.

All methods (HNO<sub>3</sub>-digestion with AAS or ICP, resp. X-ray spectroscopy) are useful.

### **3.9 Iron** (pp 2-41, 3-17, 3-18)

This is the element which become not better within the last 4 ringtests. The number of values beyond the limits of  $\pm 20\%$  is still too high. Similar to sodium the ubiquity of iron in all laboratory equipment plays an important role and it is supposed that the analytical problems will decrease with higher values ( $> 100\mu\text{g/kg}$ ).

Graphic evaluation according to digestion methods indicates risks with open acid digestion. Simple pressure digestion with HNO<sub>3</sub> followed by ICP is recommended, microwave digestion would be the second choice.

X-ray fluorescence analysis proved to be not feasible.

### **3.10 Copper** (pp 2-46, 3-19, 3-20)

The results are surprisingly good. In the last 3 ringtests we stated about 20% of outliers, now we find only 10%.

Only 5 laboratories show clearly deviating results (10, 13, 24, 35, 54). A look at the graphic evaluation reveals that 3 of them used open systems, two of them microwave digestion.

Nevertheless, pressure bomb or microwave systems are to be preferred.

Self-made purest water can contain copper from copper pipes and cause false results.

Contamination can stem from contact of digestion acids with metal parts in the pressure system as well.

Good results can be obtained from ICP and also from graphite tube AAS.

The results from X-ray fluorescence are very good but this method is only recommendable for samples with higher copper contents.

### **3.11 Lead** (pp 2-51, 3-21, 3-22)

The analysis of lead in foliar became much better during the last 4 ringtests. The percentage of outliers from the given limit of  $\pm 30\%$  decreased from 53 to 24 percent.

Digestion in closed systems (pressure or microwave digestion) followed by flameless-Aas, ICP- OES with USN or ICP-Ms seem to be recommendable.

X-ray fluorescent spectroscopy is only suitable for concentrations of  $> 1 \mu\text{g/g Pb}$ .

### **3.12 Cadmium** (pp 2-56, 3-23, 3-24)

As stated for lead before, the overall result has to be considered very positive. About 20 % of the results lie outside the tolerance range of  $\pm 30\%$ . The error rate decreases drastically with the increase of the concentration. Only two laboratories (24, 36) delivered too high values for all samples. Apart from that single outliers dominate.

No particular digestion method is to be stated as being clearly of advantage. Flameless-AAS or ICP are the determination methods of choice. X-ray-spectroscopy is only useful for samples with Cd-contents  $> 2 \mu\text{g Pb}$ .

### **3.13 Boron** (pp 2-61, 3-25, 3-26)

The results are very good. Boron has been determined by about half of the laboratories of which only one (36) delivered strongly deviating results with a photometric method after dry ashing.

Most laboratories used according to the suggestions the closed digestion with  $\text{HNO}_3$  followed by ICP-OES.

### **3.16 Carbon** (pp 2-66, 3-27, 3-28)

The results for the element Carbon are very disappointing. The number of laboratories which analysed C have doubled, but the percentage of outliers increased from 3 to 20 percent. It is obvious that many of the new elemental analysers are not well calibrated. This must be a duty of the concerned laboratories (2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 15, 39).

### **3.17 Sodium** (pp 2-71, 3-29, 3-30)

Sodium is cancelled from the list of the optional elements by the expert panel (Tampere 2001). The data are given in the tables only for information. But it is of very interest that the

percentage of outliers decreased from 43% to 25%. It is obvious that only the use of closed digestion systems are suitable.

### **3.18 Aluminium** (pp 2-76, 3-31.3-32)

Aluminium was cancelled from the list of the optional elements because only a minority of laboratories fulfil the instructions of the foliar manual to use HF for digestion. The data cannot be right and are given in the tables only for information.

## **4. Conclusions**

The results of the 5<sup>th</sup> ringtest of ICP Forests show generally a good analytical quality in foliar analysis. But this is no matter of course as we have stated for carbon e.g.. A high standard must be elaborated each day by praxis and by a good quality control. This quality praxis must become a tradition for each laboratory and for each new member of the staff too.

The 5<sup>th</sup> ringtest confirm the conclusions of the last one: It is reasonable to restrict the allowed methods on a minimum:

4. Elemental analysers (for C, N and S)
5. HNO<sub>3</sub>-digestions in closed systems (pressure bomb or microwave) in combination with ICP-OES or ICP-MS (for S, P, Ca, etc.) or Flameless-AAS (for Cu, Pb, Cd)
6. X-ray fluorescence analysis for S, P, Ca, Mg, K, Zn, Mn, and Cu, Pb, Cd, if the contents are not too low.

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## **ICP Forests Foliar Analysis Methods Code (2001/2002)**

### **Pretreatments**

#### **P0 No information**

**P1 No pretreatment**

**P2 Extractions**

P2.1 Extraction, H<sub>2</sub>O

P2.2 Extraction, HNO<sub>3</sub>

P2.2 Extraction, aqua regia

**P3 Wet ashings at room pressure (open system)**

P3.1 Wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub>

P3.2 Wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HF

P3.3 Wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>

P3.4 Wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>/HF

P3.5 Wet ashing HNO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

P3.6 Wet ashing HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub> /H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

P3.7 Wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>/CaCl<sub>2</sub>

P3.8 Wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

P3.9 wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>/HCl

P3.10 Wet ashing, HNO<sub>3</sub> /H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

P3.11 Wet ashing, aqua regia

P3.20 Wet ashing, HClO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

P3.21 Wet ashing, HClO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

P3.31 Wet ashing, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

P3.32 Wet ashing, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>7</sub>

P3.50 Kjeldahl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/ Se-catalyst

P3.51 Kjeldahl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/Cu-catalyst

P3.52 Kjeldahl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/Ti-Cu-catalyst

P3.53 Kjeldahl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/Hg-catalyst

**P4 Pressure digestions (closed system)**

P4.1 Pressure digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>,

P4.2 Pressure digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HF

P4.3 Pressure digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>,

P4.4 Pressure digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>/HF,

P4.5 Pressure digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>,

**P5 Microwave pressure digestions (closed system)**

P5.1 Microwave digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>,

P5.2 Microwave digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HF

P5.3 Microwave digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>

P5.4 Microwave digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub>/HF

P5.5 Microwave digestion, HNO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>,

- P5.6** Microwave digestion,  $\text{HNO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HF}$
- P5.7** Microwave digestion,  $\text{HNO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HCl}$
- P5.8** Microwave aqua regia

**P6 Dry ashings**

- P6.1** Dry ashing, dissolution with  $\text{HNO}_3$
- P6.2** Dry ashing, dissolution with  $\text{HNO}_3/\text{MgNO}_3$
- P6.3** Dry ashing, dissolution with  $\text{HNO}_3/\text{HF}$
- P6.4** Dry ashing, dissolution with  $\text{HNO}_3/\text{HCl}$
- P6.5** Dry ashing, dissolution with  $\text{HCl}$
- P6.6** Dry ashing, dissolution with  $\text{HCl}/\text{HF}$
- P6.7** Dry ashing, dissolution with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

**P7 Oxygen ashings**

- P7.1** Oxygen ashing, Schöniger
- P7.2** Oxygen ashing, Wickbold
- P7.3** Oxygen ashing, calorimetric bomb

**P9 X-ray-pretreatments and other pretreatments**

- P9.1** Material pressed (Pellet)
- P9.2** Material melted and formed (tablet)
- P9.5** Melting ( $\text{NaOH}$ )

**Detections**

- D0** No information
- D1** No detection

**D10 Elemental-analyzers**

**D11 Kjeldahl-apparatus**

**D11.1** Kjeldahl-apparatus (Tecator)

**D11.2** Kjeldahl-apparatus (Gerhardt)

**D11.3** Kjeldahl-apparatus (Büchi)

**D12 N-Analyzer**

**D12.1** N-Analyzer (Heraeus/Elementar )

**D12.2** N-Analyzer (Vario)

**D12.3** N-Analyzer (Leco)

**D13 C-Analyzer**

**D13.1** C-Analyzer (Leco)

**D14 S-Analyzer**

**D14.1** S-Analyzer (Leco)

**D15 C/N-Analyzer**

**D15.1** C/N-Analyzer (Carlo-Erba)

**D15.2** C/N-Analyzer (Leco)

**D15.3** C/N-Analyzer (Heraeus)

**D15.4** C/N-Analyzer (Vario)

**D16 C/S-Analyzer**

**D16.1** C/S-Analyzer (Leco)

**D17 C/N/S-Analyzer**

**D17.1** C/N/S-Analyzer (Leco)

**D17.2**

**D18 C/N/H-Analyzer**

**D18.1** C/N/H-Analyzer (Leco)

**D18.2** C/H/N-Analyzer (Heraeus)

**D20 Mono-Atom-Spectrometry-Techniques**

**D21** AAS-flame technique

**D21.1** AAS-flame technique (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>/Air)

**D21.2** AAS-flame technique (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>O)

**D22** AAS-flameless technique

**D24** AAS-hydride technique

**D25** AAS-cold vapor technique

**D26** AFS-hydride-technique

**D28** AES-Flame photometer

**D30 Multi-Atom-Spectrometry-techniques**

**D31** ICP-AES without Ultrasonic nebulisation

**D32** ICP-AES with Ultrasonic nebulisation

**D35** ICP-MS

**D40 Physical techniques**

**D41** X-ray-energy dispersive

**D42** X-ray-wavelength dispersive

**D45** Neutron activation analysis (NAA)

**D47**  $\gamma$ -spectroscopy

**D50 UV-VIS-spectrophotometry-techniques**

**D51 Colorimetric N-Determination**

**D51.1** Indophenol-blue-method

**D51.2** Flow Injection (FIAS) - NH<sub>3</sub>-Membrane-diffusion, 566 nm

**D51.3** Continuous flow method, Indophenol blue

**D52 Colorimetric S-Determination**

**D52.1** BaCl<sub>2</sub>-methods (Nephelometry)

**D53 Colorimetric P-Determination**

**D53.1** Molybdene-blue-method

**D53.2** Vanadium-Mo-blue-method

**D53.3** Continuous flow method, Molybdene-blue

**D54 Colorimetric B-Determination**

**D54.1** Azomethin - H

**D54.2** Carmine

**D60 Ion-chromatographic techniques**

**D61.1** Anion-Chromatography w. chemical suppression

**D61.2** Anion-Chromatography w. electr. suppression

**D62.1** Kation-Chromatography w. chemical suppression

**D62.2** Kation-Chromatography w. electr. suppression

**D70 Electrochemical methods**

**D71** Conductimetry

**D71.1** Conductometric titration

**D72** Potentiometry

**D72.1** pH

**D72.2** other ion selective elektrodes

**D73** Potentiometric titrations

**D74** Stripping potentiometry

**D75** Voltammetry

**D76** Polarography

**D77** Amperometry

**D78** Electrophoresis

**D79** Redox potential

**D80 Classical analytical techniques**

**D81** Gravimetry

**D82** Titration

**D82.1**  $\text{NH}_4$ -back titration

**D82.2** Thiocyanate-titration

**D82.3**  $\text{FeNH}_4\text{SO}_4$ -Titration

**D82.4** Barimetric titration

**D82.5**  $\text{AgNO}_3$ -Titration

**D90 other detections**

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## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
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|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 14 | P1           | D11.2   | 9.90         | ab | 10.32 | a  | 10.40 a  | <b>10,32 *</b>         | 0,27  | 2,62 |
| 2            | 18 | P3.31        | D51.2   | 10.90        | a  | 10.50 | ab | 10.80 a  | <b>10,80 *</b>         | 0,21  | 1,94 |
| 3            | 7  | P1           | D15     | 11.30        | ab | 11.50 | a  | 11.50 a  | <b>11,47</b>           | 0,12  | 1,05 |
| 4            | 16 | P1           | D11.2   | 11.40        | a  | 12.00 | ab | 11.50 a  | <b>11,50</b>           | 0,32  | 2,78 |
| 5            | 51 | P1           | D11     | 11,62        |    | 11,69 |    | 11,65    | <b>11,65</b>           | 0,04  | 0,34 |
| 6            | 2  | P3.50        | D51     | 11.40        | b  | 11,90 |    | 11,80    | <b>11,80</b>           | 0,26  | 2,20 |
| 7            | 41 | P1           | D15.4   | 12.69        | b  | 11,82 |    | 11,87    | <b>11,88</b>           | 0,49  | 4,12 |
| 8            | 4  | P1           | D17.1   | 12.10        | b  | 11,80 |    | 11,90    | <b>11,90</b>           | 0,15  | 1,26 |
| 9            | 5  | P1           | D11.1   | 12,04        |    | 11,99 |    | 11,97    | <b>12,00</b>           | 0,04  | 0,33 |
| 10           | 52 | P1           | D15.2   | 12,00        |    | 12,10 |    | 11,95    | <b>12,01</b>           | 0,08  | 0,67 |
| 11           | 36 | P3.51        | D82     | 12,09        |    | 12,32 | b  | 11,98    | <b>12,09</b>           | 0,17  | 1,41 |
| 12           | 29 | P1           | D14.1   | 12,17        |    | 12,16 |    | 12,16    | <b>12,16</b>           | 0,01  | 0,08 |
| 13           | 43 | P1           | D13.1   | 12,20        |    | 12,20 |    | 12,20    | <b>12,20</b>           | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 14           | 40 | P1           | D10     | 12,16        |    | 12,23 |    | 12,25    | <b>12,21</b>           | 0,05  | 0,41 |
| 15           | 25 | P1           | D12.3   | 12,20        |    | 12,30 |    | 12,20    | <b>12,23</b>           | 0,06  | 0,49 |
| 16           | 50 | P1           | D10     | 10.58        | b  | 12,25 |    | 12.53 b  | <b>12,25</b>           | 1,05  | 8,57 |
| 17           | 30 | P1           | D11.3   | 12,31        |    | 12,31 |    | 12,33    | <b>12,32</b>           | 0,01  | 0,08 |
| 18           | 10 | P3.50        | D82     | 12.17        | b  | 12.48 | b  | 12,33    | <b>12,33</b>           | 0,16  | 1,30 |
| 19           | 17 | P3.50        | D51     | 12,39        |    | 12,31 |    | 12,42    | <b>12,37</b>           | 0,06  | 0,49 |
| 20           | 9  | P1           | D11.2   | 12,43        |    | 12,38 |    | 12,36    | <b>12,39</b>           | 0,04  | 0,32 |
| 21           | 54 | P1           | D11     | 12,44        |    | 12,37 |    | 12,39    | <b>12,40</b>           | 0,04  | 0,32 |
| 22           | 13 | P1           | D17.1   | 12,51        |    | 12,41 |    | 12,30    | <b>12,41</b>           | 0,11  | 0,89 |
| 23           | 8  | P1           | D15     | 12,50        |    | 12,40 |    | 12,40    | <b>12,43</b>           | 0,06  | 0,48 |
| 24           | 12 | P1           | D17.1   | 12,38        |    | 12,45 |    | 12,45    | <b>12,43</b>           | 0,04  | 0,32 |
| 25           | 48 | P1           | D10     | 12,48        |    | 12,43 |    | 12,46    | <b>12,46</b>           | 0,03  | 0,24 |
| 26           | 23 | P1           | D11     | 12.60        | b  | 12.35 | b  | 12,47    | <b>12,47</b>           | 0,13  | 1,04 |
| 27           | 24 | P1           | D11.3   | 12,54        |    | 12,49 |    | 12,39    | <b>12,48</b>           | 0,08  | 0,64 |
| 28           | 44 | P1           | D10     | 12,60        |    | 12,71 |    | 12,50    | <b>12,60</b>           | 0,11  | 0,87 |
| 29           | 37 | P1           | D10     | 12,61        |    | 12,66 |    | 12,63    | <b>12,63</b>           | 0,03  | 0,24 |
| 30           | 1  | P3.50        | D82     | 12,75        |    | 12,75 |    | 12.47 b  | <b>12,72</b>           | 0,16  | 1,26 |
| 31           | 28 | P3.31        | D51.2   | 12,78        |    | 12,79 |    | 12.52 b  | <b>12,75</b>           | 0,15  | 1,18 |
| 32           | 42 | P1           | D10     | 13.30        | b  | 12,76 |    | 12.42 b  | <b>12,76</b>           | 0,44  | 3,45 |
| 33           | 55 | P1           | D10     | 12,89        |    | 12,82 |    | 12,92    | <b>12,88</b>           | 0,05  | 0,39 |
| 34           | 3  | P1           | D17.1   | 12,89        |    | 12,96 |    | 12,83    | <b>12,89</b>           | 0,07  | 0,54 |
| 35           | 27 | P1           | D11.1   | 12,93        |    | 12,86 |    | 12,91    | <b>12,90</b>           | 0,04  | 0,31 |
| 36           | 45 | P0           | D0      | 13,03        |    | 12.64 | b  | 13,02    | <b>12,99</b>           | 0,22  | 1,69 |
| 37           | 39 | P1           | D11     | 12,90        |    | 13,00 |    | 13.22 b  | <b>13,00</b>           | 0,16  | 1,23 |
| 38           | 38 | P1           | D10     | 13,00        |    | 13,10 |    | 13,10    | <b>13,07</b>           | 0,06  | 0,46 |
| 39           | 19 | P1           | D10     | 13,12        |    | 13,02 |    | 13,16    | <b>13,11</b>           | 0,07  | 0,53 |
| 40           | 15 | P1           | D17.1   | 13,07        |    | 13,15 |    | 13.50 b  | <b>13,15</b>           | 0,23  | 1,75 |
| 41           | 47 | P1           | D15.4   | 13,45        |    | 13,35 |    | 13,40    | <b>13,40</b>           | 0,05  | 0,37 |
| 42           | 6  | P1           | D15     | 13.44        | ab | 13.91 | ab | 13.59 a  | <b>13,59</b>           | 0,24  | 1,77 |
| 43           | 11 | P1           | D11.1   | 13.86        | a  | 13.36 | ab | 14.00 ab | <b>13,86 *</b>         | 0,34  | 2,45 |
| 44           | 20 | P1           | D18.1   | 14.60        | a  | 14.45 | a  | 14.45 a  | <b>14,48 *</b>         | 0,09  | 0,62 |
| 45           | 35 | P3.21        | D11     | 14.75        | ab | 14.36 | ab | 14.61 a  | <b>14,61 *</b>         | 0,20  | 1,37 |
| 46           | 26 | P3.31        | D51     | 15.28        | a  | 14.96 | ab | 15.92 ab | <b>15,28 *</b>         | 0,49  | 3,21 |
| 47           | 46 | P1           | D15.3   | 18.46        | ab | 16.91 | ab | 17.52 a  | <b>17,52 *</b>         | 0,78  | 4,45 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**12,53 0,17 1,33**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 10 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

14,9

Element: N  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 2

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)

=Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |   | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|---|------------------------|-------|------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |   | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1   | 5        | P1           | D11.1   | 8.37         | a  | 7.67  | ab | 8.38     | a | 8,34 *                 | 0,41  | 4,92 |
| 2   | 18       | P3.31        | D51.2   | 9.60         | a  | 9.70  | a  | 9.50     | a | 9,60 *                 | 0,10  | 1,04 |
| 3   | 14       | P1           | D11.2   | 9.87         | ab | 10.80 | ab | 10.47    | a | 10,47 *                | 0,47  | 4,49 |
| 4   | 7        | P1           | D15     | 10.80        | a  | 11.10 | ab | 10.70    | a | 10,80                  | 0,21  | 1,94 |
| 5   | 16       | P1           | D11.2   | 10.70        | a  | 10.80 | a  | 10.90    | a | 10,80                  | 0,10  | 0,93 |
| 6   | 51       | P1           | D11     | 11.13        | ab | 10.92 | a  | 10.99    | a | 10,99                  | 0,11  | 1,00 |
| 7   | 52       | P1           | D15.2   | 11,08        |    | 11,09 |    | 11,15    |   | 11,11                  | 0,04  | 0,36 |
| 8   | 2        | P3.50        | D51     | 11,20        |    | 11,20 |    | 11,50    | b | 11,23                  | 0,17  | 1,51 |
| 9   | 4        | P1           | D17.1   | 11,30        |    | 11,30 |    | 11,40    |   | 11,33                  | 0,06  | 0,53 |
| 10  | 40       | P1           | D10     | 11,46        |    | 11,35 |    | 11,29    |   | 11,35                  | 0,09  | 0,79 |
| 11  | 8        | P1           | D15     | 11,40        |    | 11,30 |    | 11,50    |   | 11,40                  | 0,10  | 0,88 |
| 12  | 11       | P1           | D11.1   | 11,03        | b  | 11,47 |    | 11,64    | b | 11,47                  | 0,31  | 2,70 |
| 13  | 29       | P1           | D14.1   | 11,50        |    | 11,48 |    | 11,44    |   | 11,47                  | 0,03  | 0,26 |
| 14  | 43       | P1           | D13.1   | 11,50        |    | 11,50 |    | 11,40    |   | 11,47                  | 0,06  | 0,52 |
| 15  | 50       | P1           | D10     | 11,01        | b  | 11,54 |    | 11,88    | b | 11,54                  | 0,44  | 3,81 |
| 16  | 42       | P1           | D10     | 11,70        |    | 11,60 |    | 11,40    | b | 11,60                  | 0,15  | 1,29 |
| 17  | 48       | P1           | D10     | 11,66        |    | 11,65 |    | 11,53    |   | 11,62                  | 0,07  | 0,60 |
| 18  | 54       | P1           | D11     | 11,62        |    | 11,59 |    | 11,66    |   | 11,62                  | 0,04  | 0,34 |
| 19  | 12       | P1           | D17.1   | 11,51        | b  | 11,67 |    | 11,69    |   | 11,65                  | 0,10  | 0,86 |
| 20  | 24       | P1           | D11.3   | 11,50        | b  | 11,75 |    | 11,67    |   | 11,67                  | 0,13  | 1,11 |
| 21  | 25       | P1           | D12.3   | 11,70        |    | 11,80 |    | 11,60    |   | 11,70                  | 0,10  | 0,85 |
| 22  | 36       | P3.51        | D82     | 12,00        | b  | 11,65 |    | 11,70    |   | 11,71                  | 0,19  | 1,62 |
| 23  | 26       | P3.31        | D51     | 13,13        | b  | 11,59 | b  | 11,72    |   | 11,72                  | 0,85  | 7,25 |
| 24  | 13       | P1           | D17.1   | 11,76        |    | 11,76 |    | 11,65    |   | 11,73                  | 0,06  | 0,51 |
| 25  | 17       | P3.50        | D51     | 11,74        |    | 11,78 |    | 11,78    |   | 11,77                  | 0,02  | 0,17 |
| 26  | 9        | P1           | D11.2   | 11,77        |    | 11,74 |    | 11,90    |   | 11,79                  | 0,09  | 0,76 |
| 27  | 28       | P3.31        | D51.2   | 12,05        | b  | 11,59 | b  | 11,80    |   | 11,80                  | 0,23  | 1,95 |
| 28  | 44       | P1           | D10     | 11,84        |    | 11,84 |    | 11,62    | b | 11,81                  | 0,13  | 1,10 |
| 29  | 19       | P1           | D10     | 11,94        |    | 11,83 |    | 11,81    |   | 11,85                  | 0,07  | 0,59 |
| 30  | 20       | P1           | D18.1   | 11,55        | b  | 11,85 |    | 12,35    | b | 11,85                  | 0,40  | 3,38 |
| 31  | 37       | P1           | D10     | 11,90        |    | 11,92 |    | 11,95    |   | 11,92                  | 0,03  | 0,25 |
| 32  | 41       | P1           | D15.4   | 12,42        | b  | 11,63 | b  | 11,92    |   | 11,92                  | 0,40  | 3,36 |
| 33  | 30       | P1           | D11.3   | 11,94        |    | 11,94 |    | 11,91    |   | 11,93                  | 0,02  | 0,17 |
| 34  | 23       | P1           | D11     | 11,94        |    | 12,12 | b  | 11,97    |   | 11,99                  | 0,10  | 0,83 |
| 35  | 27       | P1           | D11.1   | 12,03        |    | 12,05 |    | 12,05    |   | 12,04                  | 0,01  | 0,08 |
| 36  | 35       | P3.21        | D11     | 12,08        |    | 11,99 |    | 12,04    |   | 12,04                  | 0,05  | 0,42 |
| 37  | 55       | P1           | D10     | 12,03        |    | 12,00 |    | 12,11    |   | 12,05                  | 0,06  | 0,50 |
| 38  | 45       | P0           | D0      | 12,09        |    | 12,10 |    | 12,20    |   | 12,13                  | 0,06  | 0,49 |
| 39  | 3        | P1           | D17.1   | 12,11        |    | 12,10 |    | 12,42    | b | 12,14                  | 0,18  | 1,48 |
| 40  | 38       | P1           | D10     | 12,20        |    | 12,20 |    | 12,30    |   | 12,23                  | 0,06  | 0,49 |
| 41  | 15       | P1           | D17.1   | 12,06        | b  | 12,31 |    | 12,29    |   | 12,27                  | 0,14  | 1,14 |
| 42  | 22       | P1           | D11     | 12,22        |    | 12,12 |    | 12,22    |   | 12,22                  | 0,11  | 0,92 |

Element: N  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    |       |    | Lab.mean |  | Lab.standard deviation |        |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|-------|----|----------|--|------------------------|--------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |       |    |          |  | abs.                   | rel. % |
| 1   | 18       | P3.31        | D51.2   | 11.60        | a  | 11.70 | a  | 11.70 | a  | 11,68 *  |  | 0,06                   | 0,51   |
| 2   | 14       | P1           | D11.2   | 12.40        | a  | 12.70 | ab | 11.39 | ab | 12,40 *  |  | 0,69                   | 5,56   |
| 3   | 16       | P1           | D11.2   | 12.60        | a  | 12.50 | a  | 12.40 | a  | 12,50 *  |  | 0,10                   | 0,80   |
| 4   | 5        | P1           | D11.1   | 12,99        |    | 13,28 | b  | 12,61 | b  | 12,99    |  | 0,34                   | 2,62   |
| 5   | 51       | P1           | D11     | 13,37        | b  | 12,95 | b  | 13,16 |    | 13,16    |  | 0,21                   | 1,60   |
| 6   | 7        | P1           | D15     | 13,20        |    | 13,20 |    | 13,20 |    | 13,20    |  | 0,00                   | 0,00   |
| 7   | 52       | P1           | D15.2   | 13,30        |    | 13,30 |    | 13,00 | b  | 13,28    |  | 0,17                   | 1,28   |
| 8   | 40       | P1           | D10     | 13,33        |    | 13,39 |    | 13,37 |    | 13,36    |  | 0,03                   | 0,22   |
| 9   | 4        | P1           | D17.1   | 13,40        |    | 13,50 |    | 13,50 |    | 13,48    |  | 0,06                   | 0,45   |
| 10  | 43       | P1           | D13.1   | 13,50        |    | 13,40 |    | 13,50 |    | 13,48    |  | 0,06                   | 0,45   |
| 11  | 42       | P1           | D10     | 13,52        |    | 13,51 |    | 13,49 |    | 13,51    |  | 0,02                   | 0,15   |
| 12  | 2        | P3.50        | D51     | 13,60        |    | 13,50 |    | 13,50 |    | 13,52    |  | 0,06                   | 0,44   |
| 13  | 41       | P1           | D15.4   | 13,83        | b  | 13,52 |    | 13,55 |    | 13,56    |  | 0,17                   | 1,25   |
| 14  | 36       | P3.51        | D82     | 13,83        | b  | 13,50 | b  | 13,61 |    | 13,61    |  | 0,17                   | 1,25   |
| 15  | 13       | P1           | D17.1   | 13,62        |    | 13,51 | b  | 13,73 | b  | 13,62    |  | 0,11                   | 0,81   |
| 16  | 8        | P1           | D15     | 13,60        |    | 13,70 |    | 13,70 |    | 13,68    |  | 0,06                   | 0,44   |
| 17  | 29       | P1           | D14.1   | 13,66        |    | 13,70 |    | 13,68 |    | 13,68    |  | 0,02                   | 0,15   |
| 18  | 30       | P1           | D11.3   | 13,71        |    | 13,70 |    | 13,70 |    | 13,70    |  | 0,01                   | 0,07   |
| 19  | 12       | P1           | D17.1   | 13,74        |    | 13,68 |    | 13,71 |    | 13,71    |  | 0,03                   | 0,22   |
| 20  | 24       | P1           | D11.3   | 13,65        |    | 13,81 |    | 13,72 |    | 13,72    |  | 0,08                   | 0,58   |
| 21  | 48       | P1           | D10     | 13,83        |    | 13,72 |    | 13,71 |    | 13,74    |  | 0,07                   | 0,51   |
| 22  | 50       | P1           | D10     | 13,57        | b  | 13,83 |    | 13,79 |    | 13,79    |  | 0,14                   | 1,02   |
| 23  | 23       | P1           | D11     | 13,71        | b  | 13,90 |    | 13,91 |    | 13,88    |  | 0,11                   | 0,79   |
| 24  | 20       | P1           | D18.1   | 13,90        |    | 13,95 |    | 13,50 | b  | 13,90    |  | 0,25                   | 1,80   |
| 25  | 44       | P1           | D10     | 13,90        |    | 14,01 | b  | 13,79 | b  | 13,90    |  | 0,11                   | 0,79   |
| 26  | 9        | P1           | D11.2   | 13,83        | b  | 14,00 |    | 14,07 |    | 14,00    |  | 0,12                   | 0,86   |
| 27  | 17       | P3.50        | D51     | 14,01        |    | 13,99 |    | 14,13 | b  | 14,02    |  | 0,08                   | 0,57   |
| 28  | 25       | P1           | D12.3   | 14,10        |    | 14,00 |    | 14,00 |    | 14,02    |  | 0,06                   | 0,43   |
| 29  | 37       | P1           | D10     | 14,00        |    | 14,10 |    | 14,20 |    | 14,10    |  | 0,10                   | 0,71   |
| 30  | 10       | P3.50        | D82     | 14,11        |    | 14,11 |    | 14,11 |    | 14,11    |  | 0,00                   | 0,00   |
| 31  | 45       | P0           | D0      | 14,14        |    | 14,00 | b  | 14,19 |    | 14,14    |  | 0,10                   | 0,71   |
| 32  | 54       | P1           | D11     | 14,16        |    | 14,11 |    | 14,19 |    | 14,15    |  | 0,04                   | 0,28   |
| 33  | 28       | P3.31        | D51.2   | 14,30        |    | 14,27 |    | 14,36 |    | 14,31    |  | 0,05                   | 0,35   |
| 34  | 55       | P1           | D10     | 14,35        |    | 14,21 | b  | 14,33 |    | 14,32    |  | 0,08                   | 0,56   |
| 35  | 3        | P1           | D17.1   | 14,26        |    | 14,33 |    | 14,44 | b  | 14,33    |  | 0,09                   | 0,63   |
| 36  | 1        | P3.50        | D82     | 14,78        | b  | 14,35 |    | 14,00 | b  | 14,35    |  | 0,39                   | 2,72   |
| 37  | 11       | P1           | D11.1   | 13,87        | b  | 14,35 |    | 14,41 |    | 14,35    |  | 0,30                   | 2,09   |
| 38  | 27       | P1           | D11.1   | 14,37        |    | 14,39 |    | 14,37 |    | 14,38    |  | 0,01                   | 0,07   |
| 39  | 26       | P3.31        | D51     | 14,39        |    | 14,86 | b  | 14,33 |    | 14,39    |  | 0,29                   | 2,02   |
| 40  | 39       | P1           | D11     | 14,31        | b  | 14,42 |    | 14,73 | b  | 14,42    |  | 0,22                   | 1,53   |
| 41  | 38       | P1           | D10     | 14,50        |    | 14,50 |    | 14,40 |    | 14,48    |  | 0,06                   | 0,41   |
| 42  | 47       | P1           | D15.4   | 14,50        |    | 14,49 |    | 14,45 |    | 14,48    |  | 0,03                   | 0,21   |
| 43  | 19       | P1           | D10     | 14,67        |    | 14,58 |    | 14,51 |    | 14,58    |  | 0,08                   | 0,55   |
| 44  | 35       | P3.21        | D11     | 14,99        | ab | 14,84 | a  | 14,78 | a  | 14,84    |  | 0,11                   | 0,74   |
| 45  | 6        | P1           | D15     | 15,12        | a  | 14,96 | ab | 15,12 | a  | 15,10    |  | 0,09                   | 0,60   |
| 46  | 15       | P1           | D17.1   | 14,93        | ab | 15,18 | a  | 15,14 | a  | 15,14    |  | 0,13                   | 0,86   |
| 47  | 46       | P1           | D15.3   | 17,29        | ab | 18,40 | a  | 18,44 | a  | 18,40 *  |  | 0,65                   | 3,53   |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**13,91 0,13 0,94**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 10 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

8,5

Element: N  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 14 | P1           | D11.2   | 17.01        | ab | 17.26 | a  | 17.58 ab | 17,26 *                | 0,29  | 1,68 |
| 2            | 18 | P3.31        | D51.2   | 17.30        | a  | 17.40 | a  | 17.70 ab | 17,40 *                | 0,21  | 1,21 |
| 3            | 16 | P1           | D11.2   | 18.30        | ab | 18.10 | a  | 18.00 a  | 18,10                  | 0,15  | 0,83 |
| 4            | 51 | P1           | D11     | 18,83        |    | 18,76 |    | 18,79    | 18,79                  | 0,04  | 0,21 |
| 5            | 2  | P3.50        | D51     | 19.50        | b  | 19,00 |    | 18.70 b  | 19,00                  | 0,40  | 2,11 |
| 6            | 30 | P1           | D11.3   | 18,96        |    | 18,96 |    | 19,08    | 19,00                  | 0,07  | 0,37 |
| 7            | 5  | P1           | D11.1   | 19.37        | b  | 19,08 |    | 18.60 b  | 19,08                  | 0,39  | 2,04 |
| 8            | 40 | P1           | D10     | 19,29        |    | 19,14 |    | 19,07    | 19,15                  | 0,11  | 0,57 |
| 9            | 36 | P3.51        | D82     | 19,10        |    | 19,21 |    | 19.43 b  | 19,21                  | 0,17  | 0,88 |
| 10           | 41 | P1           | D15.4   | 19,36        |    | 19.14 | b  | 19,52    | 19,36                  | 0,19  | 0,98 |
| 11           | 35 | P3.21        | D11     | 19.76        | b  | 19,31 |    | 19,43    | 19,43                  | 0,23  | 1,18 |
| 12           | 4  | P1           | D17.1   | 19,40        |    | 19,40 |    | 19,60    | 19,44                  | 0,12  | 0,62 |
| 13           | 43 | P1           | D13.1   | 19,50        |    | 19,50 |    | 19,40    | 19,47                  | 0,06  | 0,31 |
| 14           | 1  | P3.50        | D82     | 19,46        |    | 19.85 | b  | 19,43    | 19,49                  | 0,23  | 1,18 |
| 15           | 7  | P1           | D15     | 19,50        |    | 20.00 | b  | 19.20 b  | 19,50                  | 0,40  | 2,05 |
| 16           | 29 | P1           | D14.1   | 19,59        |    | 19,55 |    | 19,53    | 19,56                  | 0,03  | 0,15 |
| 17           | 52 | P1           | D15.2   | 19,70        |    | 19,60 |    | 19,50    | 19,60                  | 0,10  | 0,51 |
| 18           | 42 | P1           | D10     | 19,47        |    | 19,61 |    | 19,73    | 19,61                  | 0,13  | 0,66 |
| 19           | 13 | P1           | D17.1   | 19.95        | b  | 19,73 |    | 19,73    | 19,77                  | 0,13  | 0,66 |
| 20           | 12 | P1           | D17.1   | 19,87        |    | 19,89 |    | 19,85    | 19,87                  | 0,02  | 0,10 |
| 21           | 24 | P1           | D11.3   | 19,79        |    | 19,96 |    | 19,87    | 19,87                  | 0,09  | 0,45 |
| 22           | 54 | P1           | D11     | 20,01        |    | 19,94 |    | 20,03    | 19,99                  | 0,05  | 0,25 |
| 23           | 25 | P1           | D12.3   | 20,00        |    | 19.00 | b  | 21.00 b  | 20,00                  | 1,00  | 5,00 |
| 24           | 20 | P1           | D18.1   | 19.73        | b  | 20,03 |    | 20.27 b  | 20,03                  | 0,27  | 1,35 |
| 25           | 8  | P1           | D15     | 19.70        | b  | 20,10 |    | 20,10    | 20,06                  | 0,23  | 1,15 |
| 26           | 17 | P3.50        | D51     | 20,08        |    | 20,15 |    | 20,07    | 20,10                  | 0,04  | 0,20 |
| 27           | 50 | P1           | D10     | 19.57        | b  | 20,13 |    | 20,23    | 20,13                  | 0,36  | 1,79 |
| 28           | 45 | P0           | D0      | 20,17        |    | 20,15 |    | 20.81 b  | 20,20                  | 0,38  | 1,88 |
| 29           | 48 | P1           | D10     | 20,24        |    | 20,13 |    | 20.46 b  | 20,24                  | 0,17  | 0,84 |
| 30           | 9  | P1           | D11.2   | 20,34        |    | 20,34 |    | 20,32    | 20,33                  | 0,01  | 0,05 |
| 31           | 28 | P3.31        | D51.2   | 19.88        | b  | 20,53 |    | 20,47    | 20,46                  | 0,36  | 1,76 |
| 32           | 44 | P1           | D10     | 20,54        |    | 20.86 | b  | 20.32 b  | 20,54                  | 0,27  | 1,31 |
| 33           | 37 | P1           | D10     | 20,47        |    | 20,60 |    | 20,57    | 20,55                  | 0,07  | 0,34 |
| 34           | 10 | P3.50        | D82     | 20.87        | b  | 20.28 | b  | 20,57    | 20,57                  | 0,30  | 1,46 |
| 35           | 6  | P1           | D15     | 20.44        | b  | 20,63 |    | 20,71    | 20,63                  | 0,14  | 0,68 |
| 36           | 27 | P1           | D11.1   | 20,61        |    | 20,65 |    | 20,62    | 20,63                  | 0,02  | 0,10 |
| 37           | 23 | P1           | D11     | 20,61        |    | 20,65 |    | 20,73    | 20,66                  | 0,06  | 0,29 |
| 38           | 3  | P1           | D17.1   | 20,77        |    | 20,68 |    | 20,72    | 20,72                  | 0,05  | 0,24 |
| 39           | 38 | P1           | D10     | 20,80        |    | 20,80 |    | 20,80    | 20,80                  | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 40           | 39 | P1           | D11     | 20,89        |    | 20,79 |    | 21.11 b  | 20,89                  | 0,16  | 0,77 |
| 41           | 55 | P1           | D10     | 21,00        |    | 20.70 | b  | 20,92    | 20,92                  | 0,16  | 0,76 |
| 42           | 47 | P1           | D15.4   | 21,42        |    | 21,36 |    | 21,45    | 21,41                  | 0,05  | 0,23 |
| 43           | 11 | P1           | D11.1   | 20.82        | ab | 21.46 | a  | 21.75 ab | 21,46                  | 0,48  | 2,24 |
| 44           | 19 | P1           | D10     | 21.42        | a  | 21.50 | a  | 21.45 a  | 21,46                  | 0,04  | 0,19 |
| 45           | 26 | P3.31        | D51     | 21.41        | ab | 22.21 | ab | 21.60 a  | 21,60                  | 0,42  | 1,94 |
| 46           | 15 | P1           | D17.1   | 22.18        | a  | 21.85 | a  | 22.01 a  | 22,01                  | 0,17  | 0,77 |
| 47           | 46 | P1           | D15.3   | 24.03        | a  | 23.36 | ab | 25.94 ab | 24,03 *                | 1,34  | 5,58 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**20,04 0,22 1,06**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 10 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-5

6,4

Element: S  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |               |             |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%         |             |       |
| 1            | 5   | P6.2         | D52.1   | 0.77         | a  | 0.76 | a  | 0.76     | a                       | <b>0,76 *</b> | 0,01        | 1,32  |
| 2            | 30  | P3.9         | D52.1   | 1.10         | a  | 1.12 | a  | 1.11     | a                       | <b>1,11</b>   | 0,01        | 0,90  |
| 3            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.15         | a  | 1.09 | ab | 1.13     | a                       | <b>1,13</b>   | 0,03        | 2,65  |
| 4            | 13  | P1           | D17.1   | 1.12         | b  | 1,16 |    | 1,17     |                         | <b>1,15</b>   | 0,03        | 2,61  |
| 5            | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 1.00         | b  | 1.30 | b  | 1,15     |                         | <b>1,15</b>   | 0,15        | 13,04 |
| 6            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 1,16         |    | 1,15 |    | 1,14     |                         | <b>1,15</b>   | 0,01        | 0,87  |
| 7            | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 1,15         |    | 1,16 |    | 1,17     |                         | <b>1,16</b>   | 0,01        | 0,86  |
| 8            | 36  | P6.5         | D52.1   | 1.26         | b  | 1.16 | b  | 1,19     |                         | <b>1,19</b>   | 0,05        | 4,20  |
| 9            | 19  | P1           | D10     | 1,22         |    | 1,28 | b  | 1,18     | b                       | <b>1,22</b>   | 0,05        | 4,10  |
| 10           | 28  | P6           | D60     | 1,23         |    | 1,24 |    | 1,23     |                         | <b>1,23</b>   | 0,01        | 0,81  |
| 11           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1,24         |    | 1,23 |    | 1,24     |                         | <b>1,24</b>   | 0,01        | 0,81  |
| 12           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,23         |    | 1,24 |    | 1,25     |                         | <b>1,24</b>   | 0,01        | 0,81  |
| 13           | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,23         |    | 1,23 |    | 1,25     |                         | <b>1,24</b>   | 0,01        | 0,81  |
| 14           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,26         |    | 1,24 |    | 1,24     |                         | <b>1,25</b>   | 0,01        | 0,80  |
| 15           | 20  | P1           | D16.1   | 1,25         |    | 1,23 |    | 1,26     |                         | <b>1,25</b>   | 0,02        | 1,60  |
| 16           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,26         |    | 1,26 |    | 1,25     |                         | <b>1,26</b>   | 0,01        | 0,79  |
| 17           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 1,27         |    | 1,28 |    | 1,27     |                         | <b>1,27</b>   | 0,01        | 0,79  |
| 18           | 49  | P1           | D10     | 1,26         |    | 1,27 |    | 1,28     |                         | <b>1,27</b>   | 0,01        | 0,79  |
| 19           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,28         |    | 1,27 |    | 1,29     |                         | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,01        | 0,78  |
| 20           | 10  | P3.3         | D82     | 1.22         | b  | 1.34 | b  | 1,28     |                         | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,06        | 4,69  |
| 21           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,27         |    | 1,28 |    | 1,30     |                         | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,02        | 1,56  |
| 22           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,27         |    | 1,26 |    | 1.30     | b                       | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,02        | 1,56  |
| 23           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1,27         |    | 1,29 |    | 1,27     |                         | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,01        | 0,78  |
| 24           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,28         |    | 1,30 |    | 1,27     |                         | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,02        | 1,56  |
| 25           | 1   | P1           | D14.1   | 1.25         | b  | 1,29 |    | 1,31     |                         | <b>1,29</b>   | 0,03        | 2,33  |
| 26           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,27         |    | 1,31 |    | 1,29     |                         | <b>1,29</b>   | 0,02        | 1,55  |
| 27           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,29         |    | 1,28 |    | 1,29     |                         | <b>1,29</b>   | 0,01        | 0,78  |
| 28           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1,30         |    | 1,30 |    | 1,30     |                         | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,00        | 0,00  |
| 29           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,30         |    | 1,28 |    | 1,31     |                         | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,02        | 1,54  |
| 30           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.33         | b  | 1,29 |    | 1,30     |                         | <b>1,31</b>   | 0,02        | 1,53  |
| 31           | 25  | P1           | D14.1   | 1,32         |    | 1,30 |    | 1,32     |                         | <b>1,31</b>   | 0,01        | 0,76  |
| 32           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,32         |    | 1.35 | b  | 1.29     | b                       | <b>1,32</b>   | 0,03        | 2,27  |
| 33           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1,33         |    | 1,34 |    | 1,32     |                         | <b>1,33</b>   | 0,01        | 0,75  |
| 34           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1,31         |    | 1.35 | b  | 1,32     |                         | <b>1,33</b>   | 0,02        | 1,50  |
| 35           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1,34         |    | 1.37 | b  | 1.29     | b                       | <b>1,34</b>   | 0,04        | 2,99  |
| 36           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1,33         |    | 1,35 |    | 1,34     |                         | <b>1,34</b>   | 0,01        | 0,75  |
| 37           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 1,35         |    | 1.39 | b  | 1.32     | b                       | <b>1,35</b>   | 0,04        | 2,96  |
| 38           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,34 |    | 1,35     |                         | <b>1,35</b>   | 0,01        | 0,74  |
| 39           | 3   | P1           | D16.1   | 1.39         | b  | 1.33 | b  | 1,36     |                         | <b>1,36</b>   | 0,03        | 2,21  |
| 40           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,36         |    | 1,36 |    | 1,35     |                         | <b>1,36</b>   | 0,01        | 0,74  |
| 41           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,37         |    | 1,36 |    | 1.41     | b                       | <b>1,38</b>   | 0,03        | 2,17  |
| 42           | 18  | P5           | D31     | 1,40         |    | 1,40 |    | 1,40     |                         | <b>1,40</b>   | 0,00        | 0,00  |
| 43           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.48         | a  | 1.51 | ab | 1.46     | a                       | <b>1,48</b>   | 0,03        | 2,03  |
| 44           | 24  | P3.3         | D52.1   | 1.60         | ab | 1.52 | ab | 1.55     | a                       | <b>1,55</b>   | 0,04        | 2,58  |
| 45           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 1.56         | a  | 1.56 | a  | 1.49     | ab                      | <b>1,55</b>   | 0,04        | 2,58  |
| 46           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.65         | ab | 1.69 | a  | 1.68     | a                       | <b>1,67 *</b> | 0,02        | 1,20  |
| 47           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.69         | a  | 1.69 | a  | 1.69     | a                       | <b>1,69 *</b> | 0,00        | 0,00  |
| 48           | 23  | P3.3         | D52     | 1.74         | a  | 1.87 | ab | 1.60     | ab                      | <b>1,74 *</b> | 0,14        | 8,05  |
| 49           | 15  | P1           | D17.1   | 1.78         | a  | 1.73 | ab | 1.80     | a                       | <b>1,78 *</b> | 0,04        | 2,25  |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |               |             |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%         |             |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | <b>1,29</b>             | <b>0,03</b>   | <b>1,91</b> |       |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

10,2

Element: S  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      | Lab.mean |                         | Lab.standard deviation |               |      |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |          |                         | abs.                   | rel.%         |      |      |
| 1            | 5   | P6.2         | D52.1   | 0.42         | a  | 0.43 | ab       | 0.36                    | ab                     | <b>0,42 *</b> | 0,04 | 9,52 |
| 2            | 10  | P3.3         | D82     | 0.55         | ab | 0.56 | a        | 0.57                    | ab                     | <b>0,56 *</b> | 0,01 | 1,79 |
| 3            | 30  | P3.9         | D52.1   | 0.61         | ab | 0.64 | ab       | 0.63                    | a                      | <b>0,63 *</b> | 0,02 | 3,17 |
| 4            | 36  | P6.5         | D52.1   | 0.62         | ab | 0.67 | a        | 0.68                    | ab                     | <b>0,67 *</b> | 0,03 | 4,48 |
| 5            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.72         | a  | 0.73 | ab       | 0.72                    | a                      | <b>0,72</b>   | 0,01 | 1,39 |
| 6            | 28  | P6           | D60     | 0.73         | ab | 0.72 | a        | 0.72                    | a                      | <b>0,72</b>   | 0,01 | 1,39 |
| 7            | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 0,77         |    | 0,77 |          | 0,77                    |                        | <b>0,77</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 8            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.69         | b  | 0,78 |          | 0.81                    | b                      | <b>0,78</b>   | 0,06 | 7,69 |
| 9            | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.80         | b  | 0.76 | b        | 0,78                    |                        | <b>0,78</b>   | 0,02 | 2,56 |
| 10           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.79         |    | 0,79 |          | 0.83                    | b                      | <b>0,79</b>   | 0,02 | 2,53 |
| 11           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 0.80         | b  | 0.77 | b        | 0,79                    |                        | <b>0,79</b>   | 0,02 | 2,53 |
| 12           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 0.80         |    | 0.90 | b        | 0,80                    |                        | <b>0,80</b>   | 0,06 | 7,50 |
| 13           | 13  | P1           | D17.1   | 0.82         | b  | 0,81 |          | 0.74                    | b                      | <b>0,81</b>   | 0,04 | 4,94 |
| 14           | 49  | P1           | D10     | 0.87         | b  | 0,81 |          | 0,81                    |                        | <b>0,81</b>   | 0,03 | 3,70 |
| 15           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 0.81         |    | 0,81 |          | 0.80                    | b                      | <b>0,81</b>   | 0,01 | 1,23 |
| 16           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.81         | b  | 0,82 |          | 0,82                    |                        | <b>0,82</b>   | 0,01 | 1,22 |
| 17           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.82         |    | 0.83 | b        | 0,82                    |                        | <b>0,82</b>   | 0,01 | 1,22 |
| 18           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 0.84         | b  | 0,83 |          | 0.82                    | b                      | <b>0,83</b>   | 0,01 | 1,20 |
| 19           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 0.83         |    | 0.82 | b        | 0.84                    | b                      | <b>0,83</b>   | 0,01 | 1,20 |
| 20           | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 0.85         | b  | 0.81 | b        | 0,83                    |                        | <b>0,83</b>   | 0,02 | 2,41 |
| 21           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.83         |    | 0,83 |          | 0.84                    | b                      | <b>0,83</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 22           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.83         |    | 0.84 | b        | 0,83                    |                        | <b>0,83</b>   | 0,01 | 1,20 |
| 23           | 25  | P1           | D14.1   | 0,84         |    | 0,84 |          | 0.85                    | b                      | <b>0,84</b>   | 0,01 | 1,19 |
| 24           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 0.89         | b  | 0.83 | b        | 0,84                    |                        | <b>0,84</b>   | 0,03 | 3,57 |
| 25           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.84         |    | 0.85 | b        | 0.83                    | b                      | <b>0,84</b>   | 0,01 | 1,19 |
| 26           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 0.81         | b  | 0,84 |          | 0,84                    |                        | <b>0,84</b>   | 0,02 | 2,38 |
| 27           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 0,85         |    | 0.83 | b        | 0,85                    |                        | <b>0,85</b>   | 0,01 | 1,18 |
| 28           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 0,85         |    | 0,85 |          | 0.82                    | b                      | <b>0,85</b>   | 0,02 | 2,35 |
| 29           | 24  | P3.3         | D52.1   | 0,85         |    | 0.87 | b        | 0,85                    |                        | <b>0,85</b>   | 0,01 | 1,18 |
| 30           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 0,85         |    | 0.86 | b        | 0,85                    |                        | <b>0,85</b>   | 0,01 | 1,18 |
| 31           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.84         | b  | 0,85 |          | 0.87                    | b                      | <b>0,85</b>   | 0,02 | 2,35 |
| 32           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 0.85         | b  | 0,86 |          | 0.91                    | b                      | <b>0,86</b>   | 0,03 | 3,49 |
| 33           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 0.84         | b  | 0.88 | b        | 0,86                    |                        | <b>0,86</b>   | 0,02 | 2,33 |
| 34           | 20  | P1           | D16.1   | 0,86         |    | 0,86 |          | 0.87                    | b                      | <b>0,86</b>   | 0,01 | 1,16 |
| 35           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 0,86         |    | 0.87 | b        | 0.85                    | b                      | <b>0,86</b>   | 0,01 | 1,16 |
| 36           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 0,86         |    | 0,86 |          | 0.85                    | b                      | <b>0,86</b>   | 0,01 | 1,16 |
| 37           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 0.85         | b  | 0,87 |          | 0,87                    |                        | <b>0,87</b>   | 0,01 | 1,15 |
| 38           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 0,88         |    | 0,88 |          | 0.87                    | b                      | <b>0,88</b>   | 0,01 | 1,14 |
| 39           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 0,88         |    | 0.89 | b        | 0.85                    | b                      | <b>0,88</b>   | 0,02 | 2,27 |
| 40           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 0,89         |    | 0.88 | b        | 0.90                    | b                      | <b>0,89</b>   | 0,01 | 1,12 |
| 41           | 18  | P5           | D31     | 0,90         |    | 0,90 |          | 0,90                    |                        | <b>0,90</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 42           | 3   | P1           | D16.1   | 0,92         |    | 0,92 |          | 0.91                    | b                      | <b>0,92</b>   | 0,01 | 1,09 |
| 43           | 23  | P3.3         | D52     | 0.94         | b  | 0,92 |          | 0.80                    | b                      | <b>0,92</b>   | 0,08 | 8,70 |
| 44           | 1   | P1           | D14.1   | 0.95         | ab | 0.94 | a        | 0.93                    | ab                     | <b>0,94</b>   | 0,01 | 1,06 |
| 45           | 19  | P1           | D10     | 1.05         | ab | 1.15 | ab       | 1.08                    | a                      | <b>1,08 *</b> | 0,05 | 4,63 |
| 46           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.10         | ab | 1.15 | ab       | 1.12                    | a                      | <b>1,12 *</b> | 0,03 | 2,68 |
| 47           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.18         | ab | 1.20 | a        | 1.22                    | ab                     | <b>1,20 *</b> | 0,02 | 1,67 |
| 48           | 15  | P1           | D17.1   | 1.19         | ab | 1.26 | ab       | 1.23                    | a                      | <b>1,23 *</b> | 0,04 | 3,25 |
| 49           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.28         | a  | 1.29 | ab       | 1.26                    | ab                     | <b>1,28 *</b> | 0,02 | 1,56 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |          | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |               |      |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |          | abs.                    |                        | rel.%         |      |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |          | <b>0,84</b>             |                        | <b>0,02</b>   |      |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |          | <b>2,43</b>             |                        |               |      |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **18,4**  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 Sample 2: **0,86**

Element: S  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      | Lab.mean |      | Lab.standard deviation  |               |      |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------|------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |          |      | abs.                    | rel.%         |      |       |
| 1            | 30  | P3.9         | D52.1   | 0.68         | a  | 0.70 | a        | 0.67 | a                       | <b>0,68 *</b> | 0,02 | 2,94  |
| 2            | 36  | P6.5         | D52.1   | 0.89         | ab | 0.81 | ab       | 0.87 | a                       | <b>0,87</b>   | 0,04 | 4,60  |
| 3            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.88         | a  | 0.89 | a        | 0.91 | a                       | <b>0,89</b>   | 0,02 | 2,25  |
| 4            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.88         | b  | 0,91 |          | 0.99 | b                       | <b>0,91</b>   | 0,06 | 6,59  |
| 5            | 10  | P3.3         | D82     | 0,93         |    | 0.89 | b        | 0,93 |                         | <b>0,92</b>   | 0,02 | 2,17  |
| 6            | 28  | P6           | D60     | 0,92         |    | 0,94 |          | 0,93 |                         | <b>0,93</b>   | 0,01 | 1,08  |
| 7            | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 0,96         |    | 0,94 |          | 0,93 |                         | <b>0,94</b>   | 0,02 | 2,13  |
| 8            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 0,93         |    | 0,93 |          | 0.98 | b                       | <b>0,94</b>   | 0,03 | 3,19  |
| 9            | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 0,95         |    | 0.93 | b        | 0.98 | b                       | <b>0,95</b>   | 0,03 | 3,16  |
| 10           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 0,94         |    | 0,96 |          | 0,96 |                         | <b>0,95</b>   | 0,01 | 1,05  |
| 11           | 5   | P6.2         | D52.1   | 0,96         |    | 0.85 | b        | 1.06 | b                       | <b>0,96</b>   | 0,11 | 11,46 |
| 12           | 13  | P1           | D17.1   | 0,97         |    | 0,95 |          | 0,96 |                         | <b>0,96</b>   | 0,01 | 1,04  |
| 13           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 0,98         |    | 0,98 |          | 0,98 |                         | <b>0,98</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 14           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 0,99         |    | 0,99 |          | 0,97 |                         | <b>0,98</b>   | 0,01 | 1,02  |
| 15           | 49  | P1           | D10     | 0.89         | b  | 0,98 |          | 0,99 |                         | <b>0,98</b>   | 0,06 | 6,12  |
| 16           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,01         |    | 1,00 |          | 1,00 |                         | <b>1,00</b>   | 0,01 | 1,00  |
| 17           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,00         |    | 0.96 | b        | 1.09 | b                       | <b>1,00</b>   | 0,07 | 7,00  |
| 18           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1,00         |    | 0,99 |          | 1,01 |                         | <b>1,00</b>   | 0,01 | 1,00  |
| 19           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 1,01         |    | 1,01 |          | 1,01 |                         | <b>1,01</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 20           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1,03         |    | 1,02 |          | 1,01 |                         | <b>1,02</b>   | 0,01 | 0,98  |
| 21           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,03         |    | 1,02 |          | 1,01 |                         | <b>1,02</b>   | 0,01 | 0,98  |
| 22           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,03         |    | 1,01 |          | 1,02 |                         | <b>1,02</b>   | 0,01 | 0,98  |
| 23           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,03         |    | 1,02 |          | 1,01 |                         | <b>1,02</b>   | 0,01 | 0,98  |
| 24           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,03         |    | 1,03 |          | 1,02 |                         | <b>1,03</b>   | 0,01 | 0,97  |
| 25           | 25  | P1           | D14.1   | 1,03         |    | 1,02 |          | 1,03 |                         | <b>1,03</b>   | 0,01 | 0,97  |
| 26           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,05         |    | 1,03 |          | 1,03 |                         | <b>1,04</b>   | 0,01 | 0,96  |
| 27           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,04         |    | 1,03 |          | 1,04 |                         | <b>1,04</b>   | 0,01 | 0,96  |
| 28           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,05         |    | 1,04 |          | 1.11 | b                       | <b>1,05</b>   | 0,04 | 3,81  |
| 29           | 20  | P1           | D16.1   | 1,05         |    | 1,04 |          | 1,06 |                         | <b>1,05</b>   | 0,01 | 0,95  |
| 30           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,04         |    | 1.08 | b        | 1,04 |                         | <b>1,05</b>   | 0,02 | 1,90  |
| 31           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,04         |    | 1,05 |          | 1,06 |                         | <b>1,05</b>   | 0,01 | 0,95  |
| 32           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1.03         | b  | 1,07 |          | 1.09 | b                       | <b>1,07</b>   | 0,03 | 2,80  |
| 33           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,06         |    | 1,08 |          | 1,08 |                         | <b>1,07</b>   | 0,01 | 0,93  |
| 34           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,06         |    | 1,07 |          | 1,07 |                         | <b>1,07</b>   | 0,01 | 0,93  |
| 35           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 1,06         |    | 1.10 | b        | 1,06 |                         | <b>1,07</b>   | 0,02 | 1,87  |
| 36           | 24  | P3.3         | D52.1   | 1,08         |    | 1.16 | b        | 1.01 | b                       | <b>1,08</b>   | 0,08 | 7,41  |
| 37           | 18  | P5           | D31     | 1,10         |    | 1.00 | b        | 1,10 |                         | <b>1,09</b>   | 0,06 | 5,50  |
| 38           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1,09         |    | 1,09 |          | 1,09 |                         | <b>1,09</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 39           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1.11         | b  | 1.07 | b        | 1,09 |                         | <b>1,09</b>   | 0,02 | 1,83  |
| 40           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1,10         |    | 1,10 |          | 1,10 |                         | <b>1,10</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 41           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1,09         |    | 1,10 |          | 1,10 |                         | <b>1,10</b>   | 0,01 | 0,91  |
| 42           | 3   | P1           | D16.1   | 1,10         |    | 1,12 |          | 1,13 |                         | <b>1,12</b>   | 0,02 | 1,79  |
| 43           | 1   | P1           | D14.1   | 1.15         | ab | 1.21 | a        | 1.25 | ab                      | <b>1,21</b>   | 0,05 | 4,13  |
| 44           | 23  | P3.3         | D52     | 1.13         | ab | 1.29 | ab       | 1.21 | a                       | <b>1,21</b>   | 0,08 | 6,61  |
| 45           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.22         | a  | 1.24 | a        | 1.25 | a                       | <b>1,24</b>   | 0,02 | 1,61  |
| 46           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.27         | a  | 1.30 | a        | 1.28 | a                       | <b>1,28 *</b> | 0,02 | 1,56  |
| 47           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.38         | a  | 1.43 | ab       | 1.38 | a                       | <b>1,39 *</b> | 0,03 | 2,16  |
| 48           | 19  | P1           | D10     | 1.43         | a  | 1.47 | ab       | 1.38 | ab                      | <b>1,43 *</b> | 0,05 | 3,50  |
| 49           | 15  | P1           | D17.1   | 1.68         | a  | 1.69 | a        | 1.67 | a                       | <b>1,68 *</b> | 0,01 | 0,60  |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | Interlab.std. deviation |               |      |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | abs.                    | rel.%         |      |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | 1,03                    | 0,02          | 2,40 |       |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

10,2

Element: S  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation  |             |             |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|----|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          |    | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
| 1            | 5   | P6.2         | D52.1   | 0.56         | a  | 0.82 | ab | 0.54     | a  | <b>0,56 *</b>           | 0,16        | 28,57       |
| 2            | 30  | P3.9         | D52.1   | 0.84         | a  | 0.82 | a  | 0.82     | a  | <b>0,83 *</b>           | 0,01        | 1,20        |
| 3            | 28  | P6           | D60     | 1.13         | ab | 1.09 | a  | 1.09     | a  | <b>1,10</b>             | 0,02        | 1,82        |
| 4            | 36  | P6.5         | D52.1   | 1.08         | a  | 1.09 | a  | 1.14     | ab | <b>1,10</b>             | 0,03        | 2,73        |
| 5            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,17         |    | 1,20 |    | 1,21     |    | <b>1,19</b>             | 0,02        | 1,68        |
| 6            | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 1,20         |    | 1,20 |    | 1.10     | b  | <b>1,19</b>             | 0,06        | 5,04        |
| 7            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,20         |    | 1,20 |    | 1,20     |    | <b>1,20</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 8            | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.28         | b  | 1.18 | b  | 1,23     |    | <b>1,23</b>             | 0,05        | 4,07        |
| 9            | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 1,23         |    | 1,26 |    | 1,24     |    | <b>1,24</b>             | 0,02        | 1,61        |
| 10           | 13  | P1           | D17.1   | 1,26         |    | 1.32 | b  | 1,25     |    | <b>1,27</b>             | 0,04        | 3,15        |
| 11           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,26         |    | 1,25 |    | 1,29     |    | <b>1,27</b>             | 0,02        | 1,57        |
| 12           | 24  | P3.3         | D52.1   | 1.23         | b  | 1.32 | b  | 1,28     |    | <b>1,28</b>             | 0,05        | 3,91        |
| 13           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,28         |    | 1,28 |    | 1,28     |    | <b>1,28</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 14           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 1,27         |    | 1,28 |    | 1,29     |    | <b>1,28</b>             | 0,01        | 0,78        |
| 15           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1,30         |    | 1,31 |    | 1,27     |    | <b>1,29</b>             | 0,02        | 1,55        |
| 16           | 10  | P3.3         | D82     | 1,30         |    | 1.27 | b  | 1.36     | b  | <b>1,30</b>             | 0,05        | 3,85        |
| 17           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,28         |    | 1,31 |    | 1,30     |    | <b>1,30</b>             | 0,02        | 1,54        |
| 18           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,32         |    | 1,30 |    | 1,30     |    | <b>1,31</b>             | 0,01        | 0,76        |
| 19           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,30         |    | 1.34 | b  | 1,29     |    | <b>1,31</b>             | 0,03        | 2,29        |
| 20           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,31         |    | 1,32 |    | 1,32     |    | <b>1,32</b>             | 0,01        | 0,76        |
| 21           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,32         |    | 1,31 |    | 1,32     |    | <b>1,32</b>             | 0,01        | 0,76        |
| 22           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 1.29         | b  | 1,33 |    | 1.39     | b  | <b>1,33</b>             | 0,05        | 3,76        |
| 23           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,32         |    | 1.37 | b  | 1,32     |    | <b>1,33</b>             | 0,03        | 2,26        |
| 24           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,31         |    | 1,35 |    | 1,33     |    | <b>1,33</b>             | 0,02        | 1,50        |
| 25           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1,34         |    | 1.27 | b  | 1.38     | b  | <b>1,34</b>             | 0,06        | 4,48        |
| 26           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.37         | b  | 1,34 |    | 1.30     | b  | <b>1,34</b>             | 0,04        | 2,99        |
| 27           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1,36         |    | 1,34 |    | 1,35     |    | <b>1,35</b>             | 0,01        | 0,74        |
| 28           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,36         |    | 1,36 |    | 1.32     | b  | <b>1,35</b>             | 0,02        | 1,48        |
| 29           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,35 |    | 1,37     |    | <b>1,36</b>             | 0,01        | 0,74        |
| 30           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,36         |    | 1,39 |    | 1,36     |    | <b>1,37</b>             | 0,02        | 1,46        |
| 31           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 1,35         |    | 1,38 |    | 1,37     |    | <b>1,37</b>             | 0,02        | 1,46        |
| 32           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1.42         | b  | 1,36 |    | 1,38     |    | <b>1,38</b>             | 0,03        | 2,17        |
| 33           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1.30         | b  | 1,40 |    | 1,40     |    | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,06        | 4,32        |
| 34           | 20  | P1           | D16.1   | 1,38         |    | 1,40 |    | 1,38     |    | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,01        | 0,72        |
| 35           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 1.45         | b  | 1,39 |    | 1,37     |    | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,04        | 2,88        |
| 36           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,41         |    | 1,39 |    | 1,40     |    | <b>1,40</b>             | 0,01        | 0,71        |
| 37           | 18  | P5           | D31     | 1,40         |    | 1,40 |    | 1,40     |    | <b>1,40</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 38           | 25  | P1           | D14.1   | 1,40         |    | 1,42 |    | 1,41     |    | <b>1,41</b>             | 0,01        | 0,71        |
| 39           | 49  | P1           | D10     | 1,43         |    | 1,41 |    | 1.38     | b  | <b>1,41</b>             | 0,03        | 2,13        |
| 40           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1,41         |    | 1,41 |    | 1,42     |    | <b>1,41</b>             | 0,01        | 0,71        |
| 41           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1,42         |    | 1,42 |    | 1,43     |    | <b>1,42</b>             | 0,01        | 0,70        |
| 42           | 3   | P1           | D16.1   | 1,44         |    | 1,46 |    | 1,48     |    | <b>1,46</b>             | 0,02        | 1,37        |
| 43           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.60         | a  | 1.62 | a  | 1.65     | ab | <b>1,62 *</b>           | 0,03        | 1,85        |
| 44           | 23  | P3.3         | D52     | 1.74         | ab | 1.63 | a  | 1.59     | ab | <b>1,63 *</b>           | 0,08        | 4,91        |
| 45           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.58         | ab | 1.65 | a  | 1.63     | a  | <b>1,63 *</b>           | 0,04        | 2,45        |
| 46           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.68         | a  | 1.66 | a  | 1.61     | ab | <b>1,66 *</b>           | 0,04        | 2,41        |
| 47           | 1   | P1           | D14.1   | 1.75         | a  | 1.74 | a  | 1.73     | a  | <b>1,74 *</b>           | 0,01        | 0,57        |
| 48           | 19  | P1           | D10     | 1.78         | a  | 1.85 | ab | 1.74     | ab | <b>1,78 *</b>           | 0,06        | 3,37        |
| 49           | 15  | P1           | D17.1   | 2.09         | ab | 2.12 | a  | 2.23     | ab | <b>2,12 *</b>           | 0,07        | 3,30        |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          |    | Interlab.std. deviation |             |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          |    | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          |    | <b>1,34</b>             | <b>0,03</b> | <b>2,53</b> |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

18,4

Element: P  
Dimension: mg/g  
Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No.  | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |             |               |      |       |
|------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|------|-------|
|      |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |          | abs.                    | rel.%       |               |      |       |
| 1    | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 0.96         | a  | 0.95 | a        | 0.92                    | ab          | <b>0,94 *</b> | 0,02 | 2,13  |
| 2    | 26       | P5.1         | D35     | 0.99         | a  | 1.10 | ab       | 0.96                    | ab          | <b>0,99 *</b> | 0,07 | 7,07  |
| 3    | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.99         | ab | 1.03 | a        | 1.04                    | a           | <b>1,02 *</b> | 0,03 | 2,94  |
| 4    | 18       | P3.31        | D53.3   | 1.10         | a  | 1.08 | a        | 1.07                    | a           | <b>1,08 *</b> | 0,02 | 1,85  |
| 5    | 10       | P5.1         | D53.2   | 1.35         | ab | 1.09 | a        | 0.97                    | ab          | <b>1,09 *</b> | 0,19 | 17,43 |
| 6    | 1        | P3.21        | D53.1   | 1.12         | a  | 1.16 | ab       | 1.12                    | a           | <b>1,13</b>   | 0,02 | 1,77  |
| 7    | 51       | P9.1         | D42     | 1.13         | a  | 1.15 | a        | 1.13                    | a           | <b>1,14</b>   | 0,01 | 0,88  |
| 8    | 30       | P6.5         | D53.1   | 1,17         |    | 1,17 |          | 1,15                    |             | <b>1,16</b>   | 0,01 | 0,86  |
| 9    | 13       | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1,21         |    | 1,22 |          | 1,16                    | b           | <b>1,20</b>   | 0,03 | 2,50  |
| 10   | 28       | P3.31        | D53     | 1,21         |    | 1,20 |          | 1,19                    |             | <b>1,20</b>   | 0,01 | 0,83  |
| 11   | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 1,21         |    | 1,20 |          | 1,22                    |             | <b>1,21</b>   | 0,01 | 0,83  |
| 12   | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 1,23         |    | 1,17 | b        | 1,25                    |             | <b>1,23</b>   | 0,04 | 3,25  |
| 13   | 49       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,22         |    | 1,23 |          | 1,23                    |             | <b>1,23</b>   | 0,01 | 0,81  |
| 14   | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 1,26         |    | 1,24 |          | 1,24                    |             | <b>1,25</b>   | 0,01 | 0,80  |
| 15   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 1,24         |    | 1,25 |          | 1,26                    |             | <b>1,25</b>   | 0,01 | 0,80  |
| 16   | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,24         |    | 1,25 |          | 1,26                    |             | <b>1,25</b>   | 0,01 | 0,80  |
| 17   | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 1,26         |    | 1,27 |          | 1,26                    |             | <b>1,26</b>   | 0,01 | 0,79  |
| 18   | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 1,26         |    | 1,27 |          | 1,24                    |             | <b>1,26</b>   | 0,02 | 1,59  |
| 19   | 5        | P6.2         | D53.1   | 1,33         | b  | 1,26 |          | 1,25                    |             | <b>1,27</b>   | 0,04 | 3,15  |
| 20   | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,29         |    | 1,25 |          | 1,27                    |             | <b>1,27</b>   | 0,02 | 1,57  |
| 21   | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 1,26         |    | 1,29 |          | 1,26                    |             | <b>1,27</b>   | 0,02 | 1,57  |
| 22   | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 1,26         |    | 1,29 |          | 1,27                    |             | <b>1,27</b>   | 0,02 | 1,57  |
| 23   | 3        | P3.10        | D31     | 1,27         |    | 1,30 |          | 1,27                    |             | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,02 | 1,56  |
| 24   | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 1,27         |    | 1,26 |          | 1,31                    | b           | <b>1,28</b>   | 0,03 | 2,34  |
| 25   | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 1,30         |    | 1,30 |          | 1,28                    |             | <b>1,29</b>   | 0,01 | 0,78  |
| 26   | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,28         |    | 1,30 |          | 1,29                    |             | <b>1,29</b>   | 0,01 | 0,78  |
| 27   | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 1,31         |    | 1,30 |          | 1,29                    |             | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,01 | 0,77  |
| 28   | 17       | P5.1         | D32     | 1,30         |    | 1,29 |          | 1,31                    |             | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,01 | 0,77  |
| 29   | 35       | P3.21        | D52.3   | 1,30         |    | 1,30 |          | 1,31                    |             | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,01 | 0,77  |
| 30   | 44       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,28         |    | 1,31 |          | 1,30                    |             | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,02 | 1,54  |
| 31   | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,31         |    | 1,30 |          | 1,30                    |             | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,01 | 0,77  |
| 32   | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 1,31         |    | 1,30 |          | 1,29                    |             | <b>1,30</b>   | 0,01 | 0,77  |
| 33   | 19       | P5.5         | D31     | 1,27         | b  | 1,38 | b        | 1,32                    |             | <b>1,32</b>   | 0,06 | 4,55  |
| 34   | 38a      | P9.1         | D42     | 1,32         |    | 1,33 |          | 1,32                    |             | <b>1,32</b>   | 0,01 | 0,76  |
| 35   | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,32         |    | 1,32 |          | 1,32                    |             | <b>1,32</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 36   | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 1,32         |    | 1,34 |          | 1,32                    |             | <b>1,33</b>   | 0,01 | 0,75  |
| 37   | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 1,32         |    | 1,34 |          | 1,34                    |             | <b>1,33</b>   | 0,01 | 0,75  |
| 38   | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,31 |          | 1,33                    |             | <b>1,33</b>   | 0,02 | 1,50  |
| 39   | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,32 |          | 1,33                    |             | <b>1,33</b>   | 0,02 | 1,50  |
| 40   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 1,32         |    | 1,34 |          | 1,33                    |             | <b>1,33</b>   | 0,01 | 0,75  |
| 41   | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,34 |          | 1,34                    |             | <b>1,34</b>   | 0,01 | 0,75  |
| 42   | 4        | P5.1         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,38 | b        | 1,28                    | b           | <b>1,35</b>   | 0,05 | 3,70  |
| 43   | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 1,34         |    | 1,35 |          | 1,36                    |             | <b>1,35</b>   | 0,01 | 0,74  |
| 44   | 24       | P6.4         | D53.2   | 1,34         |    | 1,40 | b        | 1,34                    |             | <b>1,35</b>   | 0,03 | 2,22  |
| 45   | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 1,38         |    | 1,38 |          | 1,39                    |             | <b>1,38</b>   | 0,01 | 0,72  |
| 46   | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 1,37         |    | 1,40 | b        | 1,36                    |             | <b>1,38</b>   | 0,02 | 1,45  |
| 47   | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 1,40         |    | 1,40 |          | 1,40                    |             | <b>1,40</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 48   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 1,41         | a  | 1,40 | a        | 1,41                    | a           | <b>1,41</b>   | 0,01 | 0,71  |
| 49   | 36       | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1,50         | a  | 1,45 | ab       | 1,49                    | a           | <b>1,48 *</b> | 0,03 | 2,03  |
| Mean |          |              |         |              |    |      |          | Interlab.std. deviation |             |               |      |       |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |      |          | abs.                    | rel. %      |               |      |       |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |      |          | <b>1,28</b>             | <b>0,02</b> | <b>1,83</b>   |      |       |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

12,2

Element: P  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |             |             |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
| 1            | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 1.00         | a  | 0.99 | a  | 1.00 a   | <b>1,00 *</b>           | 0,01        | 1,00        |
| 2            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 1.04         | ab | 1.00 | a  | 1.00 a   | <b>1,01 *</b>           | 0,02        | 1,98        |
| 3            | 18  | P3.31        | D53.3   | 1.12         | a  | 1.14 | a  | 1.13 a   | <b>1,13 *</b>           | 0,01        | 0,88        |
| 4            | 13  | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1.26         | a  | 1.23 | ab | 1.32 ab  | <b>1,26</b>             | 0,05        | 3,97        |
| 5            | 30  | P6.5         | D53.1   | 1,29         |    | 1,30 |    | 1,28     | <b>1,29</b>             | 0,01        | 0,78        |
| 6            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,29         |    | 1,31 |    | 1,31     | <b>1,30</b>             | 0,01        | 0,77        |
| 7            | 28  | P3.31        | D53     | 1,31         |    | 1,31 |    | 1,31     | <b>1,31</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 8            | 1   | P3.21        | D53.1   | 1.34         | b  | 1,31 |    | 1,31     | <b>1,32</b>             | 0,02        | 1,52        |
| 9            | 36  | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1,32         |    | 1,31 |    | 1.34 b   | <b>1,32</b>             | 0,02        | 1,52        |
| 10           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1.36         | b  | 1,32 |    | 1,32     | <b>1,33</b>             | 0,02        | 1,50        |
| 11           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 1,33         |    | 1,33 |    | 1,32     | <b>1,33</b>             | 0,01        | 0,75        |
| 12           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,36 |    | 1,34     | <b>1,35</b>             | 0,01        | 0,74        |
| 13           | 24  | P6.4         | D53.2   | 1,36         |    | 1.33 | b  | 1,35     | <b>1,35</b>             | 0,02        | 1,48        |
| 14           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,35 |    | 1,36     | <b>1,35</b>             | 0,01        | 0,74        |
| 15           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.39         | b  | 1.31 | b  | 1,35     | <b>1,35</b>             | 0,04        | 2,96        |
| 16           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,36         |    | 1,35 |    | 1.38 b   | <b>1,36</b>             | 0,02        | 1,47        |
| 17           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,37         |    | 1.34 | b  | 1,37     | <b>1,36</b>             | 0,02        | 1,47        |
| 18           | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,37         |    | 1.41 | b  | 1.31 b   | <b>1,37</b>             | 0,05        | 3,65        |
| 19           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.35         | b  | 1,37 |    | 1,38     | <b>1,37</b>             | 0,02        | 1,46        |
| 20           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 1,38         |    | 1,38 |    | 1,38     | <b>1,38</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 21           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.42         | b  | 1,38 |    | 1,37     | <b>1,38</b>             | 0,03        | 2,17        |
| 22           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,37         |    | 1,37 |    | 1.40 b   | <b>1,38</b>             | 0,02        | 1,45        |
| 23           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1,38         |    | 1,38 |    | 1,37     | <b>1,38</b>             | 0,01        | 0,72        |
| 24           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 1,39         |    | 1.42 | b  | 1.37 b   | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,03        | 2,16        |
| 25           | 5   | P6.2         | D53.1   | 1,39         |    | 1,38 |    | 1.52 b   | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,08        | 5,76        |
| 26           | 10  | P5.1         | D53.2   | 1,38         |    | 1,38 |    | 1.65 b   | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,16        | 11,51       |
| 27           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,38         |    | 1,40 |    | 1,39     | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,01        | 0,72        |
| 28           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,38         |    | 1,40 |    | 1,40     | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,01        | 0,72        |
| 29           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,40         |    | 1,39 |    | 1.37 b   | <b>1,39</b>             | 0,02        | 1,44        |
| 30           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,40         |    | 1,41 |    | 1,40     | <b>1,40</b>             | 0,01        | 0,71        |
| 31           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,41         |    | 1,41 |    | 1.37 b   | <b>1,40</b>             | 0,02        | 1,43        |
| 32           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1,40         |    | 1,41 |    | 1,39     | <b>1,40</b>             | 0,01        | 0,71        |
| 33           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,40         |    | 1,41 |    | 1,39     | <b>1,40</b>             | 0,01        | 0,71        |
| 34           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,41         |    | 1,42 |    | 1,40     | <b>1,41</b>             | 0,01        | 0,71        |
| 35           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 1,40         | b  | 1,42 |    | 1,43     | <b>1,42</b>             | 0,02        | 1,41        |
| 36           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,44         |    | 1,43 |    | 1,42     | <b>1,43</b>             | 0,01        | 0,70        |
| 37           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.35         | b  | 1.46 | b  | 1,44     | <b>1,44</b>             | 0,06        | 4,17        |
| 38           | 35  | P3.21        | D52.3   | 1,43         |    | 1,44 |    | 1,44     | <b>1,44</b>             | 0,01        | 0,69        |
| 39           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,43         |    | 1,45 |    | 1,45     | <b>1,44</b>             | 0,01        | 0,69        |
| 40           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,46         |    | 1.44 | b  | 1,47     | <b>1,46</b>             | 0,02        | 1,37        |
| 41           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.51         | b  | 1,45 |    | 1,45     | <b>1,46</b>             | 0,03        | 2,05        |
| 42           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,47         |    | 1.51 | b  | 1,48     | <b>1,48</b>             | 0,02        | 1,35        |
| 43           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1,52         |    | 1,52 |    | 1.49 b   | <b>1,51</b>             | 0,02        | 1,32        |
| 44           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1.50         | ab | 1.52 | a  | 1.55 ab  | <b>1,52</b>             | 0,03        | 1,97        |
| 45           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 1.53         | a  | 1.52 | a  | 1.45 ab  | <b>1,52</b>             | 0,04        | 2,63        |
| 46           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.55         | a  | 1.58 | ab | 1.56 a   | <b>1,56</b>             | 0,02        | 1,28        |
| 47           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.56         | a  | 1.56 | a  | 1.55 a   | <b>1,56</b>             | 0,01        | 0,64        |
| 48           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1.60         | a  | 1.60 | a  | 1.60 a   | <b>1,60</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 49           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.65         | a  | 1.66 | a  | 1.64 a   | <b>1,65 *</b>           | 0,01        | 0,61        |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |             |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | <b>1,39</b>             | <b>0,02</b> | <b>1,64</b> |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2:

8,2

1,39

Element: P  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean                | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |                         | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 1.00         | a  | 1.10 | ab | 1.00 a                  | <b>1,00 *</b>          | 0,06  | 6,00  |
| 2            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 0.99         | ab | 1.01 | a  | 1.01 a                  | <b>1,01 *</b>          | 0,01  | 0,99  |
| 3            | 18  | P3.31        | D53.3   | 1.13         | ab | 1.16 | a  | 1.16 a                  | <b>1,16 *</b>          | 0,02  | 1,72  |
| 4            | 30  | P6.5         | D53.1   | 1.20         | ab | 1.23 | ab | 1.21 a                  | <b>1,21</b>            | 0,02  | 1,65  |
| 5            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.21         | ab | 1.22 | a  | 1.26 ab                 | <b>1,22</b>            | 0,03  | 2,46  |
| 6            | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 1.24         | a  | 1.24 | a  | 1.25 ab                 | <b>1,24</b>            | 0,01  | 0,81  |
| 7            | 13  | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1,28         |    | 1.25 | b  | 1.30 b                  | <b>1,28</b>            | 0,03  | 2,34  |
| 8            | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.23         | b  | 1,28 |    | 1.35 b                  | <b>1,28</b>            | 0,06  | 4,69  |
| 9            | 28  | P3.31        | D53     | 1.32         | b  | 1,31 |    | 1.29 b                  | <b>1,31</b>            | 0,02  | 1,53  |
| 10           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.31         | b  | 1,32 |    | 1.34 b                  | <b>1,32</b>            | 0,02  | 1,52  |
| 11           | 10  | P5.1         | D53.2   | 1.24         | b  | 1,33 |    | 1.56 b                  | <b>1,33</b>            | 0,17  | 12,78 |
| 12           | 1   | P3.21        | D53.1   | 1,34         |    | 1.38 | b  | 1,34                    | <b>1,34</b>            | 0,02  | 1,49  |
| 13           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1.30         | b  | 1,34 |    | 1.40 b                  | <b>1,34</b>            | 0,05  | 3,73  |
| 14           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1,35 |    | 1.34 b                  | <b>1,35</b>            | 0,01  | 0,74  |
| 15           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,35         |    | 1.31 | b  | 1,35                    | <b>1,35</b>            | 0,02  | 1,48  |
| 16           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 1,35         | b  | 1.42 | b  | 1,36                    | <b>1,36</b>            | 0,04  | 2,94  |
| 17           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 1,36         |    | 1,36 |    | 1.35 b                  | <b>1,36</b>            | 0,01  | 0,74  |
| 18           | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 1,37         |    | 1.45 | b  | 1.35 b                  | <b>1,37</b>            | 0,05  | 3,65  |
| 19           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1.38         | b  | 1.36 | b  | 1,37                    | <b>1,37</b>            | 0,01  | 0,73  |
| 20           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.40         | b  | 1.37 | b  | 1,38                    | <b>1,38</b>            | 0,02  | 1,45  |
| 21           | 24  | P6.4         | D53.2   | 1.39         | b  | 1,38 |    | 1.37 b                  | <b>1,38</b>            | 0,01  | 0,72  |
| 22           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.40         | b  | 1.37 | b  | 1,38                    | <b>1,38</b>            | 0,02  | 1,45  |
| 23           | 5   | P6.2         | D53.1   | 1,39         |    | 1.42 | b  | 1,39                    | <b>1,39</b>            | 0,02  | 1,44  |
| 24           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1,39         |    | 1,39 |    | 1.38 b                  | <b>1,39</b>            | 0,01  | 0,72  |
| 25           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.45         | b  | 1.38 | b  | 1,39                    | <b>1,39</b>            | 0,04  | 2,88  |
| 26           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1.41         | b  | 1.38 | b  | 1,39                    | <b>1,39</b>            | 0,02  | 1,44  |
| 27           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.38         | b  | 1,39 |    | 1,39                    | <b>1,39</b>            | 0,01  | 0,72  |
| 28           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.38         | b  | 1,39 |    | 1.41 b                  | <b>1,39</b>            | 0,02  | 1,44  |
| 29           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.35         | b  | 1,39 |    | 1.40 b                  | <b>1,39</b>            | 0,03  | 2,16  |
| 30           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 1.41         | b  | 1,40 |    | 1,40                    | <b>1,40</b>            | 0,01  | 0,71  |
| 31           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.41         | b  | 1,40 |    | 1.38 b                  | <b>1,40</b>            | 0,02  | 1,43  |
| 32           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,41         |    | 1.42 | b  | 1,41                    | <b>1,41</b>            | 0,01  | 0,71  |
| 33           | 35  | P3.21        | D52.3   | 1,41         |    | 1,41 |    | 1.40 b                  | <b>1,41</b>            | 0,01  | 0,71  |
| 34           | 36  | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1,41         |    | 1,41 |    | 1.43 b                  | <b>1,41</b>            | 0,01  | 0,71  |
| 35           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1.43         | b  | 1.41 | b  | 1,42                    | <b>1,42</b>            | 0,01  | 0,70  |
| 36           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.41         | b  | 1,42 |    | 1.52 b                  | <b>1,42</b>            | 0,06  | 4,23  |
| 37           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,42         |    | 1,42 |    | 1.38 b                  | <b>1,42</b>            | 0,02  | 1,41  |
| 38           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 1,43         |    | 1.44 | b  | 1.42 b                  | <b>1,43</b>            | 0,01  | 0,70  |
| 39           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 1,44         |    | 1.45 | b  | 1,44                    | <b>1,44</b>            | 0,01  | 0,69  |
| 40           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.45         | b  | 1,44 |    | 1,44                    | <b>1,44</b>            | 0,01  | 0,69  |
| 41           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1.49         | b  | 1,45 |    | 1,45                    | <b>1,45</b>            | 0,02  | 1,38  |
| 42           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.44         | b  | 1,47 |    | 1.54 b                  | <b>1,47</b>            | 0,05  | 3,40  |
| 43           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1.50         | b  | 1,51 |    | 1,51                    | <b>1,51</b>            | 0,01  | 0,66  |
| 44           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 1.51         | b  | 1.54 | b  | 1,52                    | <b>1,52</b>            | 0,02  | 1,32  |
| 45           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.51         | b  | 1,52 |    | 1,52                    | <b>1,52</b>            | 0,01  | 0,66  |
| 46           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.53         | a  | 1.52 | ab | 1.53 a                  | <b>1,53</b>            | 0,01  | 0,65  |
| 47           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.53         | a  | 1.53 | a  | 1.53 a                  | <b>1,53</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 48           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.58         | a  | 1.56 | ab | 1.64 ab                 | <b>1,58</b>            | 0,04  | 2,53  |
| 49           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1.60         | a  | 1.60 | a  | 1.60 a                  | <b>1,60 *</b>          | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |       |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    | abs.                    | rel. %                 |       |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    | 1,39                    | 0,02                   | 1,83  |       |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

8,2

Element: P  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 1.18         | ab | 1.22 | a  | 1.25 ab  | <b>1,22 *</b>           | 0,04  | 3,28 |
| 2            | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 1.30         | a  | 1.20 | ab | 1.30 a   | <b>1,29 *</b>           | 0,06  | 4,65 |
| 3            | 18  | P3.31        | D53.3   | 1.36         | a  | 1.38 | a  | 1.41 ab  | <b>1,38</b>             | 0,03  | 2,17 |
| 4            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.43         | a  | 1.45 | a  | 1.45 a   | <b>1,44</b>             | 0,01  | 0,69 |
| 5            | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.45         | a  | 1.48 | a  | 1.47 a   | <b>1,47</b>             | 0,02  | 1,36 |
| 6            | 30  | P6.5         | D53.1   | 1.50         |    | 1.50 |    | 1.48     | <b>1,49</b>             | 0,01  | 0,67 |
| 7            | 28  | P3.31        | D53     | 1.49         | b  | 1.54 |    | 1.53     | <b>1,53</b>             | 0,03  | 1,96 |
| 8            | 13  | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1.48         | b  | 1.56 |    | 1.54     | <b>1,54</b>             | 0,04  | 2,60 |
| 9            | 10  | P5.1         | D53.2   | 1.35         | b  | 1.56 |    | 1.56     | <b>1,55</b>             | 0,12  | 7,74 |
| 10           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1.55         |    | 1.57 |    | 1.58     | <b>1,57</b>             | 0,02  | 1,27 |
| 11           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.54         | b  | 1.57 |    | 1.58     | <b>1,57</b>             | 0,02  | 1,27 |
| 12           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.56         |    | 1.57 |    | 1.59     | <b>1,57</b>             | 0,02  | 1,27 |
| 13           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1.57         |    | 1.58 |    | 1.58     | <b>1,58</b>             | 0,01  | 0,63 |
| 14           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 1.58         |    | 1.57 |    | 1.59     | <b>1,58</b>             | 0,01  | 0,63 |
| 15           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 1.57         |    | 1.58 |    | 1.58     | <b>1,58</b>             | 0,01  | 0,63 |
| 16           | 1   | P3.21        | D53.1   | 1.59         |    | 1.59 |    | 1.59     | <b>1,59</b>             | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 17           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1.58         |    | 1.60 |    | 1.60     | <b>1,59</b>             | 0,01  | 0,63 |
| 18           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.57         |    | 1.62 | b  | 1.59     | <b>1,59</b>             | 0,03  | 1,89 |
| 19           | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.59         |    | 1.67 | b  | 1.55 b   | <b>1,59</b>             | 0,06  | 3,77 |
| 20           | 36  | P3.3         | D53.1   | 1.62         | b  | 1.58 |    | 1.58     | <b>1,59</b>             | 0,02  | 1,26 |
| 21           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.52         | b  | 1.59 |    | 1.60     | <b>1,59</b>             | 0,04  | 2,52 |
| 22           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1.58         |    | 1.60 |    | 1.60     | <b>1,59</b>             | 0,01  | 0,63 |
| 23           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 1.58         |    | 1.63 | b  | 1.60     | <b>1,60</b>             | 0,03  | 1,88 |
| 24           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.61         |    | 1.63 |    | 1.60     | <b>1,61</b>             | 0,02  | 1,24 |
| 25           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.60         |    | 1.63 |    | 1.61     | <b>1,61</b>             | 0,02  | 1,24 |
| 26           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.61         |    | 1.61 |    | 1.62     | <b>1,61</b>             | 0,01  | 0,62 |
| 27           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.62         |    | 1.61 |    | 1.60     | <b>1,61</b>             | 0,01  | 0,62 |
| 28           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 1.60         |    | 1.62 |    | 1.63     | <b>1,62</b>             | 0,02  | 1,23 |
| 29           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1.61         |    | 1.64 |    | 1.62     | <b>1,62</b>             | 0,02  | 1,23 |
| 30           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.67         | b  | 1.62 |    | 1.61     | <b>1,62</b>             | 0,03  | 1,85 |
| 31           | 24  | P6.4         | D53.2   | 1.66         | b  | 1.61 |    | 1.63     | <b>1,63</b>             | 0,03  | 1,84 |
| 32           | 35  | P3.21        | D52.3   | 1.63         |    | 1.63 |    | 1.64     | <b>1,63</b>             | 0,01  | 0,61 |
| 33           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.64         |    | 1.65 |    | 1.65     | <b>1,65</b>             | 0,01  | 0,61 |
| 34           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.64         |    | 1.66 |    | 1.64     | <b>1,65</b>             | 0,01  | 0,61 |
| 35           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.64         |    | 1.64 |    | 1.67 b   | <b>1,65</b>             | 0,02  | 1,21 |
| 36           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.67         |    | 1.67 |    | 1.65     | <b>1,66</b>             | 0,01  | 0,60 |
| 37           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1.69         |    | 1.68 |    | 1.66     | <b>1,68</b>             | 0,02  | 1,19 |
| 38           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.68         |    | 1.68 |    | 1.67     | <b>1,68</b>             | 0,01  | 0,60 |
| 39           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.70         |    | 1.74 | b  | 1.69     | <b>1,70</b>             | 0,03  | 1,76 |
| 40           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1.80         | b  | 1.70 |    | 1.70     | <b>1,71</b>             | 0,06  | 3,51 |
| 41           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.72         |    | 1.71 |    | 1.69     | <b>1,71</b>             | 0,02  | 1,17 |
| 42           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1.74         |    | 1.73 |    | 1.74     | <b>1,74</b>             | 0,01  | 0,57 |
| 43           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1.75         |    | 1.72 | b  | 1.75     | <b>1,74</b>             | 0,02  | 1,15 |
| 44           | 5   | P6.2         | D53.1   | 1.65         | b  | 1.76 |    | 1.80 b   | <b>1,76</b>             | 0,08  | 4,55 |
| 45           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.78         | a  | 1.75 | ab | 1.78 a   | <b>1,77</b>             | 0,02  | 1,13 |
| 46           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.80         | a  | 1.78 | a  | 1.77 a   | <b>1,78</b>             | 0,02  | 1,12 |
| 47           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.78         | a  | 1.78 | a  | 1.78 a   | <b>1,78</b>             | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 48           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 1.91         | ab | 1.79 | ab | 1.84 a   | <b>1,84</b>             | 0,06  | 3,26 |
| 49           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 1.86         | a  | 1.85 | a  | 1.80 ab  | <b>1,85</b>             | 0,03  | 1,62 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | 1,62                    | 0,03  | 1,60 |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

2-15

4,1

Element: Ca  
Dimension: mg/g  
Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No.  | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |       |      |
|------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------|------|
|      |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |      |
| 1    | 10       | P5.1         | D21.1   | 8.26         | a  | 8.12  | ab | 8.40 ab  | 8,26 *                  | 0,14  | 1,69 |
| 2    | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 9.48         | ab | 9.22  | a  | 8.91 ab  | 9,22 *                  | 0,29  | 3,15 |
| 3    | 1        | P3.21        | D21.1   | 9.15         | ab | 9.31  | a  | 9.27 a   | 9,27 *                  | 0,08  | 0,86 |
| 4    | 18       | P3.31        | D31     | 11.01        | ab | 9.83  | a  | 9.82 a   | 9,85                    | 0,68  | 6,90 |
| 5    | 51       | P9.1         | D42     | 10.10        | a  | 10.20 | a  | 10.20 a  | 10,18                   | 0,06  | 0,59 |
| 6    | 36       | P3.3         | D21     | 10.26        | a  | 10.27 | a  | 10.36 a  | 10,29                   | 0,06  | 0,58 |
| 7    | 13       | P3.3         | D21.1   | 10.36        | a  | 10.15 | ab | 10.30 a  | 10,30                   | 0,11  | 1,07 |
| 8    | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 9.97         | b  | 10.55 |    | 10.71 b  | 10,55                   | 0,39  | 3,70 |
| 9    | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 10.72        |    | 10.66 |    | 10.77    | 10,72                   | 0,06  | 0,56 |
| 10   | 27       | P6.1         | D21     | 10.78        |    | 10.78 |    | 10.67    | 10,76                   | 0,06  | 0,56 |
| 11   | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 11.29        | b  | 10.77 |    | 10.31 b  | 10,77                   | 0,49  | 4,55 |
| 12   | 17       | P5.1         | D31     | 10.85        |    | 10.89 |    | 10.83    | 10,86                   | 0,03  | 0,28 |
| 13   | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 10.70        | b  | 10.90 |    | 10.88    | 10,87                   | 0,11  | 1,01 |
| 14   | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 10.89        |    | 11.09 | b  | 10.95    | 10,95                   | 0,10  | 0,91 |
| 15   | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 10.95        |    | 10.96 |    | 10.93    | 10,95                   | 0,02  | 0,18 |
| 16   | 49       | P4.1         | D31     | 11.07        |    | 10.95 |    | 11.07    | 11,05                   | 0,07  | 0,63 |
| 17   | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 11.08        |    | 11.13 |    | 11.06    | 11,09                   | 0,04  | 0,36 |
| 18   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 11.13        |    | 11.08 |    | 11.12    | 11,11                   | 0,03  | 0,27 |
| 19   | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 11.28        | b  | 11.14 |    | 11.15    | 11,17                   | 0,08  | 0,72 |
| 20   | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 11.12        |    | 11.20 |    | 11.18    | 11,17                   | 0,04  | 0,36 |
| 21   | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 11.21        |    | 11.17 |    | 11.11    | 11,17                   | 0,05  | 0,45 |
| 22   | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 11.20        |    | 10.70 | b  | 11.20    | 11,18                   | 0,29  | 2,59 |
| 23   | 44       | P4.1         | D31     | 11.19        |    | 11.17 |    | 11.26    | 11,20                   | 0,05  | 0,45 |
| 24   | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 11.20        |    | 11.30 |    | 11.20    | 11,22                   | 0,06  | 0,53 |
| 25   | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 11.34        |    | 11.24 |    | 11.26    | 11,27                   | 0,05  | 0,44 |
| 26   | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 11.66        | b  | 11.18 | b  | 11.28    | 11,28                   | 0,25  | 2,22 |
| 27   | 3        | P3.10        | D31     | 11.29        |    | 11.45 | b  | 11.20    | 11,29                   | 0,13  | 1,15 |
| 28   | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 11.33        |    | 11.37 |    | 11.31    | 11,34                   | 0,03  | 0,26 |
| 29   | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 11.49        | b  | 11.39 |    | 11.12 b  | 11,39                   | 0,19  | 1,67 |
| 30   | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 11.40        |    | 11.40 |    | 11.40    | 11,40                   | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 31   | 24       | P5.1         | D21     | 11.52        |    | 11.39 |    | 11.42    | 11,43                   | 0,07  | 0,61 |
| 32   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 11.42        |    | 11.43 |    | 11.45    | 11,43                   | 0,02  | 0,17 |
| 33   | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 11.50        |    | 11.38 |    | 11.44    | 11,44                   | 0,06  | 0,52 |
| 34   | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 11.15        | b  | 11.45 |    | 11.59 b  | 11,45                   | 0,22  | 1,92 |
| 35   | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 11.50        |    | 11.45 |    | 11.48    | 11,48                   | 0,03  | 0,26 |
| 36   | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 11.48        |    | 11.63 | b  | 11.35 b  | 11,48                   | 0,14  | 1,22 |
| 37   | 29       | P3.3         | D31     | 11.47        |    | 11.66 | b  | 11.47    | 11,49                   | 0,11  | 0,96 |
| 38   | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 11.30        | b  | 11.63 |    | 11.56    | 11,56                   | 0,17  | 1,47 |
| 39   | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 11.51        |    | 11.61 |    | 11.59    | 11,58                   | 0,05  | 0,43 |
| 40   | 28       | P3.31        | D21     | 11.77        | b  | 11.62 |    | 11.51 b  | 11,62                   | 0,13  | 1,12 |
| 41   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 11.82        | b  | 10.98 | b  | 11.67    | 11,67                   | 0,45  | 3,86 |
| 42   | 4        | P5.1         | D31     | 11.88        | b  | 11.72 |    | 11.30 b  | 11,72                   | 0,30  | 2,56 |
| 43   | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 11.68        |    | 11.77 |    | 11.98 b  | 11,77                   | 0,15  | 1,27 |
| 44   | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 11.80        |    | 11.60 | b  | 11.80    | 11,78                   | 0,12  | 1,02 |
| 45   | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 11.80        |    | 11.82 |    | 11.77    | 11,80                   | 0,03  | 0,25 |
| 46   | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 11.84        |    | 11.91 |    | 11.89    | 11,88                   | 0,04  | 0,34 |
| 47   | 38a      | P9.1         | D42     | 12.00        |    | 11.90 |    | 11.90    | 11,92                   | 0,06  | 0,50 |
| 48   | 19       | P5.5         | D31     | 12.00        |    | 11.88 |    | 11.98    | 11,97                   | 0,06  | 0,50 |
| 49   | 5        | P3.3         | D21     | 12.30        | ab | 12.05 | a  | 12.10 a  | 12,10                   | 0,13  | 1,07 |
| Mean |          |              |         |              |    |       |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |       |      |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |      |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |       |    |          | 0,13                    | 1,20  |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

6,1

Element: Ca  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |             |             |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
| 1            | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 2.15         | ab | 1.78 | a  | 1.75 a   | <b>1,78 *</b>           | 0,22        | 12,36       |
| 2            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 1.81         | a  | 1.75 | ab | 1.83 a   | <b>1,81 *</b>           | 0,04        | 2,21        |
| 3            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 1.90         | a  | 1.93 | a  | 1.93 a   | <b>1,92 *</b>           | 0,02        | 1,04        |
| 4            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 2.28         | ab | 1.99 | ab | 2.03 a   | <b>2,03</b>             | 0,16        | 7,88        |
| 5            | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 2.04         | a  | 2.04 | a  | 2.24 ab  | <b>2,05</b>             | 0,12        | 5,85        |
| 6            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 2.08         | a  | 2.01 | ab | 2.07 a   | <b>2,06</b>             | 0,04        | 1,94        |
| 7            | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 2,14         |    | 2,17 |    | 2,18     | <b>2,16</b>             | 0,02        | 0,93        |
| 8            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 2,20         |    | 2,19 |    | 2,08 b   | <b>2,18</b>             | 0,07        | 3,21        |
| 9            | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 2,22         |    | 2,25 |    | 2,16 b   | <b>2,22</b>             | 0,05        | 2,25        |
| 10           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 2,24         |    | 2,22 |    | 2,28 b   | <b>2,24</b>             | 0,03        | 1,34        |
| 11           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 2,21         | b  | 2,35 | b  | 2,27     | <b>2,27</b>             | 0,07        | 3,08        |
| 12           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 2,27         |    | 2,30 |    | 2,27     | <b>2,28</b>             | 0,02        | 0,88        |
| 13           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,30         |    | 2,28 |    | 2,29     | <b>2,29</b>             | 0,01        | 0,44        |
| 14           | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,22         | b  | 2,30 |    | 2,42 b   | <b>2,30</b>             | 0,10        | 4,35        |
| 15           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,32         |    | 2,36 | b  | 2,30     | <b>2,32</b>             | 0,03        | 1,29        |
| 16           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,31         |    | 2,33 |    | 2,32     | <b>2,32</b>             | 0,01        | 0,43        |
| 17           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,32         |    | 2,32 |    | 2,32     | <b>2,32</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 18           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,34         |    | 2,32 |    | 2,22 b   | <b>2,32</b>             | 0,06        | 2,59        |
| 19           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,29         | b  | 2,35 |    | 2,34     | <b>2,33</b>             | 0,03        | 1,29        |
| 20           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 2,35         |    | 2,32 |    | 2,32     | <b>2,33</b>             | 0,02        | 0,86        |
| 21           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 2,36         |    | 2,27 | b  | 2,36     | <b>2,35</b>             | 0,05        | 2,13        |
| 22           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,37         |    | 2,36 |    | 2,35     | <b>2,36</b>             | 0,01        | 0,42        |
| 23           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 2,37         |    | 2,32 | b  | 2,41 b   | <b>2,37</b>             | 0,05        | 2,11        |
| 24           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 2,38         |    | 2,37 |    | 2,36     | <b>2,37</b>             | 0,01        | 0,42        |
| 25           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,39         |    | 2,37 |    | 2,24 b   | <b>2,37</b>             | 0,08        | 3,38        |
| 26           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,37         |    | 2,39 |    | 2,38     | <b>2,38</b>             | 0,01        | 0,42        |
| 27           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 2,40         |    | 2,40 |    | 2,30 b   | <b>2,39</b>             | 0,06        | 2,51        |
| 28           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,47         | b  | 2,39 |    | 2,28 b   | <b>2,39</b>             | 0,10        | 4,18        |
| 29           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,40         |    | 2,38 |    | 2,39     | <b>2,39</b>             | 0,01        | 0,42        |
| 30           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 2,37         |    | 2,40 |    | 2,39     | <b>2,39</b>             | 0,02        | 0,84        |
| 31           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 2,38         |    | 2,44 | b  | 2,39     | <b>2,40</b>             | 0,03        | 1,25        |
| 32           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,58         | b  | 2,38 |    | 2,39     | <b>2,40</b>             | 0,11        | 4,58        |
| 33           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 2,42         |    | 2,43 |    | 2,38     | <b>2,41</b>             | 0,03        | 1,24        |
| 34           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,43         |    | 2,38 |    | 2,41     | <b>2,41</b>             | 0,03        | 1,24        |
| 35           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 2,42         |    | 2,50 | b  | 2,35 b   | <b>2,42</b>             | 0,08        | 3,31        |
| 36           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,44         |    | 2,43 |    | 2,44     | <b>2,44</b>             | 0,01        | 0,41        |
| 37           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 2,55         | b  | 2,44 |    | 2,45     | <b>2,46</b>             | 0,06        | 2,44        |
| 38           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,52         | b  | 2,41 | b  | 2,48     | <b>2,48</b>             | 0,06        | 2,42        |
| 39           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 2,49         |    | 2,61 | b  | 2,46     | <b>2,49</b>             | 0,08        | 3,21        |
| 40           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,48         | b  | 2,56 | b  | 2,52     | <b>2,52</b>             | 0,04        | 1,59        |
| 41           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,50         |    | 2,52 |    | 2,56 b   | <b>2,52</b>             | 0,03        | 1,19        |
| 42           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,54         |    | 2,54 |    | 2,53     | <b>2,54</b>             | 0,01        | 0,39        |
| 43           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,53         |    | 2,55 |    | 2,55     | <b>2,54</b>             | 0,01        | 0,39        |
| 44           | 28  | P3.31        | D21     | 2,53         | b  | 2,60 |    | 2,65 b   | <b>2,60</b>             | 0,06        | 2,31        |
| 45           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,59         |    | 2,60 |    | 2,62     | <b>2,60</b>             | 0,02        | 0,77        |
| 46           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,60         |    | 2,62 |    | 2,61     | <b>2,61</b>             | 0,01        | 0,38        |
| 47           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,60         | b  | 2,66 |    | 2,64     | <b>2,64</b>             | 0,03        | 1,14        |
| 48           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,67         | a  | 2,67 | a  | 2,70 a   | <b>2,68</b>             | 0,02        | 0,75        |
| 49           | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 3.17         | a  | 3.28 | ab | 3.19 a   | <b>3,19 *</b>           | 0,06        | 1,88        |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |             |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | <b>2,38</b>             | <b>0,05</b> | <b>2,08</b> |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2:

8,2

2,46

Element: Ca  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 3.56         | ab | 2.68 | ab | 2.78 a   | 2,78 *                  | 0,48  | 17,27 |
| 2            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 2.82         | a  | 2.85 | a  | 2.98 ab  | 2,85 *                  | 0,09  | 3,16  |
| 3            | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 3.05         | ab | 3.25 | a  | 3.58 ab  | 3,25 *                  | 0,27  | 8,31  |
| 4            | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 3.37         | a  | 3.66 | ab | 3.40 a   | 3,40                    | 0,16  | 4,71  |
| 5            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 3.56         |    | 3.56 |    | 3.52     | 3,55                    | 0,02  | 0,56  |
| 6            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.39         | b  | 3.57 |    | 3.58     | 3,56                    | 0,11  | 3,09  |
| 7            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 3.65         |    | 3.74 | b  | 3.57 b   | 3,65                    | 0,09  | 2,47  |
| 8            | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 3.61         |    | 3.65 |    | 3.68     | 3,65                    | 0,04  | 1,10  |
| 9            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 3.69         |    | 3.65 |    | 3.65     | 3,66                    | 0,02  | 0,55  |
| 10           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 3.66         |    | 3.68 |    | 3.70     | 3,68                    | 0,02  | 0,54  |
| 11           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.52         | b  | 3.70 |    | 4.05 b   | 3,70                    | 0,27  | 7,30  |
| 12           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.74         |    | 3.70 |    | 3.71     | 3,72                    | 0,02  | 0,54  |
| 13           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 3.73         |    | 3.69 |    | 3.78     | 3,73                    | 0,05  | 1,34  |
| 14           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 3.75         |    | 3.77 |    | 3.75     | 3,76                    | 0,01  | 0,27  |
| 15           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 3.92         | b  | 3.65 | b  | 3.77     | 3,77                    | 0,14  | 3,71  |
| 16           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.76         |    | 3.93 | b  | 3.75     | 3,77                    | 0,10  | 2,65  |
| 17           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 3.81         |    | 3.80 |    | 3.45 b   | 3,79                    | 0,21  | 5,54  |
| 18           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.80         |    | 3.80 |    | 3.74     | 3,79                    | 0,03  | 0,79  |
| 19           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 3.73         | b  | 3.80 |    | 3.88 b   | 3,80                    | 0,08  | 2,11  |
| 20           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.81         |    | 3.86 |    | 1.84 b   | 3,81                    | 1,15  | 30,18 |
| 21           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 3.86         |    | 3.72 | b  | 3.81     | 3,81                    | 0,07  | 1,84  |
| 22           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 3.81         |    | 3.80 |    | 3.90 b   | 3,82                    | 0,06  | 1,57  |
| 23           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 3.82         |    | 3.82 |    | 3.83     | 3,82                    | 0,01  | 0,26  |
| 24           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 3.70         | b  | 3.83 |    | 3.98 b   | 3,83                    | 0,14  | 3,66  |
| 25           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.83         |    | 3.87 |    | 3.81     | 3,83                    | 0,03  | 0,78  |
| 26           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 3.85         |    | 3.85 |    | 3.81     | 3,84                    | 0,02  | 0,52  |
| 27           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 3.88         |    | 3.84 |    | 3.85     | 3,86                    | 0,02  | 0,52  |
| 28           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.84         |    | 3.87 |    | 3.86     | 3,86                    | 0,02  | 0,52  |
| 29           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.87         |    | 3.85 |    | 3.95 b   | 3,87                    | 0,05  | 1,29  |
| 30           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 3.90         |    | 3.87 |    | 3.82     | 3,87                    | 0,04  | 1,03  |
| 31           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 3.84         | b  | 3.90 |    | 4.08 b   | 3,90                    | 0,12  | 3,08  |
| 32           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.93         |    | 3.89 |    | 3.91     | 3,91                    | 0,02  | 0,51  |
| 33           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 3.89         |    | 4.01 | b  | 3.92     | 3,92                    | 0,06  | 1,53  |
| 34           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.93         |    | 3.91 |    | 4.04 b   | 3,93                    | 0,07  | 1,78  |
| 35           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 3.82         | b  | 3.96 |    | 3.97     | 3,95                    | 0,08  | 2,03  |
| 36           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 3.96         |    | 4.02 | b  | 3.89 b   | 3,96                    | 0,07  | 1,77  |
| 37           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 4.00         |    | 4.00 |    | 3.90 b   | 3,99                    | 0,06  | 1,50  |
| 38           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.99         |    | 3.98 |    | 3.99     | 3,99                    | 0,01  | 0,25  |
| 39           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.96         | b  | 4.03 |    | 4.03     | 4,02                    | 0,04  | 1,00  |
| 40           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 4.04         |    | 4.03 |    | 4.04     | 4,04                    | 0,01  | 0,25  |
| 41           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 4.06         |    | 4.10 |    | 3.89 b   | 4,06                    | 0,11  | 2,71  |
| 42           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 4.10         |    | 4.03 |    | 4.06     | 4,06                    | 0,04  | 0,99  |
| 43           | 28  | P3.31        | D21     | 4.16         |    | 4.13 |    | 4.06 b   | 4,13                    | 0,05  | 1,21  |
| 44           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 4.46         | b  | 4.16 |    | 4.16     | 4,17                    | 0,17  | 4,08  |
| 45           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 4.18         |    | 4.14 |    | 4.23     | 4,18                    | 0,05  | 1,20  |
| 46           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 4.18         |    | 4.20 |    | 4.19     | 4,19                    | 0,01  | 0,24  |
| 47           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 4.21         |    | 4.21 |    | 4.20     | 4,21                    | 0,01  | 0,24  |
| 48           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 4.17         | ab | 4.24 | a  | 4.24 a   | 4,23                    | 0,04  | 0,95  |
| 49           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 4.34         | a  | 4.38 | a  | 4.78 ab  | 4,38                    | 0,24  | 5,48  |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |       |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |       |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | 3,87                    | 0,10  | 2,84  |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

6,1

Element: Ca  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      | Lab.mean |      | Lab.standard deviation  |               |             |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----------|------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |          |      | abs.                    | rel.%         |             |      |
| 1            | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 1.59         | a  | 1.55 | a        | 1.59 | a                       | <b>1,58 *</b> | 0,02        | 1,27 |
| 2            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 1.98         | ab | 1.74 | ab       | 1.79 | a                       | <b>1,79 *</b> | 0,13        | 7,26 |
| 3            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 2.01         | a  | 1.94 | ab       | 2.00 | a                       | <b>1,99 *</b> | 0,04        | 2,01 |
| 4            | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 2.09         | a  | 2.06 | a        | 2.36 | ab                      | <b>2,09 *</b> | 0,17        | 8,13 |
| 5            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 2.16         | a  | 2.20 | a        | 2.20 | a                       | <b>2,19 *</b> | 0,02        | 0,91 |
| 6            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 2,31         |    | 2,31 |          | 2,27 |                         | <b>2,30</b>   | 0,02        | 0,87 |
| 7            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 2,32         |    | 2,29 |          | 2,34 |                         | <b>2,32</b>   | 0,03        | 1,29 |
| 8            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,37         |    | 2,38 |          | 2.45 | b                       | <b>2,39</b>   | 0,04        | 1,67 |
| 9            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 2,43         |    | 2,46 |          | 2,43 |                         | <b>2,44</b>   | 0,02        | 0,82 |
| 10           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 2,46         |    | 2,47 |          | 2.39 | b                       | <b>2,45</b>   | 0,04        | 1,63 |
| 11           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 2.42         | b  | 2.51 | b        | 2,47 |                         | <b>2,47</b>   | 0,05        | 2,02 |
| 12           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 2,47         |    | 2,50 |          | 2,47 |                         | <b>2,48</b>   | 0,02        | 0,81 |
| 13           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 2.52         | b  | 2,48 |          | 2.44 | b                       | <b>2,48</b>   | 0,04        | 1,61 |
| 14           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 2.41         | b  | 2,51 |          | 2,48 |                         | <b>2,48</b>   | 0,05        | 2,02 |
| 15           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 2,47         |    | 2,49 |          | 2,50 |                         | <b>2,49</b>   | 0,02        | 0,80 |
| 16           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,50         |    | 2,51 |          | 2,49 |                         | <b>2,50</b>   | 0,01        | 0,40 |
| 17           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,54         |    | 2,53 |          | 2.47 | b                       | <b>2,52</b>   | 0,04        | 1,59 |
| 18           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 2.63         | b  | 2,53 |          | 2,51 |                         | <b>2,53</b>   | 0,06        | 2,37 |
| 19           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 2,53         |    | 2,55 |          | 2,51 |                         | <b>2,53</b>   | 0,02        | 0,79 |
| 20           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 2,51         |    | 2,54 |          | 2,55 |                         | <b>2,53</b>   | 0,02        | 0,79 |
| 21           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,52         |    | 2,53 |          | 2.58 | b                       | <b>2,54</b>   | 0,03        | 1,18 |
| 22           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,54         |    | 2,54 |          | 2,53 |                         | <b>2,54</b>   | 0,01        | 0,39 |
| 23           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 2,51         |    | 2,56 |          | 2,55 |                         | <b>2,54</b>   | 0,03        | 1,18 |
| 24           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 2,53         |    | 2.69 | b        | 2,56 |                         | <b>2,56</b>   | 0,09        | 3,52 |
| 25           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,58         |    | 2,54 |          | 2,56 |                         | <b>2,56</b>   | 0,02        | 0,78 |
| 26           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,56         |    | 2,57 |          | 2,54 |                         | <b>2,56</b>   | 0,02        | 0,78 |
| 27           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 2,56         |    | 2,57 |          | 2,59 |                         | <b>2,57</b>   | 0,02        | 0,78 |
| 28           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 2.54         | b  | 2,58 |          | 2,61 |                         | <b>2,58</b>   | 0,04        | 1,55 |
| 29           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 2.50         | b  | 2,60 |          | 2,60 |                         | <b>2,59</b>   | 0,06        | 2,32 |
| 30           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 2,58         |    | 2.67 | b        | 2,58 |                         | <b>2,59</b>   | 0,05        | 1,93 |
| 31           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,59         |    | 2,62 |          | 2,57 |                         | <b>2,59</b>   | 0,03        | 1,16 |
| 32           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,57         |    | 2.66 | b        | 2,59 |                         | <b>2,59</b>   | 0,05        | 1,93 |
| 33           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,59         |    | 2,59 |          | 2,59 |                         | <b>2,59</b>   | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 34           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 2,68         |    | 2,65 |          | 2.58 | b                       | <b>2,65</b>   | 0,05        | 1,89 |
| 35           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,65         |    | 2.73 | b        | 2,63 |                         | <b>2,65</b>   | 0,05        | 1,89 |
| 36           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 2.71         | b  | 2,65 |          | 2.56 | b                       | <b>2,65</b>   | 0,08        | 3,02 |
| 37           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,66         |    | 2,63 |          | 2,68 |                         | <b>2,66</b>   | 0,03        | 1,13 |
| 38           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 2,70         |    | 2.85 | b        | 2.62 | b                       | <b>2,70</b>   | 0,12        | 4,44 |
| 39           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 2.85         | b  | 2,71 |          | 2.64 | b                       | <b>2,71</b>   | 0,11        | 4,06 |
| 40           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 2.67         | b  | 2,72 |          | 2.77 | b                       | <b>2,72</b>   | 0,05        | 1,84 |
| 41           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,72         |    | 2,71 |          | 2.83 | b                       | <b>2,73</b>   | 0,07        | 2,56 |
| 42           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,75         |    | 2,75 |          | 2,77 |                         | <b>2,76</b>   | 0,01        | 0,36 |
| 43           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,77         |    | 2,76 |          | 2,75 |                         | <b>2,76</b>   | 0,01        | 0,36 |
| 44           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,82         |    | 2.73 | b        | 2,83 |                         | <b>2,81</b>   | 0,06        | 2,14 |
| 45           | 28  | P3.31        | D21     | 2,80         |    | 2,81 |          | 2.89 | b                       | <b>2,82</b>   | 0,05        | 1,77 |
| 46           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,84         |    | 2,82 |          | 2,82 |                         | <b>2,83</b>   | 0,01        | 0,35 |
| 47           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,83         |    | 2,84 |          | 2,85 |                         | <b>2,84</b>   | 0,01        | 0,35 |
| 48           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.05         | b  | 2,85 |          | 2,85 |                         | <b>2,86</b>   | 0,12        | 4,20 |
| 49           | 30  | P6.5         | D21.2   | 3.75         | ab | 3.61 | a        | 3.60 | a                       | <b>3,62 *</b> | 0,08        | 2,21 |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      | Mean     |      | Interlab.std. deviation |               |             |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | abs.                    | rel.%         |             |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | <b>2,58</b>             | <b>0,05</b>   | <b>1,82</b> |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

12,2

Element: Mg  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No.  | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |        |
|------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----------|-------------------------|--------|
|      |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |          | abs.                    | rel. % |
| 1    | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.29         | a  | 0.29 a  | 0.29 a   | 0,29 *                  | 0,00   |
| 2    | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 0.66         | a  | 0.66 a  | 0.70 ab  | 0,66 *                  | 0,02   |
| 3    | 36       | P3.3         | D21     | 0.64         | ab | 0.67 ab | 0.66 a   | 0,66 *                  | 0,02   |
| 4    | 27       | P6.1         | D21     | 0.67         | a  | 0.67 a  | 0.67 a   | 0,67                    | 0,00   |
| 5    | 13       | P3.3         | D21.1   | 0.68         | a  | 0.70 ab | 0.67 ab  | 0,68                    | 0,02   |
| 6    | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.68         | ab | 0.69 a  | 0.75 ab  | 0,69                    | 0,04   |
| 7    | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 0.73         | b  | 0,72    | 0,72     | 0,72                    | 0,01   |
| 8    | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.69         | b  | 0,72    | 0,72     | 0,72                    | 0,02   |
| 9    | 1        | P3.21        | D21.1   | 0.71         | b  | 0,73    | 0,73     | 0,73                    | 0,01   |
| 10   | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 0.74         | b  | 0,73    | 0.71 b   | 0,73                    | 0,02   |
| 11   | 5        | P3.3         | D21     | 0.75         |    | 0.78 b  | 0.75     | 0,75                    | 0,02   |
| 12   | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 0.75         |    | 0.75    | 0.75     | 0,75                    | 0,00   |
| 13   | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 0.76         | b  | 0.75    | 0.74 b   | 0,75                    | 0,01   |
| 14   | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 0.75         | b  | 0,76    | 0,76     | 0,76                    | 0,01   |
| 15   | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.77         |    | 0.76 b  | 0,77     | 0,77                    | 0,01   |
| 16   | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 0.77         |    | 0,77    | 0.79 b   | 0,77                    | 0,01   |
| 17   | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.76         | b  | 0,77    | 0.78 b   | 0,77                    | 0,01   |
| 18   | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.78         |    | 0.75 b  | 0.78     | 0,78                    | 0,02   |
| 19   | 17       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.78         |    | 0.78    | 0.77 b   | 0,78                    | 0,01   |
| 20   | 18       | P3.31        | D31     | 0.80         | b  | 0,78    | 0.78     | 0,78                    | 0,01   |
| 21   | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.76         | b  | 0,78    | 0.78     | 0,78                    | 0,01   |
| 22   | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.81         | b  | 0.77 b  | 0.78     | 0,78                    | 0,02   |
| 23   | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.78         |    | 0.79 b  | 0.78     | 0,78                    | 0,01   |
| 24   | 44       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.78         |    | 0.78    | 0.79 b   | 0,78                    | 0,01   |
| 25   | 4        | P5.1         | D31     | 0.79         |    | 0,79    | 0.76 b   | 0,79                    | 0,02   |
| 26   | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.79         |    | 0.78 b  | 0.79     | 0,79                    | 0,01   |
| 27   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.79         |    | 0,79    | 0.79     | 0,79                    | 0,00   |
| 28   | 49       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.79         |    | 0.78 b  | 0.79     | 0,79                    | 0,01   |
| 29   | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.79         |    | 0,79    | 0.80 b   | 0,79                    | 0,01   |
| 30   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 0.78         | b  | 0.82 b  | 0.79     | 0,79                    | 0,02   |
| 31   | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 0.80         |    | 0.80    | 0.80     | 0,80                    | 0,00   |
| 32   | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 0.81         | b  | 0.80    | 0.80     | 0,80                    | 0,01   |
| 33   | 29       | P3.3         | D31     | 0.80         |    | 0.79 b  | 0.80     | 0,80                    | 0,01   |
| 34   | 38a      | P9.1         | D42     | 0.79         | b  | 0.80    | 0.80     | 0,80                    | 0,01   |
| 35   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 0.80         |    | 0.79 b  | 0.80     | 0,80                    | 0,01   |
| 36   | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 0.81         |    | 0.81    | 0.80 b   | 0,81                    | 0,01   |
| 37   | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.81         |    | 0.82 b  | 0.81     | 0,81                    | 0,01   |
| 38   | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.81         |    | 0.82 b  | 0.80 b   | 0,81                    | 0,01   |
| 39   | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 0.81         |    | 0.81    | 0.80 b   | 0,81                    | 0,01   |
| 40   | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.81         |    | 0.81    | 0.81     | 0,81                    | 0,00   |
| 41   | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 0.81         |    | 0.81    | 0.82 b   | 0,81                    | 0,01   |
| 42   | 3        | P3.10        | D31     | 0.82         |    | 0.83 b  | 0.81 b   | 0,82                    | 0,01   |
| 43   | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.82         |    | 0.82    | 0.81 b   | 0,82                    | 0,01   |
| 44   | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.82         |    | 0.82    | 0.80 b   | 0,82                    | 0,01   |
| 45   | 19       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.85         |    | 0.87 b  | 0.81 b   | 0,85                    | 0,03   |
| 46   | 28       | P3.31        | D21     | 0.85         |    | 0.88 b  | 0.85     | 0,85                    | 0,02   |
| 47   | 24       | P5.1         | D21     | 0.86         | a  | 0.86 a  | 0.83 ab  | 0,86                    | 0,02   |
| 48   | 30       | P6.5         | D21.1   | 0.93         | ab | 0.92 a  | 0.91 ab  | 0,92 *                  | 0,01   |
| 49   | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.98         | ab | 0.96 a  | 0.96 a   | 0,96 *                  | 0,01   |
| Mean |          |              |         |              |    |         |          | Interlab.std. deviation |        |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |         |          | abs.                    | rel. % |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |         |          | 0,79                    | 0,01   |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |         |          | 1,59                    |        |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

10,2

Element: Mg  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         | Lab.mean                | Lab.standard deviation |             |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |                         | abs.                   | rel.%       |      |
| 1            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 0.82         | a  | 0.82 a  | 0.84 ab                 | <b>0,82 *</b>          | 0,01        | 1,22 |
| 2            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 0.83         | a  | 0.83 a  | 0.83 a                  | <b>0,83 *</b>          | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 3            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 0.89         | ab | 0.90 a  | 0.91 ab                 | <b>0,90</b>            | 0,01        | 1,11 |
| 4            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 0.91         | a  | 0.89 ab | 0.92 ab                 | <b>0,91</b>            | 0,02        | 2,20 |
| 5            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 0.91         | a  | 0.96 ab | 0.89 ab                 | <b>0,91</b>            | 0,04        | 4,40 |
| 6            | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 0.92         | a  | 0.93 ab | 0.84 ab                 | <b>0,92</b>            | 0,05        | 5,43 |
| 7            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 0.94         | ab | 0.90 ab | 0.92 a                  | <b>0,92</b>            | 0,02        | 2,17 |
| 8            | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.95         | b  | 0.98 b  | 0.96                    | <b>0,96</b>            | 0,02        | 2,08 |
| 9            | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.97         |    | 0.97    | 0.98 b                  | <b>0,97</b>            | 0,01        | 1,03 |
| 10           | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.89         | b  | 0.97    | 1.00 b                  | <b>0,97</b>            | 0,06        | 6,19 |
| 11           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 1.00         | b  | 0.95 b  | 0.98                    | <b>0,98</b>            | 0,03        | 3,06 |
| 12           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 0.97         | b  | 1.00 b  | 0.98                    | <b>0,98</b>            | 0,02        | 2,04 |
| 13           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 0.98         |    | 0.98    | 0.98                    | <b>0,98</b>            | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 14           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1.00         |    | 1.00    | 1.00                    | <b>1,00</b>            | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 15           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.00         |    | 1.07 b  | 0.95 b                  | <b>1,00</b>            | 0,06        | 6,00 |
| 16           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.00         |    | 1.01 b  | 1.00                    | <b>1,00</b>            | 0,01        | 1,00 |
| 17           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.00         |    | 1.01 b  | 1.00                    | <b>1,00</b>            | 0,01        | 1,00 |
| 18           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.01         |    | 1.02 b  | 1.01                    | <b>1,01</b>            | 0,01        | 0,99 |
| 19           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.01         |    | 1.01    | 1.01                    | <b>1,01</b>            | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 20           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.02         | b  | 1.01    | 1.01                    | <b>1,01</b>            | 0,01        | 0,99 |
| 21           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.02         |    | 1.02    | 1.02                    | <b>1,02</b>            | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 22           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.03         | b  | 1.02    | 1.01 b                  | <b>1,02</b>            | 0,01        | 0,98 |
| 23           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1.02         |    | 1.00 b  | 1.03 b                  | <b>1,02</b>            | 0,02        | 1,96 |
| 24           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1.05         | b  | 1.02 b  | 1.03                    | <b>1,03</b>            | 0,02        | 1,94 |
| 25           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1.03         |    | 1.03    | 1.03                    | <b>1,03</b>            | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 26           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.03         |    | 1.03    | 1.03                    | <b>1,03</b>            | 0,00        | 0,00 |
| 27           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.04         | b  | 1.02 b  | 1.03                    | <b>1,03</b>            | 0,01        | 0,97 |
| 28           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1.04         |    | 1.04    | 1.03 b                  | <b>1,04</b>            | 0,01        | 0,96 |
| 29           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.02         | b  | 1.04    | 1.04                    | <b>1,04</b>            | 0,01        | 0,96 |
| 30           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.04         |    | 1.02 b  | 1.04                    | <b>1,04</b>            | 0,01        | 0,96 |
| 31           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 1.04         |    | 1.04    | 1.06 b                  | <b>1,04</b>            | 0,01        | 0,96 |
| 32           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.09         | b  | 1.03 b  | 1.04                    | <b>1,04</b>            | 0,03        | 2,88 |
| 33           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1.04         |    | 1.06 b  | 1.03 b                  | <b>1,04</b>            | 0,02        | 1,92 |
| 34           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 1.05         |    | 1.06 b  | 1.04 b                  | <b>1,05</b>            | 0,01        | 0,95 |
| 35           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.04         | b  | 1.05    | 1.05                    | <b>1,05</b>            | 0,01        | 0,95 |
| 36           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1.06         |    | 1.06    | 1.07 b                  | <b>1,06</b>            | 0,01        | 0,94 |
| 37           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.08         | b  | 1.06    | 1.00 b                  | <b>1,06</b>            | 0,04        | 3,77 |
| 38           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 1.04         | b  | 1.08 b  | 1.06                    | <b>1,06</b>            | 0,02        | 1,89 |
| 39           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.05         | b  | 1.06    | 1.06                    | <b>1,06</b>            | 0,01        | 0,94 |
| 40           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.06         |    | 1.06    | 1.05 b                  | <b>1,06</b>            | 0,01        | 0,94 |
| 41           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.07         |    | 1.07    | 1.09 b                  | <b>1,07</b>            | 0,01        | 0,93 |
| 42           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.04         | b  | 1.11 b  | 1.07                    | <b>1,07</b>            | 0,04        | 3,74 |
| 43           | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 1.06         | b  | 1.17 b  | 1.09                    | <b>1,09</b>            | 0,06        | 5,50 |
| 44           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1.10         | b  | 1.09    | 1.07 b                  | <b>1,09</b>            | 0,02        | 1,83 |
| 45           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 1.10         |    | 1.11 b  | 1.10                    | <b>1,10</b>            | 0,01        | 0,91 |
| 46           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 1.11         |    | 1.05 b  | 1.15 b                  | <b>1,11</b>            | 0,05        | 4,50 |
| 47           | 30  | P6.5         | D21.1   | 1.12         |    | 1.13 b  | 1.09 b                  | <b>1,12</b>            | 0,02        | 1,79 |
| 48           | 28  | P3.31        | D21     | 1.13         | a  | 1.12 ab | 1.14 ab                 | <b>1,13</b>            | 0,01        | 0,88 |
| 49           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 1.18         | a  | 1.19 ab | 1.17 ab                 | <b>1,18</b>            | 0,01        | 0,85 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |         | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |             |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |         | abs.                    | rel.%                  |             |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |         | <b>1,03</b>             | <b>0,02</b>            | <b>1,77</b> |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2:

4,1

1,04

Element: Mg  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |             |             |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
| 1            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 0.48         | ab | 0.45 | a  | 0.45 a   | <b>0,45 *</b>           | 0,02        | 4,44        |
| 2            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.49         | ab | 0.51 | a  | 0.54 ab  | <b>0,51</b>             | 0,03        | 5,88        |
| 3            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 0.53         | ab | 0.51 | ab | 0.52 a   | <b>0,52</b>             | 0,01        | 1,92        |
| 4            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 0.52         | a  | 0.52 | a  | 0.52 a   | <b>0,52</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 5            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 0.51         | ab | 0.52 | a  | 0.53 ab  | <b>0,52</b>             | 0,01        | 1,92        |
| 6            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 0.56         | ab | 0.53 | a  | 0.53 a   | <b>0,53</b>             | 0,02        | 3,77        |
| 7            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 0.53         | a  | 0.52 | ab | 0.53 a   | <b>0,53</b>             | 0,01        | 1,89        |
| 8            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.56         |    | 0.56 |    | 0.58 b   | <b>0,56</b>             | 0,01        | 1,79        |
| 9            | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.55         | b  | 0.56 |    | 0.56     | <b>0,56</b>             | 0,01        | 1,79        |
| 10           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 0.57         |    | 0.54 | b  | 0.59 b   | <b>0,57</b>             | 0,03        | 5,26        |
| 11           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 0.55         | b  | 0.58 |    | 0.58     | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,02        | 3,45        |
| 12           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.57         | b  | 0.58 |    | 0.62 b   | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,03        | 5,17        |
| 13           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 0.59         | b  | 0.58 |    | 0.58     | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,01        | 1,72        |
| 14           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 0.47         | b  | 0.62 | b  | 0.58     | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,08        | 13,79       |
| 15           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 0.58         |    | 0.58 |    | 0.59 b   | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,01        | 1,72        |
| 16           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 0.58         |    | 0.57 | b  | 0.58     | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,01        | 1,72        |
| 17           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.51         | b  | 0.60 | b  | 0.58     | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,05        | 8,62        |
| 18           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.58         |    | 0.59 | b  | 0.58     | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,01        | 1,72        |
| 19           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.58         |    | 0.58 |    | 0.58     | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 20           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.53         | b  | 0.58 |    | 0.61 b   | <b>0,58</b>             | 0,04        | 6,90        |
| 21           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 0.59         |    | 0.59 |    | 0.58 b   | <b>0,59</b>             | 0,01        | 1,69        |
| 22           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 0.59         |    | 0.58 | b  | 0.61 b   | <b>0,59</b>             | 0,02        | 3,39        |
| 23           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.58         | b  | 0.59 |    | 0.59     | <b>0,59</b>             | 0,01        | 1,69        |
| 24           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 0.58         | b  | 0.59 |    | 0.59     | <b>0,59</b>             | 0,01        | 1,69        |
| 25           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 0.60         |    | 0.60 |    | 0.60     | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 26           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 0.60         |    | 0.61 | b  | 0.59 b   | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,01        | 1,67        |
| 27           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 0.58         | b  | 0.60 |    | 0.62 b   | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,02        | 3,33        |
| 28           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.60         |    | 0.60 |    | 0.60     | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 29           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.60         |    | 0.59 | b  | 0.60     | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,01        | 1,67        |
| 30           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 0.60         |    | 0.60 |    | 0.60     | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 31           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.60         |    | 0.60 |    | 0.62 b   | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,01        | 1,67        |
| 32           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 0.60         |    | 0.57 | b  | 0.60     | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,02        | 3,33        |
| 33           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.59         | b  | 0.60 |    | 0.63 b   | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,02        | 3,33        |
| 34           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 0.60         |    | 0.61 | b  | 0.60     | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,01        | 1,67        |
| 35           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.60         |    | 0.60 |    | 0.61 b   | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,01        | 1,67        |
| 36           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.59         | b  | 0.60 |    | 0.60     | <b>0,60</b>             | 0,01        | 1,67        |
| 37           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 0.60         | b  | 0.63 | b  | 0.61     | <b>0,61</b>             | 0,02        | 3,28        |
| 38           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 0.61         |    | 0.61 |    | 0.61     | <b>0,61</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 39           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 0.61         |    | 0.62 | b  | 0.61     | <b>0,61</b>             | 0,01        | 1,64        |
| 40           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.60         | b  | 0.61 |    | 0.62 b   | <b>0,61</b>             | 0,01        | 1,64        |
| 41           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.61         |    | 0.61 |    | 0.60 b   | <b>0,61</b>             | 0,01        | 1,64        |
| 42           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 0.61         |    | 0.61 |    | 0.62 b   | <b>0,61</b>             | 0,01        | 1,64        |
| 43           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.64         | b  | 0.62 |    | 0.61 b   | <b>0,62</b>             | 0,02        | 3,23        |
| 44           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 0.62         |    | 0.62 |    | 0.62     | <b>0,62</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 45           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 0.62         |    | 0.62 |    | 0.62     | <b>0,62</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 46           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 0.64         | b  | 0.63 |    | 0.61 b   | <b>0,63</b>             | 0,02        | 3,17        |
| 47           | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 0.63         |    | 0.61 | b  | 0.68 b   | <b>0,63</b>             | 0,04        | 6,35        |
| 48           | 28  | P3.31        | D21     | 0.64         | a  | 0.64 | a  | 0.64 a   | <b>0,64</b>             | 0,00        | 0,00        |
| 49           | 30  | P6.5         | D21.1   | 0.69         | a  | 0.69 | a  | 0.68 ab  | <b>0,69 *</b>           | 0,01        | 1,45        |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |             |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%       |             |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    |          | <b>0,59</b>             | <b>0,01</b> | <b>2,57</b> |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

4,1

Element: Mg  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No.         | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |             |
|-------------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----------|-------------------------|-------------|
|             |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |          | abs.                    | rel. %      |
| 1           | 27       | P6.1         | D21     | 0.59         | ab | 0.54 a  | 0.54 a   | <b>0,54 *</b>           | 0,03        |
| 2           | 36       | P3.3         | D21     | 0.61         | ab | 0.62 a  | 0.63 ab  | <b>0,62 *</b>           | 0,01        |
| 3           | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.65         | a  | 0.64 ab | 0.67 ab  | <b>0,65</b>             | 0,02        |
| 4           | 1        | P3.21        | D21.1   | 0.65         | ab | 0.66 a  | 0.66 a   | <b>0,66</b>             | 0,01        |
| 5           | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 0.65         | ab | 0.66 a  | 0.69 ab  | <b>0,66</b>             | 0,02        |
| 6           | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 0.66         | a  | 0.67 ab | 0.66 a   | <b>0,66</b>             | 0,01        |
| 7           | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 0.70         |    | 0,70    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>             | 0,00        |
| 8           | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.71         | b  | 0.68 b  | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>             | 0,02        |
| 9           | 18       | P3.31        | D31     | 0.69         | b  | 0,70    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>             | 0,01        |
| 10          | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.71         | b  | 0,70    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>             | 0,01        |
| 11          | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.69         | b  | 0,71    | 0,71     | <b>0,71</b>             | 0,01        |
| 12          | 4        | P5.1         | D31     | 0.75         | b  | 0,72    | 0,72     | <b>0,72</b>             | 0,02        |
| 13          | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 0.75         | b  | 0,72    | 0.70 b   | <b>0,72</b>             | 0,03        |
| 14          | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.72         |    | 0,72    | 0.73 b   | <b>0,72</b>             | 0,01        |
| 15          | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.72         |    | 0,72    | 0,72     | <b>0,72</b>             | 0,00        |
| 16          | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 0.73         | b  | 0,72    | 0,72     | <b>0,72</b>             | 0,01        |
| 17          | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 0.72         |    | 0.70 b  | 0,72     | <b>0,72</b>             | 0,01        |
| 18          | 5        | P3.3         | D21     | 0.73         |    | 0,73    | 0,73     | <b>0,73</b>             | 0,00        |
| 19          | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 0.74         | b  | 0,73    | 0,73     | <b>0,73</b>             | 0,01        |
| 20          | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.73         |    | 0.74 b  | 0,73     | <b>0,73</b>             | 0,01        |
| 21          | 44       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.73         |    | 0,73    | 0.71 b   | <b>0,73</b>             | 0,01        |
| 22          | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.74         |    | 0,74    | 0,74     | <b>0,74</b>             | 0,00        |
| 23          | 13       | P3.3         | D21.1   | 0.73         | b  | 0,74    | 0.77 b   | <b>0,74</b>             | 0,02        |
| 24          | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.74         |    | 0.75 b  | 0,74     | <b>0,74</b>             | 0,01        |
| 25          | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 0.75         | b  | 0,74    | 0.71 b   | <b>0,74</b>             | 0,02        |
| 26          | 29       | P3.3         | D31     | 0.75         | b  | 0.73 b  | 0,74     | <b>0,74</b>             | 0,01        |
| 27          | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 0.73         | b  | 0,74    | 0.75 b   | <b>0,74</b>             | 0,01        |
| 28          | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.74         |    | 0,74    | 0,74     | <b>0,74</b>             | 0,00        |
| 29          | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 0.74         | b  | 0,75    | 0,75     | <b>0,75</b>             | 0,01        |
| 30          | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.77         | b  | 0,75    | 0.73 b   | <b>0,75</b>             | 0,02        |
| 31          | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.74         | b  | 0,75    | 0,75     | <b>0,75</b>             | 0,01        |
| 32          | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.75         |    | 0.73 b  | 0.76 b   | <b>0,75</b>             | 0,02        |
| 33          | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.75         |    | 0.76 b  | 0,75     | <b>0,75</b>             | 0,01        |
| 34          | 3        | P3.10        | D31     | 0.75         | b  | 0.77 b  | 0,76     | <b>0,76</b>             | 0,01        |
| 35          | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 0.76         |    | 0,76    | 0,76     | <b>0,76</b>             | 0,00        |
| 36          | 17       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.76         |    | 0,76    | 0.75 b   | <b>0,76</b>             | 0,01        |
| 37          | 19       | P5.5         | D31     | 0.74         | b  | 0.82 b  | 0,76     | <b>0,76</b>             | 0,04        |
| 38          | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 0.76         |    | 0.77 b  | 0.75 b   | <b>0,76</b>             | 0,01        |
| 39          | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.76         |    | 0,76    | 0.74 b   | <b>0,76</b>             | 0,01        |
| 40          | 24       | P5.1         | D21     | 0.78         | b  | 0.75 b  | 0,77     | <b>0,77</b>             | 0,02        |
| 41          | 38a      | P9.1         | D42     | 0.77         |    | 0.78 b  | 0,77     | <b>0,77</b>             | 0,01        |
| 42          | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.76         | b  | 0,77    | 0.78 b   | <b>0,77</b>             | 0,01        |
| 43          | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.77         | b  | 0,78    | 0.80 b   | <b>0,78</b>             | 0,02        |
| 44          | 28       | P3.31        | D21     | 0.77         | b  | 0,78    | 0.79 b   | <b>0,78</b>             | 0,01        |
| 45          | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 0.76         | b  | 0,78    | 0,78     | <b>0,78</b>             | 0,01        |
| 46          | 30       | P6.5         | D21.1   | 0.79         |    | 0,79    | 0.77 b   | <b>0,79</b>             | 0,01        |
| 47          | 49       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.79         |    | 0.83 b  | 0.77 b   | <b>0,79</b>             | 0,03        |
| 48          | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 0.83         | ab | 0.85 a  | 0.85 a   | <b>0,85</b>             | 0,01        |
| 49          | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.87         | ab | 0.86 a  | 0.86 a   | <b>0,86 *</b>           | 0,01        |
| <b>Mean</b> |          |              |         |              |    |         |          | Interlab.std. deviation |             |
|             |          |              |         |              |    |         |          | abs.                    | rel. %      |
|             |          |              |         |              |    |         |          | <b>0,74</b>             | <b>0,01</b> |
|             |          |              |         |              |    |         |          |                         | <b>1,75</b> |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

6,1

Element: K  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No.  | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |        |
|------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----------|-------------------------|--------|
|      |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |          | abs.                    | rel. % |
| 1    | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 5.61         | a  | 5.59 a | 5.48 ab  | 5,58 *                  | 0,07   |
| 2    | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 5.99         | ab | 5.84 a | 5.83 a   | 5,86 *                  | 0,09   |
| 3    | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 5.79         | ab | 5.88 a | 5.95 ab  | 5,88 *                  | 0,08   |
| 4    | 30       | P6.5         | D21.1   | 5.96         | a  | 6.05 a | 6.01 a   | 6,01                    | 0,05   |
| 5    | 36       | P3.3         | D28     | 6.20         | a  | 6.22 a | 6.21 a   | 6,21                    | 0,01   |
| 6    | 51       | P9.1         | D42     | 6.22         | a  | 6.25 a | 6.31 a   | 6,26                    | 0,05   |
| 7    | 10       | P5.1         | D21.1   | 6,25         |    | 6,26   | 6.57 b   | 6,28                    | 0,18   |
| 8    | 19       | P5.5         | D31     | 6,58         |    | 6.47 b | 6,55     | 6,54                    | 0,06   |
| 9    | 18       | P3.31        | D31     | 6.80         | b  | 6,60   | 6.50 b   | 6,60                    | 0,15   |
| 10   | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 6,60         |    | 6.73 b | 6,59     | 6,62                    | 0,08   |
| 11   | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 6.50         | b  | 6,64   | 6.71 b   | 6,64                    | 0,11   |
| 12   | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 6,64         |    | 6,64   | 6,65     | 6,64                    | 0,01   |
| 13   | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 6,65         |    | 6.34 b | 6.77 b   | 6,65                    | 0,22   |
| 14   | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 6,62         |    | 6,70   | 6,68     | 6,67                    | 0,04   |
| 15   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 6,65         |    | 6,69   | 6,73     | 6,69                    | 0,04   |
| 16   | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 6.59         | b  | 6,77   | 6,71     | 6,71                    | 0,09   |
| 17   | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 6.79         | b  | 6,66   | 6,71     | 6,71                    | 0,07   |
| 18   | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 6.94         | b  | 6,71   | 6,68     | 6,72                    | 0,14   |
| 19   | 49       | P4.1         | D31     | 6.73         |    | 6,73   | 6,78     | 6,75                    | 0,03   |
| 20   | 17       | P5.1         | D31     | 6.75         |    | 6,77   | 6,76     | 6,76                    | 0,01   |
| 21   | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 6.77         |    | 6.50 b | 6,82     | 6,77                    | 0,17   |
| 22   | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 6.80         |    | 6,76   | 6.88 b   | 6,80                    | 0,06   |
| 23   | 1        | P3.21        | D21.1   | 6.84         |    | 6,76   | 6.84     | 6,82                    | 0,05   |
| 24   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 6.89         |    | 6,91   | 6,93     | 6,91                    | 0,02   |
| 25   | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 6.93         |    | 6,93   | 6,97     | 6,94                    | 0,02   |
| 26   | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 6.89         |    | 6,98   | 6,96     | 6,95                    | 0,05   |
| 27   | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 6.95         |    | 7.06 b | 6.88 b   | 6,95                    | 0,09   |
| 28   | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 6.94         |    | 6,98   | 7.06 b   | 6,98                    | 0,06   |
| 29   | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 7.27         | b  | 6,94   | 7,00     | 7,00                    | 0,18   |
| 30   | 44       | P4.1         | D31     | 7.02         |    | 7,03   | 7,06     | 7,04                    | 0,02   |
| 31   | 4        | P5.1         | D21.1   | 7.05         |    | 7.14 b | 7,03     | 7,06                    | 0,06   |
| 32   | 28       | P3.31        | D21     | 7.09         |    | 7,03   | 7,11     | 7,08                    | 0,04   |
| 33   | 29       | P3.3         | D31     | 7.09         |    | 7,10   | 7,04     | 7,08                    | 0,03   |
| 34   | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 7.09         |    | 7.20 b | 7,08     | 7,11                    | 0,07   |
| 35   | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 7.10         |    | 7,10   | 7.20 b   | 7,12                    | 0,06   |
| 36   | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 7.19         |    | 7,17   | 7,11     | 7,16                    | 0,04   |
| 37   | 38a      | P9.1         | D42     | 7.16         |    | 7,19   | 7,16     | 7,17                    | 0,02   |
| 38   | 3        | P3.10        | D31     | 7.02         | b  | 7.28 b | 7,18     | 7,18                    | 0,13   |
| 39   | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 7.20         |    | 7,18   | 7,21     | 7,20                    | 0,02   |
| 40   | 5        | P21          | D28     | 6.95         | b  | 7.38 b | 7,25     | 7,25                    | 0,22   |
| 41   | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 7.24         |    | 7,27   | 7,25     | 7,25                    | 0,02   |
| 42   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 7.32         | b  | 7,25   | 7,21     | 7,25                    | 0,06   |
| 43   | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 7.34         |    | 7,27   | 7,25     | 7,28                    | 0,05   |
| 44   | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 7.25         |    | 7,32   | 7,31     | 7,29                    | 0,04   |
| 45   | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 7.31         |    | 7,35   | 7,40     | 7,35                    | 0,05   |
| 46   | 13       | P3.3         | D21.1   | 7.33         |    | 7,37   | 7,39     | 7,36                    | 0,03   |
| 47   | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 7.43         |    | 7,40   | 7,35     | 7,39                    | 0,04   |
| 48   | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 7.36         | b  | 7,50   | 7,46     | 7,46                    | 0,07   |
| 49   | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 7.31         | b  | 7,51   | 7,49     | 7,48                    | 0,11   |
| Mean |          |              |         |              |    |        |          | Interlab.std. deviation |        |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |        |          | abs.                    | rel. % |
| 6,92 |          |              |         |              |    |        |          | 0,07                    | 1,04   |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

6,1

Element: K  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean                | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |                         | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 4.11         | a  | 4.10 | a  | 4.46 ab                 | 4,12 *                 | 0,21  | 5,10 |
| 2            | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 4.33         | a  | 4.48 | ab | 4.12 ab                 | 4,33 *                 | 0,18  | 4,16 |
| 3            | 24  | P5.1         | D28     | 4.54         | ab | 4.30 | ab | 4.44 a                  | 4,44                   | 0,12  | 2,70 |
| 4            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 4.34         | ab | 4.62 | a  | 4.63 a                  | 4,61                   | 0,16  | 3,47 |
| 5            | 30  | P6.5         | D21.1   | 4,69         |    | 4,66 |    | 4,71                    | 4,69                   | 0,03  | 0,64 |
| 6            | 36  | P3.3         | D28     | 4.65         | b  | 4,70 |    | 4.77 b                  | 4,70                   | 0,06  | 1,28 |
| 7            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 4.66         | b  | 4,72 |    | 4,73                    | 4,71                   | 0,04  | 0,85 |
| 8            | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,76         |    | 4.85 | b  | 4,77                    | 4,78                   | 0,05  | 1,05 |
| 9            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 4,80         |    | 4,80 |    | 4,80                    | 4,80                   | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 10           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 4.76         | b  | 4,81 |    | 4,85                    | 4,81                   | 0,05  | 1,04 |
| 11           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,85         |    | 4.74 | b  | 4,87                    | 4,85                   | 0,07  | 1,44 |
| 12           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,88         |    | 4,85 |    | 4.50 b                  | 4,85                   | 0,21  | 4,33 |
| 13           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,99         |    | 4,95 |    | 4.90 b                  | 4,95                   | 0,05  | 1,01 |
| 14           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 4,97         |    | 5.06 | b  | 4.88 b                  | 4,97                   | 0,09  | 1,81 |
| 15           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 5,01         |    | 5,00 |    | 4.67 b                  | 4,99                   | 0,19  | 3,81 |
| 16           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 4,99         |    | 5.10 | b  | 4,98                    | 5,00                   | 0,07  | 1,40 |
| 17           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 5.13         | b  | 5,01 |    | 4.85 b                  | 5,01                   | 0,14  | 2,79 |
| 18           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 5,03         |    | 5,03 |    | 5,07                    | 5,04                   | 0,02  | 0,40 |
| 19           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 5,04         |    | 5,06 |    | 5.13 b                  | 5,06                   | 0,05  | 0,99 |
| 20           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 5.19         | b  | 5,09 |    | 4.98 b                  | 5,09                   | 0,11  | 2,16 |
| 21           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 5,08         |    | 5.18 | b  | 5,09                    | 5,10                   | 0,06  | 1,18 |
| 22           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 5,10         |    | 5,07 |    | 5.16 b                  | 5,10                   | 0,05  | 0,98 |
| 23           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 5,14         |    | 5,15 |    | 5,12                    | 5,14                   | 0,02  | 0,39 |
| 24           | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 5,16         |    | 5.00 | b  | 5,17                    | 5,15                   | 0,10  | 1,94 |
| 25           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 5.10         | b  | 5.25 | b  | 5,19                    | 5,19                   | 0,08  | 1,54 |
| 26           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 5,21         |    | 5,19 |    | 5,20                    | 5,20                   | 0,01  | 0,19 |
| 27           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 5,20         |    | 5,19 |    | 5,21                    | 5,20                   | 0,01  | 0,19 |
| 28           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 5,20         |    | 5.30 | b  | 5,20                    | 5,21                   | 0,06  | 1,15 |
| 29           | 28  | P3.31        | D21     | 5,19         |    | 5,20 |    | 5,23                    | 5,21                   | 0,02  | 0,38 |
| 30           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 5,23         |    | 5.09 | b  | 5,25                    | 5,23                   | 0,09  | 1,72 |
| 31           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 5,21         |    | 5,24 |    | 5,24                    | 5,23                   | 0,02  | 0,38 |
| 32           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 5.41         | b  | 5,24 |    | 5,26                    | 5,26                   | 0,09  | 1,71 |
| 33           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 5,29         |    | 5,29 |    | 5,27                    | 5,28                   | 0,01  | 0,19 |
| 34           | 4   | P5.1         | D21.1   | 5,29         |    | 5,31 |    | 5,27                    | 5,29                   | 0,02  | 0,38 |
| 35           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 5,32         |    | 5,26 |    | 5,31                    | 5,30                   | 0,03  | 0,57 |
| 36           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 5,33         |    | 5,30 |    | 5,34                    | 5,32                   | 0,02  | 0,38 |
| 37           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 5,34         |    | 5,33 |    | 5,32                    | 5,33                   | 0,01  | 0,19 |
| 38           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 5.65         | b  | 5,31 |    | 5,33                    | 5,33                   | 0,19  | 3,56 |
| 39           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 5,37         |    | 5,35 |    | 5,35                    | 5,36                   | 0,01  | 0,19 |
| 40           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 5,39         |    | 5,35 |    | 5,38                    | 5,37                   | 0,02  | 0,37 |
| 41           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 5,37         |    | 5.43 | b  | 5,36                    | 5,38                   | 0,04  | 0,74 |
| 42           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 5,43         |    | 5,43 |    | 5,45                    | 5,44                   | 0,01  | 0,18 |
| 43           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 5,43         |    | 5,46 |    | 5,48                    | 5,46                   | 0,03  | 0,55 |
| 44           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 5.57         | b  | 5.44 | b  | 5,52                    | 5,52                   | 0,07  | 1,27 |
| 45           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 5,59         |    | 5,58 |    | 5.49 b                  | 5,57                   | 0,06  | 1,08 |
| 46           | 35  | P3.21        | D28     | 5,58         |    | 5,57 |    | 5,59                    | 5,58                   | 0,01  | 0,18 |
| 47           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 5,61         |    | 5.52 | b  | 5,59                    | 5,59                   | 0,05  | 0,89 |
| 48           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 5,67         |    | 5,65 |    | 5,70                    | 5,67                   | 0,03  | 0,53 |
| 49           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 5.47         | b  | 5,69 |    | 5.81 b                  | 5,69                   | 0,17  | 2,99 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |    | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    | abs.                    | rel.%                  |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |    | 5,17                    | 0,07                   | 1,36  |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2:

4,1

5,12

Element: K  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |   | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |               |      |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|---|----------|-------------------------|---------------|------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |   |          | abs.                    | rel.%         |      |      |
| 1            | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.34         | a  | 3.36 | a | 3.35     | a                       | <b>3,35 *</b> | 0,01 | 0,30 |
| 2            | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.44         | ab | 3.61 | a | 3.58     | a                       | <b>3,58</b>   | 0,09 | 2,51 |
| 3            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.54         | a  | 3.58 | a | 3.75     | ab                      | <b>3,58</b>   | 0,11 | 3,07 |
| 4            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 3,76         |    | 3.69 | b | 3.89     | b                       | <b>3,76</b>   | 0,10 | 2,66 |
| 5            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 3,76         |    | 3.81 | b | 3,73     |                         | <b>3,76</b>   | 0,04 | 1,06 |
| 6            | 24  | P5.1         | D28     | 3,82         |    | 3,77 |   | 3,82     |                         | <b>3,81</b>   | 0,03 | 0,79 |
| 7            | 36  | P3.3         | D28     | 3,81         |    | 3,82 |   | 3,80     |                         | <b>3,81</b>   | 0,01 | 0,26 |
| 8            | 30  | P6.5         | D21.1   | 3.80         | b  | 3,85 |   | 3.90     | b                       | <b>3,85</b>   | 0,05 | 1,30 |
| 9            | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 3.82         | b  | 3,87 |   | 3,90     |                         | <b>3,87</b>   | 0,04 | 1,03 |
| 10           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.86         | b  | 3,91 |   | 3.96     | b                       | <b>3,91</b>   | 0,05 | 1,28 |
| 11           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 3,92         |    | 3,95 |   | 4.05     | b                       | <b>3,95</b>   | 0,07 | 1,77 |
| 12           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 3,98         |    | 4,02 |   | 3.90     | b                       | <b>3,98</b>   | 0,06 | 1,51 |
| 13           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,98         |    | 3,98 |   | 3,98     |                         | <b>3,98</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 14           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 4,00         |    | 4,00 |   | 4,00     |                         | <b>4,00</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 15           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.54         | b  | 4,02 |   | 4.15     | b                       | <b>4,02</b>   | 0,32 | 7,96 |
| 16           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 4,04         |    | 4,03 |   | 4.19     | b                       | <b>4,05</b>   | 0,09 | 2,22 |
| 17           | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 4.14         | b  | 4,05 |   | 4,08     |                         | <b>4,08</b>   | 0,05 | 1,23 |
| 18           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 4.17         | b  | 4,08 |   | 3.92     | b                       | <b>4,08</b>   | 0,13 | 3,19 |
| 19           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 4,09         |    | 4.01 | b | 4.16     | b                       | <b>4,09</b>   | 0,08 | 1,96 |
| 20           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 4,16         |    | 4,12 |   | 4,13     |                         | <b>4,14</b>   | 0,02 | 0,48 |
| 21           | 19  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,12         |    | 4,16 |   | 4.31     | b                       | <b>4,16</b>   | 0,10 | 2,40 |
| 22           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,17         |    | 4,15 |   | 4,16     |                         | <b>4,16</b>   | 0,01 | 0,24 |
| 23           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 4,18         |    | 4,21 |   | 4,16     |                         | <b>4,18</b>   | 0,03 | 0,72 |
| 24           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,17         |    | 4,20 |   | 4,20     |                         | <b>4,19</b>   | 0,02 | 0,48 |
| 25           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,20         |    | 4,22 |   | 4,19     |                         | <b>4,20</b>   | 0,02 | 0,48 |
| 26           | 4   | P5.1         | D21.1   | 4.37         | b  | 4,21 |   | 4.14     | b                       | <b>4,21</b>   | 0,12 | 2,85 |
| 27           | 28  | P3.31        | D21     | 4,22         |    | 4,20 |   | 4,23     |                         | <b>4,22</b>   | 0,02 | 0,47 |
| 28           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,21         |    | 4,20 |   | 4.29     | b                       | <b>4,22</b>   | 0,05 | 1,18 |
| 29           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 4,24         |    | 4,25 |   | 4,25     |                         | <b>4,25</b>   | 0,01 | 0,24 |
| 30           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,26         |    | 4,29 |   | 4.17     | b                       | <b>4,26</b>   | 0,06 | 1,41 |
| 31           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,28         |    | 4,27 |   | 4,30     |                         | <b>4,28</b>   | 0,02 | 0,47 |
| 32           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 4,28         |    | 4,32 |   | 4,27     |                         | <b>4,29</b>   | 0,03 | 0,70 |
| 33           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 4.17         | b  | 4,31 |   | 4.45     | b                       | <b>4,31</b>   | 0,14 | 3,25 |
| 34           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 4,30         |    | 4,30 |   | 4.39     | b                       | <b>4,31</b>   | 0,05 | 1,16 |
| 35           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 4.26         | b  | 4,33 |   | 4.70     | b                       | <b>4,33</b>   | 0,24 | 5,54 |
| 36           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 4,34         |    | 4,35 |   | 4,32     |                         | <b>4,34</b>   | 0,02 | 0,46 |
| 37           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 4.43         | b  | 4,37 |   | 4.30     | b                       | <b>4,37</b>   | 0,07 | 1,60 |
| 38           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 4.10         | b  | 4.62 | b | 4,37     |                         | <b>4,37</b>   | 0,26 | 5,95 |
| 39           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,39         |    | 4,38 |   | 4,38     |                         | <b>4,38</b>   | 0,01 | 0,23 |
| 40           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,39         |    | 4,40 |   | 4,36     |                         | <b>4,38</b>   | 0,02 | 0,46 |
| 41           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,38         |    | 4,39 |   | 4,39     |                         | <b>4,39</b>   | 0,01 | 0,23 |
| 42           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 4,43         |    | 4,46 |   | 4,39     |                         | <b>4,43</b>   | 0,04 | 0,90 |
| 43           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,42         |    | 4,44 |   | 4,48     |                         | <b>4,44</b>   | 0,03 | 0,68 |
| 44           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 4.56         | b  | 4,45 |   | 4,49     |                         | <b>4,49</b>   | 0,06 | 1,34 |
| 45           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 4,50         |    | 4,50 |   | 4,50     |                         | <b>4,50</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 46           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,52         |    | 4,46 |   | 4,50     |                         | <b>4,50</b>   | 0,03 | 0,67 |
| 47           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,56         |    | 4,54 |   | 4,56     |                         | <b>4,55</b>   | 0,01 | 0,22 |
| 48           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,53         |    | 4,55 |   | 4.69     | b                       | <b>4,55</b>   | 0,09 | 1,98 |
| 49           | 35  | P3.21        | D28     | 4,57         |    | 4,57 |   | 4,56     |                         | <b>4,57</b>   | 0,01 | 0,22 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |      |   |          | Interlab.std. deviation |               |      |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |   |          | abs.                    | rel.%         |      |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |      |   |          | 0,06                    | 1,45          |      |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

2,0

Element: K  
 Dimension: mg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No.  | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      | Lab.mean |      |                         | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----------|------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|
|      |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |          |      |                         | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1    | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 4.47         | ab | 4.73 | ab       | 4.55 | a                       | 4,55 *                 | 0,13  | 2,86 |
| 2    | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 4.87         | ab | 4.46 | ab       | 4.55 | a                       | 4,55 *                 | 0,22  | 4,84 |
| 3    | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 4.70         | a  | 4.73 | a        | 4.75 | a                       | 4,73                   | 0,03  | 0,63 |
| 4    | 30       | P6.5         | D21.1   | 4.74         | a  | 4.80 | a        | 4.85 | a                       | 4,80                   | 0,06  | 1,25 |
| 5    | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 4.82         | ab | 4.96 | a        | 4.95 | a                       | 4,93                   | 0,08  | 1,62 |
| 6    | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 5.10         | b  | 4,98 |          | 4,97 |                         | 5,00                   | 0,07  | 1,40 |
| 7    | 36       | P3.3         | D28     | 5,02         |    | 5,00 |          | 5,00 |                         | 5,01                   | 0,01  | 0,20 |
| 8    | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 5,08         |    | 5,11 |          | 5,13 |                         | 5,11                   | 0,03  | 0,59 |
| 9    | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 5,12         |    | 5.02 | b        | 5.20 | b                       | 5,12                   | 0,09  | 1,76 |
| 10   | 18       | P3.31        | D31     | 5,10         |    | 5,10 |          | 5.20 | b                       | 5,12                   | 0,06  | 1,17 |
| 11   | 19       | P5.5         | D31     | 5,19         |    | 5.30 | b        | 5,17 |                         | 5,20                   | 0,07  | 1,35 |
| 12   | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 5,20         |    | 5,20 |          | 5,25 |                         | 5,22                   | 0,03  | 0,57 |
| 13   | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 5,17         |    | 5.35 | b        | 5,23 |                         | 5,23                   | 0,09  | 1,72 |
| 14   | 24       | P5.1         | D28     | 5,25         |    | 5.53 | b        | 5.15 | b                       | 5,25                   | 0,20  | 3,81 |
| 15   | 51       | P9.1         | D42     | 5,24         |    | 5,27 |          | 5,29 |                         | 5,27                   | 0,03  | 0,57 |
| 16   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 5.38         | b  | 5.22 | b        | 5,29 |                         | 5,29                   | 0,08  | 1,51 |
| 17   | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 5,32         |    | 5,33 |          | 5,32 |                         | 5,32                   | 0,01  | 0,19 |
| 18   | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 5,32         |    | 5.25 | b        | 5.43 | b                       | 5,32                   | 0,09  | 1,69 |
| 19   | 10       | P5.1         | D21.1   | 5,41         |    | 5.33 | b        | 5.48 | b                       | 5,41                   | 0,08  | 1,48 |
| 20   | 17       | P5.1         | D31     | 5,43         |    | 5,45 |          | 5.31 | b                       | 5,42                   | 0,08  | 1,48 |
| 21   | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 5,41         |    | 5.52 | b        | 5,41 |                         | 5,43                   | 0,06  | 1,10 |
| 22   | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 5,40         |    | 5,42 |          | 5,46 |                         | 5,43                   | 0,03  | 0,55 |
| 23   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 5,44         |    | 5,43 |          | 5,46 |                         | 5,44                   | 0,02  | 0,37 |
| 24   | 1        | P3.21        | D21.1   | 5,44         |    | 5,47 |          | 5,49 |                         | 5,47                   | 0,03  | 0,55 |
| 25   | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 5,47         |    | 5,48 |          | 5,46 |                         | 5,47                   | 0,01  | 0,18 |
| 26   | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 5,50         |    | 5.60 | b        | 5,47 |                         | 5,51                   | 0,07  | 1,27 |
| 27   | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 5,50         |    | 5,51 |          | 5,51 |                         | 5,51                   | 0,01  | 0,18 |
| 28   | 44       | P4.1         | D31     | 5,56         |    | 5,60 |          | 5.45 | b                       | 5,56                   | 0,08  | 1,44 |
| 29   | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 5,57         |    | 5,56 |          | 5,62 |                         | 5,58                   | 0,03  | 0,54 |
| 30   | 28       | P3.31        | D21     | 5,56         |    | 5.73 | b        | 5,60 |                         | 5,60                   | 0,09  | 1,61 |
| 31   | 3        | P3.10        | D31     | 5,61         |    | 5,55 |          | 5,66 |                         | 5,61                   | 0,06  | 1,07 |
| 32   | 4        | P5.1         | D21.1   | 5,61         |    | 5.72 | b        | 5.44 | b                       | 5,61                   | 0,14  | 2,50 |
| 33   | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 5,60         |    | 5.70 | b        | 5,60 |                         | 5,62                   | 0,06  | 1,07 |
| 34   | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 5,61         |    | 5,68 |          | 5,66 |                         | 5,65                   | 0,04  | 0,71 |
| 35   | 29       | P3.3         | D31     | 5,69         |    | 5,60 |          | 5,65 |                         | 5,65                   | 0,05  | 0,88 |
| 36   | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 5,65         |    | 5.50 | b        | 5.89 | b                       | 5,65                   | 0,20  | 3,54 |
| 37   | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 5,66         |    | 5,68 |          | 5,66 |                         | 5,67                   | 0,01  | 0,18 |
| 38   | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 5,71         |    | 5,68 |          | 5,66 |                         | 5,68                   | 0,03  | 0,53 |
| 39   | 38a      | P9.1         | D42     | 5,69         |    | 5,70 |          | 5,68 |                         | 5,69                   | 0,01  | 0,18 |
| 40   | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 5,75         |    | 5,75 |          | 5,67 |                         | 5,73                   | 0,05  | 0,87 |
| 41   | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 5,71         |    | 5.81 | b        | 5,73 |                         | 5,74                   | 0,05  | 0,87 |
| 42   | 35       | P3.21        | D28     | 5,75         |    | 5,75 |          | 5,77 |                         | 5,76                   | 0,01  | 0,17 |
| 43   | 49       | P4.1         | D31     | 6.17         | b  | 5,76 |          | 5.66 | b                       | 5,76                   | 0,27  | 4,69 |
| 44   | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 5.87         | b  | 5,77 |          | 5.59 | b                       | 5,77                   | 0,14  | 2,43 |
| 45   | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 5.66         | b  | 5,83 |          | 5,80 |                         | 5,79                   | 0,09  | 1,55 |
| 46   | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 5,83         |    | 5,82 |          | 5.63 | b                       | 5,80                   | 0,11  | 1,90 |
| 47   | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 5,94         |    | 5,87 |          | 5,85 |                         | 5,88                   | 0,05  | 0,85 |
| 48   | 13       | P3.3         | D21.1   | 5,97         |    | 5,94 |          | 5,90 |                         | 5,94                   | 0,04  | 0,67 |
| 49   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 6.05         | a  | 6.00 | a        | 6.03 | a                       | 6,03                   | 0,03  | 0,50 |
| Mean |          |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |       |      |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | abs.                    | rel.%                  |       |      |
|      |          |              |         |              |    |      |          |      | 5,48                    | 0,07                   | 1,30  |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 15 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

4,1

Element: Zn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 30.70        | a  | 31.90 | ab | 31.10    | a  | 31,12 *                | 0,61  | 1,96 |
| 2            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 38.10        | a  | 39.30 | ab | 37.30    | ab | 38,10 *                | 1,01  | 2,65 |
| 3            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 46.30        | a  | 46.00 | a  | 45.80    | a  | 46,03                  | 0,25  | 0,54 |
| 4            | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 46.80        | a  | 46.90 | a  | 47.50    | a  | 47,07                  | 0,38  | 0,81 |
| 5            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 47.60        | a  | 48.20 | a  | 50.00    | ab | 48,20                  | 1,25  | 2,59 |
| 6            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 48.80        | a  | 49.00 | a  | 48.80    | a  | 48,87                  | 0,12  | 0,25 |
| 7            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 50.20        | b  | 51.00 |    | 53.00    | b  | 51,00                  | 1,44  | 2,82 |
| 8            | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 51.30        |    | 51.50 |    | 51.10    |    | 51,30                  | 0,20  | 0,39 |
| 9            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 51.30        |    | 51.50 |    | 51.30    |    | 51,37                  | 0,12  | 0,23 |
| 10           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 53.40        | b  | 50.10 | b  | 51.70    |    | 51,70                  | 1,65  | 3,19 |
| 11           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 56.40        | b  | 51.60 | b  | 52.40    |    | 52,40                  | 2,57  | 4,90 |
| 12           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 53.50        | b  | 52.00 |    | 52.50    |    | 52,50                  | 0,76  | 1,45 |
| 13           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 53.30        |    | 53.50 |    | 53.40    |    | 53,40                  | 0,10  | 0,19 |
| 14           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 53.80        |    | 53.30 |    | 53.80    |    | 53,63                  | 0,29  | 0,54 |
| 15           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 55.20        | b  | 54.00 |    | 53.80    |    | 54,12                  | 0,76  | 1,40 |
| 16           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 54.60        |    | 53.90 |    | 54.30    |    | 54,27                  | 0,35  | 0,64 |
| 17           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 54.70        |    | 53.40 | b  | 55.20    |    | 54,70                  | 0,93  | 1,70 |
| 18           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 56.50        | b  | 54.70 |    | 54.50    |    | 54,82                  | 1,10  | 2,01 |
| 19           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 55.10        |    | 54.50 |    | 55.10    |    | 54,90                  | 0,35  | 0,64 |
| 20           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 53.40        | b  | 60.30 | b  | 55.10    |    | 55,10                  | 3,59  | 6,52 |
| 21           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 55.10        |    | 54.60 |    | 55.90    | b  | 55,10                  | 0,66  | 1,20 |
| 22           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 54.90        |    | 55.60 |    | 55.40    |    | 55,30                  | 0,36  | 0,65 |
| 23           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 55.40        |    | 53.90 | b  | 56.90    | b  | 55,40                  | 1,50  | 2,71 |
| 24           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 57.60        | b  | 54.40 | b  | 55.70    |    | 55,70                  | 1,61  | 2,89 |
| 25           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 56.40        |    | 56.00 |    | 56.00    |    | 56,13                  | 0,23  | 0,41 |
| 26           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 55.80        |    | 56.70 |    | 56.10    |    | 56,17                  | 0,46  | 0,82 |
| 27           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 56.40        |    | 56.60 |    | 55.90    |    | 56,30                  | 0,36  | 0,64 |
| 28           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 56.40        |    | 56.50 |    | 56.70    |    | 56,53                  | 0,15  | 0,27 |
| 29           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 56.70        |    | 57.20 |    | 53.90    | b  | 56,70                  | 1,78  | 3,14 |
| 30           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 56.70        |    | 56.70 |    | 56.80    |    | 56,73                  | 0,06  | 0,11 |
| 31           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 57.00        |    | 56.00 | b  | 57.00    |    | 56,78                  | 0,58  | 1,02 |
| 32           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 57.10        |    | 56.50 |    | 60.20    | b  | 57,10                  | 1,99  | 3,49 |
| 33           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 57.00        |    | 58.00 | b  | 57.00    |    | 57,22                  | 0,58  | 1,01 |
| 34           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 57.20        |    | 57.30 |    | 57.60    |    | 57,37                  | 0,21  | 0,37 |
| 35           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 57.60        |    | 57.60 |    | 57.00    |    | 57,40                  | 0,35  | 0,61 |
| 36           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 58.50        |    | 58.40 |    | 57.30    | b  | 58,23                  | 0,67  | 1,15 |
| 37           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 58.10        |    | 58.80 |    | 59.10    |    | 58,73                  | 0,51  | 0,87 |
| 38           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 59.70        | b  | 58.10 |    | 58.80    |    | 58,80                  | 0,80  | 1,36 |
| 39           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 59.00        |    | 60.10 | b  | 58.60    |    | 59,02                  | 0,78  | 1,32 |
| 40           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 59.70        |    | 59.50 |    | 59.10    |    | 59,43                  | 0,31  | 0,52 |
| 41           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 59.30        |    | 60.00 |    | 59.30    |    | 59,52                  | 0,40  | 0,67 |
| 42           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 60.70        | b  | 59.80 |    | 59.10    |    | 59,80                  | 0,80  | 1,34 |
| 43           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 60.00        |    | 60.00 |    | 62.00    | b  | 60,22                  | 1,15  | 1,91 |
| 44           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 56.60        | b  | 60.30 |    | 63.10    | b  | 60,30                  | 3,26  | 5,41 |
| 45           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 65.20        | b  | 60.20 |    | 60.10    |    | 60,37                  | 2,92  | 4,84 |
| 46           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 62.10        | a  | 62.80 | a  | 62.50    | a  | 62,47                  | 0,35  | 0,56 |
| 47           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 63.60        | ab | 65.70 | ab | 64.60    | a  | 64,60                  | 1,05  | 1,63 |
| 48           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 85.90        | ab | 92.50 | ab | 88.00    | a  | 88,00 *                | 3,37  | 3,83 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel.%  
**55,58 0,94 1,67**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-32

6,3

Element: Zn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 18.60        | a  | 21.10 | ab | 18.40    | a  | 18,72 *                | 1,50  | 8,01  |
| 2            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 26.80        | a  | 25.60 | a  | 26.10    | a  | 26,10 *                | 0,60  | 2,30  |
| 3            | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 32.00        | a  | 31.90 | a  | 31.80    | a  | 31,90 *                | 0,10  | 0,31  |
| 4            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 34.20        | a  | 34.20 | a  | 36.10    | ab | 34,42                  | 1,10  | 3,20  |
| 5            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 35.60        | a  | 33.40 | ab | 36.60    | ab | 35,60                  | 1,64  | 4,61  |
| 6            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 34.20        | ab | 36.70 | a  | 37.50    | ab | 36,70                  | 1,72  | 4,69  |
| 7            | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 38,60        |    | 39,00 |    | 38,10    |    | 38,58                  | 0,45  | 1,17  |
| 8            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 38,60        |    | 39.80 | b  | 38,40    |    | 38,72                  | 0,76  | 1,96  |
| 9            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 28.60        | b  | 39,20 |    | 39,40    |    | 39,08                  | 6,18  | 15,81 |
| 10           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 39,40        |    | 40.70 | b  | 38,70    |    | 39,40                  | 1,01  | 2,56  |
| 11           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 40,20        |    | 39,40 |    | 39,20    |    | 39,52                  | 0,53  | 1,34  |
| 12           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 39,20        |    | 39,70 |    | 40,00    |    | 39,63                  | 0,40  | 1,01  |
| 13           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 40,90        |    | 39,50 |    | 40,20    |    | 40,20                  | 0,70  | 1,74  |
| 14           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 39,90        |    | 40,50 |    | 40,20    |    | 40,20                  | 0,30  | 0,75  |
| 15           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 40,30        |    | 40,10 |    | 40,40    |    | 40,27                  | 0,15  | 0,37  |
| 16           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 40,10        |    | 40,60 |    | 40,20    |    | 40,30                  | 0,26  | 0,65  |
| 17           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 40,50        |    | 39,80 |    | 40,70    |    | 40,38                  | 0,47  | 1,16  |
| 18           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 40,70        |    | 40,60 |    | 40,70    |    | 40,67                  | 0,06  | 0,15  |
| 19           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 39.50        | b  | 40,80 |    | 41,40    |    | 40,80                  | 0,97  | 2,38  |
| 20           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 41,00        |    | 41,40 |    | 40,80    |    | 41,07                  | 0,31  | 0,75  |
| 21           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 39.90        | b  | 42.40 | b  | 41,20    |    | 41,20                  | 1,25  | 3,03  |
| 22           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 41,30        |    | 41,20 |    | 41,30    |    | 41,27                  | 0,06  | 0,15  |
| 23           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 41,50        |    | 42.70 | b  | 41,10    |    | 41,52                  | 0,83  | 2,00  |
| 24           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 42,10        |    | 41,80 |    | 41,90    |    | 41,93                  | 0,15  | 0,36  |
| 25           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 41.00        | b  | 42,50 |    | 42,00    |    | 42,00                  | 0,76  | 1,81  |
| 26           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 42,00        |    | 42,00 |    | 42,00    |    | 42,00                  | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 27           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 42,00        |    | 42,50 |    | 42,10    |    | 42,20                  | 0,26  | 0,62  |
| 28           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 42,40        |    | 41.00 | b  | 43.60    | b  | 42,40                  | 1,30  | 3,07  |
| 29           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 42,40        |    | 42,10 |    | 43.80    | b  | 42,47                  | 0,91  | 2,14  |
| 30           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 42,20        |    | 42,40 |    | 43,00    |    | 42,52                  | 0,42  | 0,99  |
| 31           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 43,10        |    | 42,80 |    | 42,20    |    | 42,73                  | 0,46  | 1,08  |
| 32           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 44.00        | b  | 42,70 |    | 42,60    |    | 42,87                  | 0,78  | 1,82  |
| 33           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 42.00        | b  | 44.00 | b  | 43,00    |    | 43,00                  | 1,00  | 2,33  |
| 34           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 42,80        |    | 44.60 | b  | 43,10    |    | 43,17                  | 0,96  | 2,22  |
| 35           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 42.10        | b  | 43,20 |    | 43,60    |    | 43,18                  | 0,78  | 1,81  |
| 36           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 44.70        | b  | 43,50 |    | 43,20    |    | 43,57                  | 0,79  | 1,81  |
| 37           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 44,40        |    | 44,10 |    | 44,10    |    | 44,20                  | 0,17  | 0,38  |
| 38           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 44,00        |    | 44,00 |    | 45.00    | b  | 44,22                  | 0,58  | 1,31  |
| 39           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 44,30        |    | 45.40 | b  | 43.40    | b  | 44,30                  | 1,00  | 2,26  |
| 40           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 46.70        | b  | 44,60 |    | 44,20    |    | 44,62                  | 1,34  | 3,00  |
| 41           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 45,10        |    | 44,30 |    | 45,00    |    | 44,83                  | 0,44  | 0,98  |
| 42           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 45,70        |    | 45,70 |    | 45,30    |    | 45,57                  | 0,23  | 0,50  |
| 43           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 43.90        | b  | 46,10 |    | 46,80    |    | 46,10                  | 1,51  | 3,28  |
| 44           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 50.00        | b  | 43.50 | b  | 46,20    |    | 46,20                  | 3,27  | 7,08  |
| 45           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 49.90        | ab | 44.80 | ab | 47.30    | a  | 47,30                  | 2,55  | 5,39  |
| 46           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 47.80        | a  | 49.50 | ab | 47.90    | a  | 48,07                  | 0,95  | 1,98  |
| 47           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 49.60        | a  | 50.30 | a  | 50.10    | a  | 50,00                  | 0,36  | 0,72  |
| 48           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 55.60        | ab | 51.70 | a  | 51.60    | a  | 51,87 *                | 2,28  | 4,40  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**41,79 0,93 2,32**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2:

8,3

42,12

Element: Zn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 10.70        | a  | 10.30 | a  | 10.30 a  | 10,41 *                | 0,23  | 2,21  |
| 2            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 12.80        | ab | 15.00 | ab | 13.40 a  | 13,40 *                | 1,14  | 8,51  |
| 3            | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 19.50        | ab | 18.40 | a  | 17.50 ab | 18,40                  | 1,00  | 5,43  |
| 4            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 18.50        | a  | 18.60 | a  | 19.60 ab | 18,66                  | 0,61  | 3,27  |
| 5            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 18.70        | a  | 18.50 | a  | 18.80 a  | 18,67                  | 0,15  | 0,80  |
| 6            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 18.70        | a  | 18.70 | a  | 19.50 ab | 18,81                  | 0,46  | 2,45  |
| 7            | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 20,60        |    | 20,70 |    | 19.50 b  | 20,54                  | 0,67  | 3,26  |
| 8            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 20,50        |    | 20,40 |    | 21.50 b  | 20,56                  | 0,61  | 2,97  |
| 9            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 20,70        |    | 20,30 |    | 21.30 b  | 20,70                  | 0,50  | 2,42  |
| 10           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 21,20        |    | 20,50 |    | 20,70    | 20,71                  | 0,36  | 1,74  |
| 11           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 21.80        | b  | 20,90 |    | 20.00 b  | 20,90                  | 0,90  | 4,31  |
| 12           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 21,10        |    | 20,90 |    | 21,60    | 21,11                  | 0,36  | 1,71  |
| 13           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 21,40        |    | 20.60 | b  | 22.80 b  | 21,40                  | 1,11  | 5,19  |
| 14           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 20.90        | b  | 21,80 |    | 21,60    | 21,59                  | 0,47  | 2,18  |
| 15           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 22.70        | b  | 21,60 |    | 19.90 b  | 21,60                  | 1,41  | 6,53  |
| 16           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 21,60        |    | 23.00 | b  | 21,40    | 21,61                  | 0,87  | 4,03  |
| 17           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 21,80        |    | 21,70 |    | 21,60    | 21,70                  | 0,10  | 0,46  |
| 18           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 21,60        |    | 21,70 |    | 22.90 b  | 21,76                  | 0,72  | 3,31  |
| 19           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 21,80        |    | 22,00 |    | 21,50    | 21,79                  | 0,25  | 1,15  |
| 20           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 23.00        | b  | 22,00 |    | 22,00    | 22,11                  | 0,58  | 2,62  |
| 21           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 22,40        |    | 22,60 |    | 22,50    | 22,50                  | 0,10  | 0,44  |
| 22           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 22,60        |    | 22,50 |    | 22,50    | 22,53                  | 0,06  | 0,27  |
| 23           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 22,60        |    | 22,60 |    | 22,60    | 22,60                  | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 24           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 22,50        |    | 22,70 |    | 22,90    | 22,70                  | 0,20  | 0,88  |
| 25           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 21.80        | b  | 23,20 |    | 22,80    | 22,80                  | 0,72  | 3,16  |
| 26           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 22,70        |    | 23,20 |    | 22,80    | 22,86                  | 0,26  | 1,14  |
| 27           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 23,00        |    | 23,20 |    | 22,70    | 22,99                  | 0,25  | 1,09  |
| 28           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 22,80        |    | 23,10 |    | 23.60 b  | 23,10                  | 0,40  | 1,73  |
| 29           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 23,00        |    | 24.00 | b  | 23,00    | 23,11                  | 0,58  | 2,51  |
| 30           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 24.00        | b  | 23,00 |    | 23,00    | 23,11                  | 0,58  | 2,51  |
| 31           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 23,00        |    | 23,30 |    | 23,10    | 23,13                  | 0,15  | 0,65  |
| 32           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 23,50        |    | 23,20 |    | 23,10    | 23,26                  | 0,21  | 0,90  |
| 33           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 25.30        | b  | 23,60 |    | 21.70 b  | 23,60                  | 1,80  | 7,63  |
| 34           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 23,40        |    | 23,70 |    | 24,10    | 23,70                  | 0,35  | 1,48  |
| 35           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 24.40        | b  | 23,80 |    | 23,60    | 23,81                  | 0,42  | 1,76  |
| 36           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 23,90        |    | 24,30 |    | 24,10    | 24,10                  | 0,20  | 0,83  |
| 37           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 24,00        |    | 24,30 |    | 26.70 b  | 24,30                  | 1,48  | 6,09  |
| 38           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 24,00        |    | 24,60 |    | 24,60    | 24,49                  | 0,35  | 1,43  |
| 39           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 25.00        | b  | 24,50 |    | 23.50 b  | 24,50                  | 0,76  | 3,10  |
| 40           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 24,40        |    | 24,80 |    | 24,50    | 24,56                  | 0,21  | 0,86  |
| 41           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 24,80        |    | 24,90 |    | 24,70    | 24,80                  | 0,10  | 0,40  |
| 42           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 26.60        | b  | 25,60 |    | 25.00 b  | 25,60                  | 0,81  | 3,16  |
| 43           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 29.70        | b  | 26,00 |    | 26,00    | 26,11                  | 2,14  | 8,20  |
| 44           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 26,20        |    | 24.50 | b  | 26.70 b  | 26,20                  | 1,15  | 4,39  |
| 45           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 26.60        | a  | 26.70 | a  | 25.70 ab | 26,54                  | 0,55  | 2,07  |
| 46           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 27.20        | a  | 27.20 | a  | 29.20 ab | 27,31 *                | 1,15  | 4,21  |
| 47           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 30.40        | a  | 30.70 | a  | 30.70 a  | 30,60 *                | 0,17  | 0,56  |
| 48           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 31.20        | a  | 41.40 | ab | 27.20 ab | 31,20 *                | 7,32  | 23,46 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**22,67 0,73 3,11**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-34

10,4

Element: Zn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |        |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------------------|--------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel. % |
| 1   | 36       | P3.3         | D21     | 37.50        | a  | 40.00 | ab | 37.70    | a  | <b>37,82 *</b>         | 1,39   |
| 2   | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 39.90        | a  | 39.80 | a  | 40.00    | a  | <b>39,90 *</b>         | 0,10   |
| 3   | 13       | P3.3         | D21.1   | 41.60        | a  | 41.00 | a  | 40.10    | ab | <b>41,00</b>           | 0,75   |
| 4   | 27       | P6.1         | D21     | 41.70        | a  | 41.50 | a  | 39.90    | ab | <b>41,38</b>           | 0,99   |
| 5   | 1        | P3.21        | D21.1   | 41.90        | a  | 41.50 | a  | 41.70    | a  | <b>41,70</b>           | 0,20   |
| 6   | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 46,00        |    | 46,10 |    | 46,20    |    | <b>46,10</b>           | 0,10   |
| 7   | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 46,20        |    | 46,20 |    | 46,00    |    | <b>46,13</b>           | 0,12   |
| 8   | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 45,60        |    | 46,30 |    | 48,40    | b  | <b>46,30</b>           | 1,46   |
| 9   | 18       | P3.31        | D31     | 44,70        | b  | 46,60 |    | 47,00    |    | <b>46,58</b>           | 1,23   |
| 10  | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 47,00        |    | 46,50 |    | 46,50    |    | <b>46,67</b>           | 0,29   |
| 11  | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 46,90        |    | 47,40 |    | 47,10    |    | <b>47,13</b>           | 0,25   |
| 12  | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 48,00        |    | 47,00 | b  | 47,90    |    | <b>47,73</b>           | 0,55   |
| 13  | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 47,20        | b  | 48,00 |    | 49,70    | b  | <b>48,00</b>           | 1,28   |
| 14  | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 48,40        |    | 48,30 |    | 47,60    |    | <b>48,13</b>           | 0,44   |
| 15  | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 48,00        |    | 48,00 |    | 48,80    |    | <b>48,22</b>           | 0,46   |
| 16  | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 48,50        |    | 49,10 |    | 49,70    |    | <b>49,10</b>           | 0,60   |
| 17  | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 48,80        |    | 49,50 |    | 49,10    |    | <b>49,13</b>           | 0,35   |
| 18  | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 49,10        |    | 49,10 |    | 49,60    |    | <b>49,27</b>           | 0,29   |
| 19  | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 48,90        |    | 49,90 |    | 49,30    |    | <b>49,32</b>           | 0,50   |
| 20  | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 49,20        |    | 49,40 |    | 49,70    |    | <b>49,43</b>           | 0,25   |
| 21  | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 48,90        | b  | 49,80 |    | 50,00    |    | <b>49,68</b>           | 0,59   |
| 22  | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 49,60        |    | 50,00 |    | 49,60    |    | <b>49,73</b>           | 0,23   |
| 23  | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 49,90        |    | 55,60 | b  | 48,40    | b  | <b>49,90</b>           | 3,80   |
| 24  | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 50,10        |    | 49,80 |    | 49,90    |    | <b>49,93</b>           | 0,15   |
| 25  | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 50,00        |    | 50,00 |    | 51,00    | b  | <b>50,22</b>           | 0,58   |
| 26  | 4        | P5.1         | D31     | 51,20        |    | 50,50 |    | 49,00    | b  | <b>50,50</b>           | 1,12   |
| 27  | 5        | P3.3         | D21     | 50,50        |    | 50,00 |    | 51,50    | b  | <b>50,50</b>           | 0,76   |
| 28  | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 48,90        | b  | 50,60 |    | 51,50    | b  | <b>50,60</b>           | 1,32   |
| 29  | 29       | P3.3         | D31     | 52,00        | b  | 50,50 |    | 50,70    |    | <b>50,82</b>           | 0,81   |
| 30  | 17       | P5.1         | D31     | 49,70        | b  | 51,70 |    | 51,00    |    | <b>51,00</b>           | 1,01   |
| 31  | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 51,30        |    | 50,90 |    | 51,50    |    | <b>51,23</b>           | 0,31   |
| 32  | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 51,30        |    | 51,80 |    | 51,40    |    | <b>51,50</b>           | 0,26   |
| 33  | 44       | P4.1         | D32     | 54,80        | b  | 51,60 |    | 50,40    | b  | <b>51,60</b>           | 2,27   |
| 34  | 3        | P3.10        | D31     | 51,00        | b  | 52,00 |    | 52,00    |    | <b>51,78</b>           | 0,58   |
| 35  | 24       | P5.1         | D21     | 50,60        | b  | 51,80 |    | 52,20    |    | <b>51,78</b>           | 0,83   |
| 36  | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 51,80        |    | 51,80 |    | 52,50    |    | <b>52,02</b>           | 0,40   |
| 37  | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 53,00        | b  | 52,00 |    | 52,00    |    | <b>52,22</b>           | 0,58   |
| 38  | 49       | P4.1         | D31     | 53,40        |    | 51,50 | b  | 52,90    |    | <b>52,90</b>           | 0,98   |
| 39  | 10       | P5.1         | D21.1   | 53,20        |    | 51,80 | b  | 53,20    |    | <b>52,98</b>           | 0,81   |
| 40  | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 52,10        | b  | 53,80 |    | 53,40    |    | <b>53,38</b>           | 0,89   |
| 41  | 39       | P5.5         | D35     | 54,10        |    | 52,40 | b  | 55,70    | b  | <b>54,10</b>           | 1,65   |
| 42  | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 54,40        |    | 54,60 |    | 54,20    |    | <b>54,40</b>           | 0,20   |
| 43  | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 54,00        | b  | 55,40 |    | 55,20    |    | <b>55,08</b>           | 0,76   |
| 44  | 38a      | P9.1         | D42     | 54,90        |    | 55,10 |    | 55,80    |    | <b>55,22</b>           | 0,47   |
| 45  | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 55,30        | ab | 57,10 | a  | 59,30    | ab | <b>57,10</b>           | 2,00   |
| 46  | 28       | P5.1         | D21     | 59,40        | a  | 59,90 | a  | 58,90    | a  | <b>59,40</b>           | 0,50   |
| 47  | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 59,10        | ab | 61,40 | ab | 60,40    | a  | <b>60,40 *</b>         | 1,15   |
| 48  | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 61,40        | a  | 61,50 | a  | 61,50    | a  | <b>61,47 *</b>         | 0,06   |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**50,13 0,76 1,53**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-35

8,3

Element: Mn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |   |        |    | Lab.mean |                         | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|---|--------|----|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |   |        |    |          |                         | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 265.00       | a | 264.00 | a  | 263.00   | a                       | 264,00                 | 1,00  | 0,38 |
| 2            | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 271.00       | a | 267.00 | ab | 275.00   | ab                      | 271,00                 | 4,00  | 1,48 |
| 3            | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 275.80       | a | 270.60 | a  | 274.80   | a                       | 274,19                 | 2,76  | 1,01 |
| 4            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 274,00       |   | 275,00 |    | 281.00   | b                       | 275,61                 | 3,79  | 1,38 |
| 5            | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 280,30       |   | 292.50 | b  | 280,70   |                         | 281,61                 | 6,93  | 2,46 |
| 6            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 284,00       |   | 280,00 |    | 281,00   |                         | 281,61                 | 2,08  | 0,74 |
| 7            | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 283,00       |   | 286,00 |    | 282,00   |                         | 283,61                 | 2,08  | 0,73 |
| 8            | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 288,00       |   | 287,00 |    | 290,00   |                         | 288,33                 | 1,53  | 0,53 |
| 9            | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 289,00       |   | 291,00 |    | 289,00   |                         | 289,67                 | 1,15  | 0,40 |
| 10           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 293,00       |   | 282.00 | b  | 290,00   |                         | 290,00                 | 5,69  | 1,96 |
| 11           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 294.00       | b | 288,00 |    | 290,00   |                         | 290,11                 | 3,06  | 1,05 |
| 12           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 294,00       |   | 291,00 |    | 285.00   | b                       | 291,00                 | 4,58  | 1,57 |
| 13           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 292,00       |   | 294,00 |    | 296,00   |                         | 294,00                 | 2,00  | 0,68 |
| 14           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 294,00       |   | 295,00 |    | 294,00   |                         | 294,33                 | 0,58  | 0,20 |
| 15           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 297,00       |   | 293,00 |    | 294,00   |                         | 294,61                 | 2,08  | 0,71 |
| 16           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 294,00       |   | 296,00 |    | 294,00   |                         | 294,67                 | 1,15  | 0,39 |
| 17           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 289.00       | b | 295,00 |    | 300.00   | b                       | 295,00                 | 5,51  | 1,87 |
| 18           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 297,00       |   | 294,00 |    | 298,00   |                         | 296,39                 | 2,08  | 0,70 |
| 19           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 301.50       | b | 296,80 |    | 289.60   | b                       | 296,80                 | 5,99  | 2,02 |
| 20           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 298,00       |   | 298,00 |    | 295,00   |                         | 297,00                 | 1,73  | 0,58 |
| 21           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 297,20       |   | 297,50 |    | 297,80   |                         | 297,50                 | 0,30  | 0,10 |
| 22           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 292.00       | b | 298,00 |    | 305.00   | b                       | 298,00                 | 6,51  | 2,18 |
| 23           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 297,00       |   | 298,00 |    | 304.00   | b                       | 298,61                 | 3,79  | 1,27 |
| 24           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 300,00       |   | 301,00 |    | 299,00   |                         | 300,00                 | 1,00  | 0,33 |
| 25           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 300,00       |   | 300,00 |    | 300,00   |                         | 300,00                 | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 26           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 303,00       |   | 310.00 | b  | 302,00   |                         | 303,61                 | 4,36  | 1,44 |
| 27           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 305,00       |   | 310.00 | b  | 295.00   | b                       | 305,00                 | 7,64  | 2,50 |
| 28           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 307,00       |   | 307,00 |    | 299.00   | b                       | 305,89                 | 4,62  | 1,51 |
| 29           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 307,00       |   | 310,00 |    | 305,00   |                         | 307,11                 | 2,52  | 0,82 |
| 30           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 311,00       |   | 307,00 |    | 309,00   |                         | 309,00                 | 2,00  | 0,65 |
| 31           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 312,00       |   | 311,00 |    | 298.00   | b                       | 310,39                 | 7,81  | 2,52 |
| 32           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 312,00       |   | 311,00 |    | 305.00   | b                       | 310,39                 | 3,79  | 1,22 |
| 33           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 315,00       |   | 310.00 | b  | 315,00   |                         | 313,89                 | 2,89  | 0,92 |
| 34           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 308.00       | b | 324.00 | b  | 317,00   |                         | 317,00                 | 8,02  | 2,53 |
| 35           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 321,00       |   | 315,00 |    | 318,00   |                         | 318,00                 | 3,00  | 0,94 |
| 36           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 319,90       |   | 300.80 | b  | 324.30   | b                       | 319,90                 | 12,49 | 3,90 |
| 37           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 321,00       |   | 319,00 |    | 323,00   |                         | 321,00                 | 2,00  | 0,62 |
| 38           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 320,00       |   | 324,00 |    | 323,00   |                         | 322,39                 | 2,08  | 0,65 |
| 39           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 323,00       |   | 318.00 | b  | 327.00   | b                       | 323,00                 | 4,51  | 1,40 |
| 40           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 329.00       | b | 323,00 |    | 319.00   | b                       | 323,00                 | 5,03  | 1,56 |
| 41           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 340.00       | b | 318.00 | b  | 326,00   |                         | 326,00                 | 11,14 | 3,42 |
| 42           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 326,00       |   | 324,00 |    | 328,00   |                         | 326,00                 | 2,00  | 0,61 |
| 43           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 311.00       | b | 327,00 |    | 329,00   |                         | 326,89                 | 9,87  | 3,02 |
| 44           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 328,00       |   | 330,00 |    | 329,00   |                         | 329,00                 | 1,00  | 0,30 |
| 45           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 334,00       |   | 340.00 | b  | 331,00   |                         | 334,00                 | 4,58  | 1,37 |
| 46           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 337.00       | a | 342.00 | ab | 333.00   | ab                      | 337,00                 | 4,51  | 1,34 |
| 47           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 338.00       | a | 342.00 | a  | 337.00   | a                       | 338,61                 | 2,65  | 0,78 |
| 48           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 342.40       | a | 344.40 | a  | 347.10   | a                       | 344,51                 | 2,36  | 0,69 |
| 49           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 361.00       | a | 360.00 | a  | 362.00   | a                       | 361,00                 | 1,00  | 0,28 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |   |        |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |   |        |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%                  |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |   |        |    |          | 3,74                    | 1,22                   |       |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

0,0

Element: Mn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation  |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----|----------|-------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 268.00       | a  | 266.00 | a  | 269.00   | 267,67                  | 1,53  | 0,57 |
| 2            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 282.00       | a  | 283.00 | a  | 285.00   | 283,33                  | 1,53  | 0,54 |
| 3            | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 293.90       | ab | 278.00 | ab | 289.70   | 289,70                  | 8,24  | 2,84 |
| 4            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 289,00       |    | 293,00 |    | 291,00   | 291,00                  | 2,00  | 0,69 |
| 5            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 294,00       |    | 308.00 | b  | 296,00   | 296,11                  | 7,57  | 2,56 |
| 6            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 296,00       |    | 297,00 |    | 314.00   | 297,61                  | 10,12 | 3,40 |
| 7            | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 301,00       |    | 300,00 |    | 299,00   | 300,00                  | 1,00  | 0,33 |
| 8            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 303,00       |    | 305,00 |    | 301,00   | 303,00                  | 2,00  | 0,66 |
| 9            | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 298.00       | b  | 307.00 | b  | 303,00   | 303,00                  | 4,51  | 1,49 |
| 10           | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 305,00       |    | 299.00 | b  | 305,00   | 303,89                  | 3,46  | 1,14 |
| 11           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 308,00       |    | 304,00 |    | 306,00   | 306,00                  | 2,00  | 0,65 |
| 12           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 305,00       |    | 305,00 |    | 309,00   | 306,11                  | 2,31  | 0,75 |
| 13           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 305,00       |    | 306,00 |    | 310,00   | 306,61                  | 2,65  | 0,86 |
| 14           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 308,50       |    | 308,70 |    | 309,20   | 308,80                  | 0,36  | 0,12 |
| 15           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 310,00       |    | 320.00 | b  | 310,00   | 311,11                  | 5,77  | 1,85 |
| 16           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 322.00       | b  | 310,00 |    | 312,00   | 312,11                  | 6,43  | 2,06 |
| 17           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 314,00       |    | 307.00 | b  | 313,00   | 312,39                  | 3,79  | 1,21 |
| 18           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 311,00       |    | 313,00 |    | 316,00   | 313,11                  | 2,52  | 0,80 |
| 19           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 314,20       |    | 310,60 |    | 315,10   | 313,54                  | 2,38  | 0,76 |
| 20           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 312,00       |    | 316,00 |    | 313,00   | 313,61                  | 2,08  | 0,66 |
| 21           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 314,00       |    | 315,00 |    | 312,00   | 313,67                  | 1,53  | 0,49 |
| 22           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 317,00       |    | 315,00 |    | 319,00   | 317,00                  | 2,00  | 0,63 |
| 23           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 317,00       |    | 326.00 | b  | 315,00   | 317,11                  | 5,86  | 1,85 |
| 24           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 319,00       |    | 318,00 |    | 319,00   | 318,67                  | 0,58  | 0,18 |
| 25           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 321,00       |    | 318,00 |    | 319,00   | 319,33                  | 1,53  | 0,48 |
| 26           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 320,00       |    | 322,00 |    | 317,00   | 319,89                  | 2,52  | 0,79 |
| 27           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 317,60       |    | 321,60 |    | 321,40   | 320,39                  | 2,25  | 0,70 |
| 28           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 320,50       |    | 312.60 | b  | 322,80   | 320,50                  | 5,35  | 1,67 |
| 29           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 321,00       |    | 320,00 |    | 322,00   | 321,00                  | 1,00  | 0,31 |
| 30           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 319,00       |    | 322,00 |    | 322,00   | 321,00                  | 1,73  | 0,54 |
| 31           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 322,00       |    | 327.00 | b  | 318.00   | 322,00                  | 4,51  | 1,40 |
| 32           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 321,90       |    | 322,60 |    | 323,90   | 322,80                  | 1,01  | 0,31 |
| 33           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 323,00       |    | 325,00 |    | 324,00   | 324,00                  | 1,00  | 0,31 |
| 34           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 322,00       |    | 325,00 |    | 330.00   | 325,00                  | 4,04  | 1,24 |
| 35           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 327,00       |    | 330,00 |    | 324,00   | 327,00                  | 3,00  | 0,92 |
| 36           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 330,00       |    | 330,00 |    | 320.00   | 328,89                  | 5,77  | 1,75 |
| 37           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 330,00       |    | 340.00 | b  | 325.00   | 330,00                  | 7,64  | 2,32 |
| 38           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 332,00       |    | 331,00 |    | 340.00   | 332,61                  | 4,93  | 1,48 |
| 39           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 332,00       |    | 334,00 |    | 332,00   | 332,67                  | 1,15  | 0,35 |
| 40           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 333,00       |    | 326.00 | b  | 349.00   | 333,00                  | 11,79 | 3,54 |
| 41           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 333,00       |    | 332,00 |    | 337,00   | 333,61                  | 2,65  | 0,79 |
| 42           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 336,00       |    | 333,00 |    | 334,00   | 334,33                  | 1,53  | 0,46 |
| 43           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 332.30       | b  | 336,80 |    | 338,50   | 336,54                  | 3,20  | 0,95 |
| 44           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 336,00       |    | 335,00 |    | 341.00   | 336,61                  | 3,21  | 0,95 |
| 45           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 340,00       |    | 334.00 | b  | 339,00   | 338,39                  | 3,21  | 0,95 |
| 46           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 343,00       |    | 344,00 |    | 350.00   | 344,61                  | 3,79  | 1,10 |
| 47           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 338.00       | b  | 345,00 |    | 351.00   | 345,00                  | 6,51  | 1,89 |
| 48           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 373.00       | ab | 353.00 | a  | 355.00   | 355,11                  | 11,02 | 3,10 |
| 49           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 389.00       | ab | 380.00 | a  | 378.00   | 380,11                  | 5,86  | 1,54 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |        |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |        |    |          | abs.                    | rel.% |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |        |    |          | 318,30                  | 3,72  | 1,16 |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: 0,0  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2: 323,40

Element: Mn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         |    | Lab.mean |                         | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |    |          |                         | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 1050.00      | a  | 1079.00 | ab | 1043.00  | a                       | 1052,06                | 19,09 | 1,81 |
| 2            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1094.00      | a  | 1093.00 | a  | 1106.00  | a                       | 1097,67                | 7,23  | 0,66 |
| 3            | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 1115.00      | a  | 1120.00 | a  | 1110.00  | a                       | 1115,00                | 5,00  | 0,45 |
| 4            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 1150.00      | a  | 1204.00 | ab | 1097.00  | ab                      | 1150,00                | 53,50 | 4,65 |
| 5            | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 1174.00      |    | 1177.00 |    | 1170.00  |                         | 1173,67                | 3,51  | 0,30 |
| 6            | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 1186.60      |    | 1160.60 | b  | 1219.80  | b                       | 1186,60                | 29,67 | 2,50 |
| 7            | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 1209.00      |    | 1193.00 |    | 1208.00  |                         | 1203,33                | 8,96  | 0,74 |
| 8            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 1219.00      |    | 1208.00 |    | 1182.00  | b                       | 1207,94                | 19,00 | 1,57 |
| 9            | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 1205.00      |    | 1216.50 |    | 1207.60  |                         | 1209,70                | 6,03  | 0,50 |
| 10           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 1266.00      | b  | 1215.00 |    | 1224.00  |                         | 1225,06                | 27,22 | 2,22 |
| 11           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 1244.00      | b  | 1152.00 | b  | 1226.00  |                         | 1226,00                | 48,76 | 3,98 |
| 12           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 1230.00      |    | 1227.00 |    | 1229.00  |                         | 1228,67                | 1,53  | 0,12 |
| 13           | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 1221.00      |    | 1231.00 |    | 1282.00  | b                       | 1231,56                | 32,72 | 2,66 |
| 14           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 1203.00      | b  | 1244.00 |    | 1239.00  |                         | 1235,94                | 22,37 | 1,81 |
| 15           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1233.00      |    | 1245.00 |    | 1230.00  |                         | 1236,00                | 7,94  | 0,64 |
| 16           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 1240.00      |    | 1240.00 |    | 1230.00  |                         | 1236,67                | 5,77  | 0,47 |
| 17           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 1247.00      |    | 1151.00 | b  | 1240.00  |                         | 1237,94                | 53,52 | 4,32 |
| 18           | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 1246.00      |    | 1255.00 |    | 1238.00  |                         | 1246,33                | 8,50  | 0,68 |
| 19           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 1249.00      |    | 1262.00 |    | 1240.00  |                         | 1250,06                | 11,06 | 0,88 |
| 20           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 1250.00      |    | 1245.00 |    | 1265.00  |                         | 1253,06                | 10,41 | 0,83 |
| 21           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 1249.00      |    | 1251.00 |    | 1271.00  | b                       | 1255,56                | 12,17 | 0,97 |
| 22           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 1260.00      |    | 1260.00 |    | 1260.00  |                         | 1260,00                | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 23           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 1256.00      |    | 1268.00 |    | 1261.00  |                         | 1261,67                | 6,03  | 0,48 |
| 24           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1255.00      |    | 1262.00 |    | 1273.00  |                         | 1263,33                | 9,07  | 0,72 |
| 25           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 1270.00      |    | 1270.00 |    | 1250.00  |                         | 1264,44                | 11,55 | 0,91 |
| 26           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 1226.00      | b  | 1266.00 |    | 1276.00  |                         | 1265,44                | 26,46 | 2,09 |
| 27           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 1270.00      |    | 1255.00 |    | 1275.00  |                         | 1266,94                | 10,41 | 0,82 |
| 28           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 1268.00      |    | 1277.00 |    | 1278.00  |                         | 1274,33                | 5,51  | 0,43 |
| 29           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 1280.40      |    | 1294.00 |    | 1236.40  | b                       | 1280,40                | 30,11 | 2,35 |
| 30           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 1286.00      |    | 1282.00 |    | 1285.00  |                         | 1284,33                | 2,08  | 0,16 |
| 31           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 1253.00      | b  | 1288.00 |    | 1299.00  |                         | 1287,94                | 24,02 | 1,86 |
| 32           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 1290.00      |    | 1300.00 |    | 1250.00  | b                       | 1289,44                | 26,46 | 2,05 |
| 33           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 1270.00      | b  | 1300.00 |    | 1360.00  | b                       | 1300,00                | 45,83 | 3,53 |
| 34           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 1304.00      |    | 1301.00 |    | 1307.00  |                         | 1304,00                | 3,00  | 0,23 |
| 35           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 1270.00      | b  | 1307.00 |    | 1360.00  | b                       | 1307,00                | 45,24 | 3,46 |
| 36           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1291.00      | b  | 1313.00 |    | 1333.00  | b                       | 1313,00                | 21,01 | 1,60 |
| 37           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1318.00      |    | 1321.00 |    | 1308.00  |                         | 1315,67                | 6,81  | 0,52 |
| 38           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1324.00      |    | 1310.00 |    | 1318.00  |                         | 1317,33                | 7,02  | 0,53 |
| 39           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1329.00      |    | 1324.00 |    | 1302.00  | b                       | 1320,94                | 14,36 | 1,09 |
| 40           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 1315.00      |    | 1335.00 |    | 1323.00  |                         | 1324,33                | 10,07 | 0,76 |
| 41           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1331.00      |    | 1335.00 |    | 1340.00  |                         | 1335,33                | 4,51  | 0,34 |
| 42           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 1360.00      |    | 1370.00 |    | 1340.00  | b                       | 1359,44                | 15,28 | 1,12 |
| 43           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1364.00      |    | 1360.00 |    | 1357.00  |                         | 1360,33                | 3,51  | 0,26 |
| 44           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1375.00      |    | 1378.00 |    | 1365.00  |                         | 1372,67                | 6,81  | 0,50 |
| 45           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 1363.00      |    | 1374.00 |    | 1395.00  | b                       | 1374,06                | 16,26 | 1,18 |
| 46           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 1428.00      | ab | 1388.00 | a  | 1387.00  | a                       | 1393,06                | 23,39 | 1,68 |
| 47           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1426.00      | a  | 1410.00 | a  | 1420.00  | a                       | 1418,67                | 8,08  | 0,57 |
| 48           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1450.00      | ab | 1421.00 | a  | 1406.00  | ab                      | 1421,00                | 22,37 | 1,57 |
| 49           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1559.00      | a  | 1531.00 | ab | 1549.00  | a                       | 1548,44 *              | 14,19 | 0,92 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |         |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |         |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%                  |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |         |    |          | 1271,00                 | 16,60                  | 1,32  |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

2-39

2,0

Element: Mn  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         |    | Lab.mean |                         | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |    |          |                         | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 830.00       | a  | 835.00  | a  | 839.00   | a                       | 834,78                 | 4,51  | 0,54 |
| 2            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 936.00       | ab | 856.00  | ab | 883.00   | a                       | 883,00                 | 40,70 | 4,61 |
| 3            | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 895.00       | a  | 899.00  | a  | 893.00   | a                       | 895,67                 | 3,06  | 0,34 |
| 4            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 880.00       | ab | 900.00  | a  | 904.00   | a                       | 899,78                 | 12,86 | 1,43 |
| 5            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 909,00       |    | 910,00  |    | 916,00   |                         | 911,67                 | 3,79  | 0,42 |
| 6            | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 936,00       |    | 929,00  |    | 923,00   |                         | 929,00                 | 6,51  | 0,70 |
| 7            | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 932,00       |    | 928,00  |    | 935,00   |                         | 931,67                 | 3,51  | 0,38 |
| 8            | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 935,00       |    | 931,90  |    | 937,00   |                         | 934,63                 | 2,57  | 0,27 |
| 9            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 983.00       | b  | 934,00  |    | 938,00   |                         | 938,22                 | 27,21 | 2,90 |
| 10           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 939,00       |    | 931,00  |    | 943,00   |                         | 938,78                 | 6,11  | 0,65 |
| 11           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 941,00       |    | 933,00  |    | 946,00   |                         | 941,00                 | 6,56  | 0,70 |
| 12           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 942,00       |    | 932,00  | b  | 975,00   | b                       | 942,00                 | 22,50 | 2,39 |
| 13           | 1   | P3.21        | D21.1   | 946,00       |    | 944,00  |    | 946,00   |                         | 945,33                 | 1,15  | 0,12 |
| 14           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 940,00       |    | 948,00  |    | 949,00   |                         | 946,28                 | 4,93  | 0,52 |
| 15           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 922,00       | b  | 951,00  |    | 951,00   |                         | 948,78                 | 16,74 | 1,76 |
| 16           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 954,00       |    | 960,00  |    | 951,00   |                         | 954,72                 | 4,58  | 0,48 |
| 17           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 954,30       |    | 956,20  |    | 954,90   |                         | 955,13                 | 0,97  | 0,10 |
| 18           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 950,00       |    | 989,00  | b  | 958,00   |                         | 958,00                 | 20,60 | 2,15 |
| 19           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 964,00       |    | 958,00  |    | 957,00   |                         | 959,67                 | 3,79  | 0,39 |
| 20           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 958,00       |    | 960,00  |    | 965,00   |                         | 961,00                 | 3,61  | 0,38 |
| 21           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 967,50       |    | 944,60  | b  | 961,10   |                         | 961,10                 | 11,82 | 1,23 |
| 22           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 968,00       |    | 964,00  |    | 951,00   | b                       | 963,78                 | 8,89  | 0,92 |
| 23           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 964,00       |    | 984,00  | b  | 964,00   |                         | 966,22                 | 11,55 | 1,20 |
| 24           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 980,00       | b  | 970,00  |    | 950,00   | b                       | 970,00                 | 15,28 | 1,58 |
| 25           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 973,80       |    | 984,10  | b  | 946,80   | b                       | 973,80                 | 19,26 | 1,98 |
| 26           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 975,00       |    | 972,00  |    | 981,00   |                         | 975,72                 | 4,58  | 0,47 |
| 27           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 973,00       |    | 976,00  |    | 989,00   | b                       | 976,72                 | 8,50  | 0,87 |
| 28           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 985,00       |    | 975,00  |    | 985,00   |                         | 982,78                 | 5,77  | 0,59 |
| 29           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 972,00       | b  | 983,00  |    | 988,00   |                         | 983,00                 | 8,19  | 0,83 |
| 30           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 984,00       |    | 983,00  |    | 982,00   |                         | 983,00                 | 1,00  | 0,10 |
| 31           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 986,00       |    | 985,00  |    | 973,00   | b                       | 983,28                 | 7,23  | 0,74 |
| 32           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 968,40       | b  | 988,40  |    | 988,70   |                         | 986,33                 | 11,63 | 1,18 |
| 33           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 987,00       |    | 987,00  |    | 986,00   |                         | 986,67                 | 0,58  | 0,06 |
| 34           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 996,00       |    | 1009,00 | b  | 959,00   | b                       | 996,00                 | 25,94 | 2,60 |
| 35           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 1077,80      | b  | 975,70  | b  | 998,00   |                         | 998,00                 | 53,68 | 5,38 |
| 36           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 1005,00      |    | 1012,00 |    | 1004,00  |                         | 1006,72                | 4,36  | 0,43 |
| 37           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 999,00       | b  | 1010,00 |    | 1010,00  |                         | 1007,78                | 6,35  | 0,63 |
| 38           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 998,00       | b  | 1020,00 | b  | 1009,00  |                         | 1009,00                | 11,00 | 1,09 |
| 39           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 1020,00      |    | 1020,00 |    | 1000,00  | b                       | 1017,78                | 11,55 | 1,13 |
| 40           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 1017,00      |    | 1025,00 |    | 1022,00  |                         | 1021,33                | 4,04  | 0,40 |
| 41           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 1029,00      |    | 1026,00 |    | 1028,00  |                         | 1027,67                | 1,53  | 0,15 |
| 42           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 1024,00      |    | 1032,00 |    | 1034,00  |                         | 1030,78                | 5,29  | 0,51 |
| 43           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 1022,00      | b  | 1033,00 |    | 1045,00  | b                       | 1033,00                | 11,50 | 1,11 |
| 44           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 1038,00      |    | 1032,00 |    | 1032,00  |                         | 1034,00                | 3,46  | 0,33 |
| 45           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 1060,00      | b  | 1038,00 |    | 1012,00  | b                       | 1038,00                | 24,03 | 2,32 |
| 46           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 1042,00      | ab | 1072,00 | ab | 1054,00  | a                       | 1054,00                | 15,10 | 1,43 |
| 47           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 1030,00      | ab | 1055,00 | a  | 1059,00  | a                       | 1054,78                | 15,72 | 1,49 |
| 48           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 1110,00      | a  | 1105,00 | a  | 1109,00  | a                       | 1108,00                | 2,65  | 0,24 |
| 49           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 1176,00      | a  | 1231,00 | ab | 1179,00  | a                       | 1179,72 *              | 30,92 | 2,62 |
| Mean         |     |              |         |              |    |         |    |          | Interlab.std. deviation |                        |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |         |    |          | abs.                    | rel.%                  |       |      |
|              |     |              |         |              |    |         |    |          | 975,80                  | 10,97                  | 1,12  |      |

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

2-40

2,0

Element: Fe  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |    | Lab.mean  | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----|-----------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |    |           | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 75.80        | a  | 76.40  | a  | 75.60 a   | 75,93 *                | 0,42  | 0,55 |
| 2            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 82.50        | ab | 79.00  | a  | 78.00 a   | 79,17 *                | 2,36  | 2,98 |
| 3            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 85,10        |    | 83,30  |    | 90.10 b   | 85,10 *                | 3,52  | 4,14 |
| 4            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 85,80        |    | 85,80  |    | 88,00     | 86,47 *                | 1,27  | 1,47 |
| 5            | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 93,50        |    | 92,10  |    | 91,90     | 92,50                  | 0,87  | 0,94 |
| 6            | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 95,70        |    | 95,80  |    | 88.30 b   | 95,08                  | 4,30  | 4,52 |
| 7            | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 96,20        |    | 102.30 | b  | 93.80 b   | 96,20                  | 4,38  | 4,55 |
| 8            | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 96,60        |    | 97,20  |    | 95,90     | 96,57                  | 0,65  | 0,67 |
| 9            | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 100,10       |    | 97,40  |    | 97,50     | 98,12                  | 1,53  | 1,56 |
| 10           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 98,40        |    | 98,90  |    | 97,90     | 98,40                  | 0,50  | 0,51 |
| 11           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 99,00        |    | 100,10 |    | 100,20    | 99,77                  | 0,67  | 0,67 |
| 12           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 110.00       | b  | 100,00 |    | 100,00    | 100,67                 | 5,77  | 5,73 |
| 13           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 100,90       |    | 105.90 | b  | 96.30 b   | 100,90                 | 4,80  | 4,76 |
| 14           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 101,20       |    | 97.50  | b  | 102,40    | 101,13                 | 2,55  | 2,52 |
| 15           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 103.50       | b  | 100,00 |    | 101,00    | 101,17                 | 1,80  | 1,78 |
| 16           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 101,00       |    | 101,00 |    | 104.00 b  | 101,67                 | 1,73  | 1,70 |
| 17           | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 97.90        | b  | 106.50 | b  | 101,70    | 101,70                 | 4,31  | 4,24 |
| 18           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 101,30       |    | 102,50 |    | 101,90    | 101,90                 | 0,60  | 0,59 |
| 19           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 106.00       | b  | 101,60 |    | 102,10    | 102,52                 | 2,41  | 2,35 |
| 20           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 108.00       | b  | 103,00 |    | 102,00    | 103,17                 | 3,21  | 3,11 |
| 21           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 104,30       |    | 101,80 |    | 103,70    | 103,33                 | 1,31  | 1,27 |
| 22           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 103,60       |    | 104,00 |    | 102,80    | 103,47                 | 0,61  | 0,59 |
| 23           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 104,00       |    | 103,00 |    | 104,00    | 103,67                 | 0,58  | 0,56 |
| 24           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 105,20       |    | 106,50 |    | 113.90 b  | 106,52                 | 4,69  | 4,40 |
| 25           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 108,60       |    | 108,00 |    | 105,70    | 107,63                 | 1,53  | 1,42 |
| 26           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 108,50       |    | 109,20 |    | 109,10    | 108,93                 | 0,38  | 0,35 |
| 27           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 110,00       |    | 108,00 |    | 109,00    | 109,00                 | 1,00  | 0,92 |
| 28           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 110,30       |    | 108,80 |    | 109,80    | 109,63                 | 0,76  | 0,69 |
| 29           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 107.00       | b  | 110,00 |    | 118.00 b  | 110,00                 | 5,69  | 5,17 |
| 30           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 110,40       |    | 109,10 |    | 110,60    | 110,03                 | 0,81  | 0,74 |
| 31           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 111,90       |    | 110,20 |    | 107.60 b  | 110,20                 | 2,17  | 1,97 |
| 32           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 113,00       |    | 114,10 |    | 111,10    | 112,88                 | 1,52  | 1,35 |
| 33           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 113,00       |    | 110.00 | b  | 117.00 b  | 113,00                 | 3,51  | 3,11 |
| 34           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 115,10       |    | 114,20 |    | 113,80    | 114,37                 | 0,67  | 0,59 |
| 35           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 113,60       |    | 115,40 |    | 116,30    | 115,18                 | 1,37  | 1,19 |
| 36           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 118,20       |    | 114.00 | b  | 121.70 b  | 118,20                 | 3,86  | 3,27 |
| 37           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 118,70       |    | 116,70 |    | 119,60    | 118,48                 | 1,48  | 1,25 |
| 38           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 130,60       |    | 122.00 | b  | 145.60 b  | 130,60 *               | 11,94 | 9,14 |
| 39           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 133,40       |    | 131,90 |    | 129.10 b  | 131,90 *               | 2,18  | 1,65 |
| 40           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 140.00       | ab | 135.00 | a  | 136.50 a  | 136,50 *               | 2,57  | 1,88 |
| 41           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 177.00       | a  | 178.00 | a  | 172.00 ab | 176,83 *               | 3,21  | 1,82 |
| 42           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 185.20       | ab | 179.70 | a  | 172.80 ab | 179,70 *               | 6,21  | 3,46 |
| 43           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 179.90       | a  | 179.30 | a  | 181.00 a  | 180,07 *               | 0,86  | 0,48 |
| 44           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 180.10       | a  | 176.90 | ab | 184.00 ab | 180,10 *               | 3,56  | 1,98 |
| 45           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 183.70       | a  | 183.60 | a  | 184.80 a  | 184,03 *               | 0,67  | 0,36 |
| 46           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 188.50       | a  | 185.20 | ab | 189.50 a  | 188,33 *               | 2,25  | 1,19 |
| 47           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 211.00       | ab | 196.00 | ab | 205.00 a  | 205,00 *               | 7,55  | 3,68 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation

abs. rel. %  
**108,20 2,57 2,21**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

29,8

Element: Fe  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |                 |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.%           |       |       |
| 1            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 44.40        | a  | 43.50 | a  | 43.10    | a                      | <b>43,67 *</b>  | 0,67  | 1,53  |
| 2            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 46.10        | a  | 43.90 | ab | 47.30    | a                      | <b>46,10 *</b>  | 1,72  | 3,73  |
| 3            | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 46.00        | a  | 47.00 | a  | 47.00    | a                      | <b>46,67 *</b>  | 0,58  | 1,24  |
| 4            | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 55,60        |    | 54,90 |    | 55,30    |                        | <b>55,27</b>    | 0,35  | 0,63  |
| 5            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 56,90        |    | 54.70 | b  | 57,90    |                        | <b>56,84</b>    | 1,64  | 2,89  |
| 6            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 57,40        |    | 58,80 |    | 59,00    |                        | <b>58,40</b>    | 0,87  | 1,49  |
| 7            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 59,40        |    | 58,30 |    | 61.80    | b                      | <b>59,41</b>    | 1,79  | 3,01  |
| 8            | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 60,10        |    | 60,30 |    | 60,80    |                        | <b>60,40</b>    | 0,36  | 0,60  |
| 9            | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 57.70        | b  | 63.30 | b  | 60,50    |                        | <b>60,50</b>    | 2,80  | 4,63  |
| 10           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 60,70        |    | 67.90 | b  | 62,30    |                        | <b>62,30</b>    | 3,78  | 6,07  |
| 11           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 63,10        |    | 65,00 |    | 62,80    |                        | <b>63,51</b>    | 1,19  | 1,87  |
| 12           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 66.90        | b  | 63,20 |    | 63,70    |                        | <b>64,01</b>    | 2,01  | 3,14  |
| 13           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 63,60        |    | 64,70 |    | 64,40    |                        | <b>64,23</b>    | 0,57  | 0,89  |
| 14           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 67,00        |    | 64,00 |    | 65,00    |                        | <b>65,06</b>    | 1,53  | 2,35  |
| 15           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 66,10        |    | 64,90 |    | 65,90    |                        | <b>65,63</b>    | 0,64  | 0,98  |
| 16           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 63,90        |    | 65,80 |    | 66,70    |                        | <b>65,69</b>    | 1,43  | 2,18  |
| 17           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 72.80        | b  | 60.00 | b  | 65,90    |                        | <b>65,90</b>    | 6,41  | 9,73  |
| 18           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 66,90        |    | 68,70 |    | 65,50    |                        | <b>66,90</b>    | 1,60  | 2,39  |
| 19           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 66,20        |    | 68,90 |    | 66,70    |                        | <b>67,01</b>    | 1,44  | 2,15  |
| 20           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 67,50        |    | 62.00 | b  | 67,80    |                        | <b>67,09</b>    | 3,27  | 4,87  |
| 21           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 67,30        |    | 67,00 |    | 67,70    |                        | <b>67,33</b>    | 0,35  | 0,52  |
| 22           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 67,00        |    | 68,00 |    | 67,00    |                        | <b>67,33</b>    | 0,58  | 0,86  |
| 23           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 66.40        | b  | 68,70 |    | 69,20    |                        | <b>68,39</b>    | 1,49  | 2,18  |
| 24           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 69,20        |    | 68,00 |    | 70,70    |                        | <b>69,20</b>    | 1,35  | 1,95  |
| 25           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 70,00        |    | 70,00 |    | 70,00    |                        | <b>70,00</b>    | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 26           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 70,10        |    | 67.20 | b  | 78.90    | b                      | <b>70,10</b>    | 6,09  | 8,69  |
| 27           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 70,20        |    | 68.10 | b  | 71,30    |                        | <b>70,19</b>    | 1,63  | 2,32  |
| 28           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 70,30        |    | 71,10 |    | 70,10    |                        | <b>70,50</b>    | 0,53  | 0,75  |
| 29           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 69,20        |    | 70,70 |    | 72,30    |                        | <b>70,70</b>    | 1,55  | 2,19  |
| 30           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 69,70        |    | 72,50 |    | 70,90    |                        | <b>70,90</b>    | 1,40  | 1,97  |
| 31           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 71,10        |    | 71,60 |    | 71,40    |                        | <b>71,37</b>    | 0,25  | 0,35  |
| 32           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 71,50        |    | 74.20 | b  | 68.40    | b                      | <b>71,50</b>    | 2,90  | 4,06  |
| 33           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 81.00        | b  | 72,00 |    | 69.00    | b                      | <b>72,00</b>    | 6,24  | 8,67  |
| 34           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 72,50        |    | 85.80 | b  | 71,40    |                        | <b>72,51</b>    | 8,02  | 11,06 |
| 35           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 74,10        |    | 73,20 |    | 70.30    | b                      | <b>73,09</b>    | 1,99  | 2,72  |
| 36           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 73,10        |    | 68.70 | b  | 74,60    |                        | <b>73,10</b>    | 3,07  | 4,20  |
| 37           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 72,50        |    | 73,20 |    | 74,90    |                        | <b>73,41</b>    | 1,23  | 1,68  |
| 38           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 75.00        | b  | 78,40 |    | 83.50    | b                      | <b>78,40</b>    | 4,28  | 5,46  |
| 39           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 78,70        |    | 80,20 |    | 72.70    | b                      | <b>78,70</b>    | 3,97  | 5,04  |
| 40           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 85.50        | b  | 77.00 | b  | 80,00    |                        | <b>80,00</b>    | 4,31  | 5,39  |
| 41           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 82,20        |    | 81,50 |    | 81,40    |                        | <b>81,70</b>    | 0,44  | 0,54  |
| 42           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 83.90        | a  | 83.90 | a  | 79.30    | ab                     | <b>83,34 *</b>  | 2,66  | 3,19  |
| 43           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 85.30        | a  | 84.10 | a  | 86.80    | a                      | <b>85,30 *</b>  | 1,35  | 1,58  |
| 44           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 86.40        | a  | 84.90 | a  | 85.60    | a                      | <b>85,63 *</b>  | 0,75  | 0,88  |
| 45           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 91.00        | a  | 83.00 | ab | 90.00    | a                      | <b>89,94 *</b>  | 4,36  | 4,85  |
| 46           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 94.50        | ab | 87.00 | ab | 90.00    | a                      | <b>90,00 *</b>  | 3,77  | 4,19  |
| 47           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 101.60       | a  | 68.40 | ab | 137.00   | ab                     | <b>101,60 *</b> | 34,31 | 33,77 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**68,93 2,84 3,73**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **19,1**  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2: **69,38**

Element: Fe  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |    |        |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----|--------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |    |        |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |
| 1            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 76.80        | a  | 78.10  | a  | 80.90  | ab | 78,12 *  | 2,10                   | 2,69  |
| 2            | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 79.70        | a  | 81.20  | a  | 81.80  | a  | 80,90 *  | 1,08                   | 1,33  |
| 3            | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 88.00        | ab | 82.60  | a  | 78.90  | ab | 82,60 *  | 4,58                   | 5,54  |
| 4            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 88.60        | ab | 82.30  | a  | 82.80  | a  | 83,22 *  | 3,50                   | 4,21  |
| 5            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 80.90        | ab | 83.80  | a  | 94.60  | ab | 83,80 *  | 7,22                   | 8,62  |
| 6            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 89.10        | a  | 88.60  | a  | 96.00  | ab | 89,52    | 4,14                   | 4,62  |
| 7            | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 94,60        |    | 91.60  | b  | 96,60  |    | 94,60    | 2,52                   | 2,66  |
| 8            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 93,90        |    | 94,40  |    | 96,20  |    | 94,82    | 1,21                   | 1,28  |
| 9            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 95,70        |    | 93,90  |    | 98.60  | b  | 95,70    | 2,37                   | 2,48  |
| 10           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 100,50       |    | 101,60 |    | 98,40  |    | 100,38   | 1,63                   | 1,62  |
| 11           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 101,60       |    | 100,60 |    | 98,30  |    | 100,43   | 1,69                   | 1,68  |
| 12           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 101,30       |    | 102,80 |    | 102,50 |    | 102,20   | 0,79                   | 0,77  |
| 13           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 102,80       |    | 102,40 |    | 107.20 | b  | 103,27   | 2,66                   | 2,58  |
| 14           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 104,20       |    | 103,50 |    | 103,00 |    | 103,57   | 0,60                   | 0,58  |
| 15           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 105,00       |    | 104,50 |    | 103,90 |    | 104,47   | 0,55                   | 0,53  |
| 16           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 105,90       |    | 102.80 | b  | 107,10 |    | 105,83   | 2,22                   | 2,10  |
| 17           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 106,20       |    | 107,60 |    | 107,20 |    | 107,00   | 0,72                   | 0,67  |
| 18           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 106,90       |    | 106,40 |    | 112.20 | b  | 107,32   | 3,21                   | 2,99  |
| 19           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 108,80       |    | 108,60 |    | 103.50 | b  | 108,03   | 3,00                   | 2,78  |
| 20           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 108,00       |    | 108,00 |    | 111,00 |    | 108,67   | 1,73                   | 1,59  |
| 21           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 113.00       | b  | 108,20 |    | 108,10 |    | 108,82   | 2,80                   | 2,57  |
| 22           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 110,00       |    | 110,00 |    | 110,00 |    | 110,00   | 0,00                   | 0,00  |
| 23           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 108,20       |    | 110,90 |    | 111,50 |    | 110,53   | 1,76                   | 1,59  |
| 24           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 111,00       |    | 110,00 |    | 111,00 |    | 110,67   | 0,58                   | 0,52  |
| 25           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 110,80       |    | 106.20 | b  | 115.40 | b  | 110,80   | 4,60                   | 4,15  |
| 26           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 111,50       |    | 113,70 |    | 108,90 |    | 111,50   | 2,40                   | 2,15  |
| 27           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 98.70        | b  | 113,00 |    | 115,00 |    | 113,00   | 8,89                   | 7,87  |
| 28           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 111,00       |    | 113,00 |    | 115,00 |    | 113,00   | 2,00                   | 1,77  |
| 29           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 111,40       |    | 113,30 |    | 119.10 | b  | 113,30   | 4,01                   | 3,54  |
| 30           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 111,50       |    | 113,30 |    | 115,70 |    | 113,30   | 2,11                   | 1,86  |
| 31           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 114,40       |    | 115,00 |    | 111.30 | b  | 114,03   | 1,99                   | 1,75  |
| 32           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 114,00       |    | 127.00 | b  | 115,00 |    | 115,17   | 7,23                   | 6,28  |
| 33           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 117,50       |    | 114,30 |    | 115,10 |    | 115,37   | 1,67                   | 1,45  |
| 34           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 117,20       |    | 101.80 | b  | 116,60 |    | 116,23   | 8,72                   | 7,50  |
| 35           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 115,60       |    | 117,60 |    | 117,00 |    | 116,73   | 1,03                   | 0,88  |
| 36           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 118,60       |    | 116,10 |    | 117,20 |    | 117,30   | 1,25                   | 1,07  |
| 37           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 118,00       |    | 115.00 | b  | 120,00 |    | 118,00   | 2,52                   | 2,14  |
| 38           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 114.20       | b  | 118,40 |    | 124.30 | b  | 118,40   | 5,07                   | 4,28  |
| 39           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 117,40       |    | 123.90 | b  | 119,10 |    | 119,10   | 3,37                   | 2,83  |
| 40           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 119,90       |    | 120,80 |    | 117,70 |    | 119,68   | 1,59                   | 1,33  |
| 41           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 122,30       |    | 121,40 |    | 122,30 |    | 122,00   | 0,52                   | 0,43  |
| 42           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 122,10       |    | 123,90 |    | 122,70 |    | 122,90   | 0,92                   | 0,75  |
| 43           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 124,00       |    | 123,20 |    | 123,00 |    | 123,40   | 0,53                   | 0,43  |
| 44           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 119.70       | b  | 143.50 | b  | 125,60 |    | 125,60   | 12,39                  | 9,86  |
| 45           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 122.30       | b  | 129,70 |    | 127,60 |    | 127,60   | 3,81                   | 2,99  |
| 46           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 147.00       | a  | 142.00 | ab | 151.00 | ab | 147,00 * | 4,51                   | 3,07  |
| 47           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 147.50       | a  | 151.50 | ab | 148.00 | a  | 148,42 * | 2,18                   | 1,47  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation

abs. rel. %  
**109,60 2,89 2,68**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-44

14,9

Element: Fe  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |    | Lab.mean  | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----|-----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |    |           | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 64.30        | a  | 66.00  | a  | 66.90 a   | 65,73 *                | 1,32  | 2,01  |
| 2            | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 98.40        | a  | 98.10  | a  | 98.20 a   | 98,23 *                | 0,15  | 0,15  |
| 3            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 110.00       | ab | 118.00 | ab | 115.00 a  | 115,00                 | 4,04  | 3,51  |
| 4            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 115.30       | a  | 115.00 | a  | 115.00 a  | 115,10                 | 0,17  | 0,15  |
| 5            | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 122.20       | ab | 117.40 | a  | 105.20 ab | 117,40                 | 8,76  | 7,46  |
| 6            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 118.00       | a  | 115.00 | ab | 121.00 ab | 118,00                 | 3,00  | 2,54  |
| 7            | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 131,60       |    | 129,50 |    | 128,80    | 129,93                 | 1,46  | 1,12  |
| 8            | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 134.70       | b  | 127.00 | b  | 130,00    | 130,00                 | 3,88  | 2,98  |
| 9            | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 131,70       |    | 130,20 |    | 130,40    | 130,77                 | 0,81  | 0,62  |
| 10           | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 129,70       |    | 135.60 | b  | 130,80    | 131,03                 | 3,14  | 2,40  |
| 11           | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 130,30       |    | 131,70 |    | 132,80    | 131,60                 | 1,25  | 0,95  |
| 12           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 134,00       |    | 130,60 |    | 131,90    | 132,03                 | 1,72  | 1,30  |
| 13           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 135,80       |    | 136,10 |    | 141.80 b  | 136,73                 | 3,38  | 2,47  |
| 14           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 123.40       | b  | 137,50 |    | 140.50 b  | 137,50                 | 9,13  | 6,64  |
| 15           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 138,20       |    | 137,70 |    | 137,60    | 137,83                 | 0,32  | 0,23  |
| 16           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 134.60       | b  | 138,20 |    | 141.80 b  | 138,20                 | 3,60  | 2,60  |
| 17           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 143.00       | b  | 138,00 |    | 139,00    | 139,28                 | 2,65  | 1,90  |
| 18           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 137.20       | b  | 146.20 | b  | 140,10    | 140,10                 | 4,59  | 3,28  |
| 19           | 51  | P9.1         | D42     | 138,00       |    | 141,00 |    | 141,00    | 140,22                 | 1,73  | 1,23  |
| 20           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 141,90       |    | 140,20 |    | 141,40    | 141,17                 | 0,87  | 0,62  |
| 21           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 139,60       |    | 141,50 |    | 143,60    | 141,50                 | 2,00  | 1,41  |
| 22           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 142,10       |    | 143,50 |    | 145,10    | 143,57                 | 1,50  | 1,04  |
| 23           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 146.50       | b  | 143,00 |    | 142,70    | 143,63                 | 2,11  | 1,47  |
| 24           | 17  | P5.1         | D31     | 144,30       |    | 145,10 |    | 141,90    | 143,92                 | 1,67  | 1,16  |
| 25           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 145,20       |    | 144,80 |    | 144,80    | 144,93                 | 0,23  | 0,16  |
| 26           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 144,00       |    | 146,00 |    | 145,00    | 145,00                 | 1,00  | 0,69  |
| 27           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 144,80       |    | 148.10 | b  | 144,10    | 145,23                 | 2,14  | 1,47  |
| 28           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 146,00       |    | 148,00 |    | 143.00 b  | 146,00                 | 2,52  | 1,73  |
| 29           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 152.90       | b  | 145,30 |    | 147,00    | 147,00                 | 3,99  | 2,71  |
| 30           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 147,70       |    | 149,10 |    | 144.20 b  | 147,62                 | 2,52  | 1,71  |
| 31           | 44  | P4.1         | D31     | 150,00       |    | 150,00 |    | 140.00 b  | 149,22                 | 5,77  | 3,87  |
| 32           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 148,00       |    | 152.00 | b  | 149,00    | 149,28                 | 2,08  | 1,39  |
| 33           | 3   | P3.10        | D31     | 151,00       |    | 152,00 |    | 152,00    | 151,67                 | 0,58  | 0,38  |
| 34           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 152,20       |    | 155.80 | b  | 147.70 b  | 152,20                 | 4,06  | 2,67  |
| 35           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 153,80       |    | 153,20 |    | 152,50    | 153,17                 | 0,65  | 0,42  |
| 36           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 154,40       |    | 150.10 | b  | 154,70    | 153,77                 | 2,57  | 1,67  |
| 37           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 149.60       | b  | 155,50 |    | 153,90    | 153,90                 | 3,05  | 1,98  |
| 38           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 153,20       |    | 155,00 |    | 153,80    | 154,00                 | 0,92  | 0,60  |
| 39           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 154,10       |    | 154,20 |    | 154,40    | 154,23                 | 0,15  | 0,10  |
| 40           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 154,50       |    | 156,70 |    | 151.30 b  | 154,50                 | 2,72  | 1,76  |
| 41           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 156,80       |    | 154,50 |    | 156,10    | 155,80                 | 1,18  | 0,76  |
| 42           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 160,90       |    | 157.30 | b  | 162,20    | 160,77                 | 2,54  | 1,58  |
| 43           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 168.70       | a  | 167.70 | a  | 163.40 ab | 167,42                 | 2,82  | 1,68  |
| 44           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 177.50       | a  | 179.60 | a  | 178.70 a  | 178,60 *               | 1,05  | 0,59  |
| 45           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 199.00       | ab | 179.00 | a  | 168.00 ab | 179,00 *               | 15,72 | 8,78  |
| 46           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 246.00       | ab | 176.70 | ab | 184.10 a  | 184,10 *               | 38,05 | 20,67 |
| 47           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 186.00       | a  | 180.00 | ab | 189.00 ab | 186,00 *               | 4,58  | 2,46  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation

abs. rel. %  
**143,50 3,49 2,32**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-45

12,8

Element: Cu  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 3.50         | ab | 3.00 | a  | 3.00 a   | <b>3,04 *</b>          | 0,29  | 9,54  |
| 2            | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.14         | a  | 2.33 | ab | 3.78 ab  | <b>3,14</b>            | 0,73  | 23,25 |
| 3            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 3.54         | a  | 3.33 | a  | 3.38 a   | <b>3,40</b>            | 0,11  | 3,24  |
| 4            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.48         | a  | 3.27 | ab | 3.84 ab  | <b>3,48</b>            | 0,29  | 8,33  |
| 5            | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.70         | a  | 3.70 | a  | 3.50 ab  | <b>3,66</b>            | 0,12  | 3,28  |
| 6            | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 3.66         | a  | 3.90 | ab | 3.58 a   | <b>3,66</b>            | 0,17  | 4,64  |
| 7            | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 3,72         |    | 3,88 |    | 3,76     | <b>3,78</b>            | 0,08  | 2,12  |
| 8            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 4,12         |    | 3,95 |    | 3,94     | <b>3,99</b>            | 0,10  | 2,51  |
| 9            | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 4,02         |    | 4,40 | b  | 3,90     | <b>4,02</b>            | 0,26  | 6,47  |
| 10           | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 4,28         | b  | 4,01 |    | 4,01     | <b>4,05</b>            | 0,16  | 3,95  |
| 11           | 11  | P5.1         | D22     | 4,10         |    | 4,09 |    | 4,17     | <b>4,12</b>            | 0,04  | 0,97  |
| 12           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,29         |    | 4,06 |    | 4,15     | <b>4,15</b>            | 0,12  | 2,89  |
| 13           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 4,17         |    | 4,15 |    | 4,15     | <b>4,16</b>            | 0,01  | 0,24  |
| 14           | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 4,29         |    | 4,08 |    | 4,19     | <b>4,19</b>            | 0,11  | 2,63  |
| 15           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,10         |    | 4,20 |    | 4,30     | <b>4,20</b>            | 0,10  | 2,38  |
| 16           | 55  | P5.5         | D22     | 4,21         |    | 4,32 |    | 3,94 b   | <b>4,21</b>            | 0,20  | 4,75  |
| 17           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 4,17         |    | 4,36 |    | 4,27     | <b>4,27</b>            | 0,10  | 2,34  |
| 18           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 4,10         | b  | 4,50 | b  | 4,30     | <b>4,30</b>            | 0,20  | 4,65  |
| 19           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 6,73         | b  | 4,37 |    | 4,07 b   | <b>4,37</b>            | 1,46  | 33,41 |
| 20           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,30         |    | 4,37 |    | 4,52     | <b>4,38</b>            | 0,11  | 2,51  |
| 21           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 4,26         | b  | 4,48 |    | 4,43     | <b>4,41</b>            | 0,12  | 2,72  |
| 22           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 5,07         | b  | 4,42 |    | 4,38     | <b>4,44</b>            | 0,39  | 8,78  |
| 23           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 4,84         | b  | 4,43 |    | 4,51     | <b>4,51</b>            | 0,22  | 4,88  |
| 24           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 4,48         |    | 4,53 |    | 4,56     | <b>4,52</b>            | 0,04  | 0,88  |
| 25           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,36         | b  | 4,56 |    | 6,29 b   | <b>4,56</b>            | 1,06  | 23,25 |
| 26           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,83         | b  | 4,57 |    | 4,49     | <b>4,57</b>            | 0,18  | 3,94  |
| 27           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,55         |    | 4,57 |    | 4,61     | <b>4,58</b>            | 0,03  | 0,66  |
| 28           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,60         |    | 4,60 |    | 4,60     | <b>4,60</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 29           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,61         |    | 4,69 |    | 4,14 b   | <b>4,61</b>            | 0,30  | 6,51  |
| 30           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 4,57         |    | 4,65 |    | 5,72 b   | <b>4,65</b>            | 0,64  | 13,76 |
| 31           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 4,99         | b  | 4,59 |    | 4,65     | <b>4,66</b>            | 0,22  | 4,72  |
| 32           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 4,66         |    | 4,39 | b  | 4,94 b   | <b>4,66</b>            | 0,28  | 6,01  |
| 33           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,60         |    | 4,73 |    | 4,69     | <b>4,67</b>            | 0,07  | 1,50  |
| 34           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 4,70         |    | 4,70 |    | 4,70     | <b>4,70</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 35           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 4,81         |    | 4,70 |    | 4,46 b   | <b>4,70</b>            | 0,18  | 3,83  |
| 36           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,72         |    | 4,70 |    | 4,69     | <b>4,70</b>            | 0,02  | 0,43  |
| 37           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,75         |    | 4,80 |    | 4,75     | <b>4,77</b>            | 0,03  | 0,63  |
| 38           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 4,84         |    | 4,82 |    | 5,02 b   | <b>4,87</b>            | 0,11  | 2,26  |
| 39           | 4   | P.51         | D22     | 4,99         |    | 4,88 |    | 4,81     | <b>4,89</b>            | 0,09  | 1,84  |
| 40           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 5,11         |    | 5,06 |    | 4,98     | <b>5,05</b>            | 0,07  | 1,39  |
| 41           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 5,31         | a  | 5,32 | a  | 5,36 a   | <b>5,33</b>            | 0,03  | 0,56  |
| 42           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 5,86         | a  | 6,20 | ab | 5,80 a   | <b>5,87 *</b>          | 0,22  | 3,75  |
| 43           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 6,00         | a  | 5,90 | a  | 5,70 ab  | <b>5,90 *</b>          | 0,15  | 2,54  |
| 44           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 9,40         | a  | 9,30 | a  | 9,30 a   | <b>9,33 *</b>          | 0,06  | 0,64  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**4,41 0,21 4,99**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

9,1

Element: Cu  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 2.34         | a  | 2.55 | ab | 2.30     | a  | <b>2,34 *</b>          | 0,13  | 5,56  |
| 2            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 2.53         | a  | 2.52 | a  | 2.43     | a  | <b>2,50</b>            | 0,06  | 2,40  |
| 3            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 2.59         | a  | 2.74 | ab | 2.20     | ab | <b>2,59</b>            | 0,28  | 10,81 |
| 4            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 3.03         | b  | 2,71 |    | 2,69     |    | <b>2,72</b>            | 0,19  | 6,99  |
| 5            | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,70         |    | 2,80 |    | 2,80     |    | <b>2,78</b>            | 0,06  | 2,16  |
| 6            | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 2,84         |    | 2,90 |    | 2,75     |    | <b>2,84</b>            | 0,08  | 2,82  |
| 7            | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,80         |    | 3,00 |    | 2,90     |    | <b>2,90</b>            | 0,10  | 3,45  |
| 8            | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 2.35         | b  | 2,95 |    | 4.82     | b  | <b>2,95</b>            | 1,29  | 43,73 |
| 9            | 11  | P5.1         | D22     | 3,02         |    | 3,04 |    | 3,04     |    | <b>3,03</b>            | 0,01  | 0,33  |
| 10           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 3,09         |    | 3,14 |    | 3,16     |    | <b>3,13</b>            | 0,04  | 1,28  |
| 11           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.40         | b  | 3,15 |    | 2.81     | b  | <b>3,15</b>            | 0,30  | 9,52  |
| 12           | 55  | P5.5         | D22     | 3,20         |    | 3,22 |    | 3.04     | b  | <b>3,19</b>            | 0,10  | 3,13  |
| 13           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 3,19         |    | 3,19 |    | 3,23     |    | <b>3,20</b>            | 0,02  | 0,63  |
| 14           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 3,20         |    | 3,30 |    | 3,20     |    | <b>3,22</b>            | 0,06  | 1,86  |
| 15           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 3,22         |    | 3.41 | b  | 3,21     |    | <b>3,24</b>            | 0,11  | 3,40  |
| 16           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 3,24         |    | 3,36 |    | 3,22     |    | <b>3,25</b>            | 0,08  | 2,46  |
| 17           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,26         |    | 3,28 |    | 3,31     |    | <b>3,28</b>            | 0,03  | 0,91  |
| 18           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,35         |    | 3,28 |    | 3,26     |    | <b>3,29</b>            | 0,05  | 1,52  |
| 19           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 3,30         |    | 3,40 |    | 3,20     |    | <b>3,30</b>            | 0,10  | 3,03  |
| 20           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 3,30         |    | 3,28 |    | 3,39     |    | <b>3,31</b>            | 0,06  | 1,81  |
| 21           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.48         | b  | 3,30 |    | 3,28     |    | <b>3,31</b>            | 0,11  | 3,32  |
| 22           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 2.53         | b  | 3,37 |    | 4.00     | b  | <b>3,37</b>            | 0,74  | 21,96 |
| 23           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,40         |    | 3,49 |    | 3,50     |    | <b>3,47</b>            | 0,06  | 1,73  |
| 24           | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 3.75         | b  | 3,48 |    | 3.28     | b  | <b>3,48</b>            | 0,24  | 6,90  |
| 25           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 3,51         |    | 3,58 |    | 3,47     |    | <b>3,51</b>            | 0,06  | 1,71  |
| 26           | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 3.39         | b  | 3,52 |    | 3,59     |    | <b>3,52</b>            | 0,10  | 2,84  |
| 27           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 3,56         |    | 3,53 |    | 3,55     |    | <b>3,55</b>            | 0,02  | 0,56  |
| 28           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 3,60         |    | 3,60 |    | 3,50     |    | <b>3,58</b>            | 0,06  | 1,68  |
| 29           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 3,54         |    | 3,58 |    | 3,63     |    | <b>3,58</b>            | 0,05  | 1,40  |
| 30           | 4   | P.51         | D22     | 3.75         | b  | 3.38 | b  | 3,60     |    | <b>3,60</b>            | 0,19  | 5,28  |
| 31           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 3.47         | b  | 3.74 | b  | 3,60     |    | <b>3,60</b>            | 0,14  | 3,89  |
| 32           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 3,71         |    | 3,64 |    | 3,62     |    | <b>3,65</b>            | 0,05  | 1,37  |
| 33           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 3,70         |    | 3.46 | b  | 3,72     |    | <b>3,69</b>            | 0,14  | 3,79  |
| 34           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 3,80         |    | 3,70 |    | 3,80     |    | <b>3,78</b>            | 0,06  | 1,59  |
| 35           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 3,78         |    | 3.99 | b  | 3,78     |    | <b>3,80</b>            | 0,12  | 3,16  |
| 36           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 3,90         |    | 3,80 |    | 4.30     | b  | <b>3,90</b>            | 0,26  | 6,67  |
| 37           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.61         | b  | 3,99 |    | 4,09     |    | <b>3,99</b>            | 0,25  | 6,27  |
| 38           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,98         |    | 5.03 | b  | 3,98     |    | <b>4,00</b>            | 0,61  | 15,25 |
| 39           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 4,00         |    | 4.50 | b  | 4,00     |    | <b>4,02</b>            | 0,29  | 7,21  |
| 40           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 4.61         | a  | 4.70 | a  | 4.52     | a  | <b>4,61 *</b>          | 0,09  | 1,95  |
| 41           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 4.77         | a  | 4.24 | ab | 4.85     | a  | <b>4,77 *</b>          | 0,33  | 6,92  |
| 42           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 7.80         | ab | 6.00 | ab | 6.80     | a  | <b>6,80 *</b>          | 0,90  | 13,24 |
| 43           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 7.73         | ab | 5.71 | ab | 7.38     | a  | <b>7,38 *</b>          | 1,08  | 14,63 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel.%  
**3,41 0,21 5,61**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **11,6**  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2: **3,52**

Element: Cu  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |               |      |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|------------------------|---------------|------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                   | rel.%         |      |       |
| 1            | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 1.95         | a  | 1.99 | a  | 1.90     | a                      | <b>1,95 *</b> | 0,05 | 2,56  |
| 2            | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 1.94         | a  | 2.02 | a  | 2.10     | a                      | <b>2,02 *</b> | 0,08 | 3,96  |
| 3            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 2.11         | a  | 2.21 | a  | 2.18     | a                      | <b>2,17</b>   | 0,05 | 2,30  |
| 4            | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,50         |    | 2,40 |    | 2,50     |                        | <b>2,47</b>   | 0,06 | 2,43  |
| 5            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 2,53         |    | 2,40 |    | 2,51     |                        | <b>2,49</b>   | 0,07 | 2,81  |
| 6            | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 2,50         |    | 2,50 |    | 2,50     |                        | <b>2,50</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 7            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 2,68         |    | 2,57 |    | 2,71     |                        | <b>2,66</b>   | 0,07 | 2,63  |
| 8            | 11  | P5.1         | D22     | 2,70         |    | 2,62 |    | 2,69     |                        | <b>2,67</b>   | 0,04 | 1,50  |
| 9            | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 2,74         |    | 2,72 |    | 2.89     | b                      | <b>2,76</b>   | 0,09 | 3,26  |
| 10           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,71         |    | 2,83 |    |          |                        | <b>2,77</b>   | 0,08 | 2,89  |
| 11           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,81         |    | 2,76 |    | 2,75     |                        | <b>2,77</b>   | 0,03 | 1,08  |
| 12           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 2,83         |    | 2,73 |    | 2,75     |                        | <b>2,77</b>   | 0,05 | 1,81  |
| 13           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,80         |    | 2,81 |    | 2,86     |                        | <b>2,82</b>   | 0,03 | 1,06  |
| 14           | 55  | P5.5         | D22     | 2,82         |    | 2.70 | b  | 3.02     | b                      | <b>2,82</b>   | 0,16 | 5,67  |
| 15           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 2,90         |    | 2,85 |    | 2,87     |                        | <b>2,87</b>   | 0,03 | 1,05  |
| 16           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 2,87         |    | 2,91 |    | 2,84     |                        | <b>2,87</b>   | 0,04 | 1,39  |
| 17           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 2.98         | b  | 2,87 |    | 2.58     | b                      | <b>2,87</b>   | 0,21 | 7,32  |
| 18           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,80         |    | 2,90 |    | 3.10     | b                      | <b>2,90</b>   | 0,15 | 5,17  |
| 19           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 2,97         |    | 2,87 |    | 2,89     |                        | <b>2,91</b>   | 0,05 | 1,72  |
| 20           | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 2.68         | b  | 2,94 |    | 3.48     | b                      | <b>2,94</b>   | 0,41 | 13,95 |
| 21           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,07         |    | 2,89 |    | 2,98     |                        | <b>2,98</b>   | 0,09 | 3,02  |
| 22           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 2,95         |    | 3,02 |    | 3,10     |                        | <b>3,02</b>   | 0,08 | 2,65  |
| 23           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 3.22         | b  | 3,10 |    | 2.55     | b                      | <b>3,10</b>   | 0,36 | 11,61 |
| 24           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 3.36         | b  | 3,04 |    | 3,12     |                        | <b>3,12</b>   | 0,17 | 5,45  |
| 25           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 3,12         |    | 3,18 |    | 3,07     |                        | <b>3,12</b>   | 0,06 | 1,92  |
| 26           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 2.82         | b  | 3,15 |    | 3.38     | b                      | <b>3,15</b>   | 0,28 | 8,89  |
| 27           | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 2.97         | b  | 3.80 | b  | 3,15     |                        | <b>3,15</b>   | 0,44 | 13,97 |
| 28           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 3,19         |    | 3,12 |    | 3,21     |                        | <b>3,17</b>   | 0,05 | 1,58  |
| 29           | 4   | P.51         | D22     | 3,15         |    | 3,24 |    | 3,18     |                        | <b>3,19</b>   | 0,05 | 1,57  |
| 30           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 3,20         |    | 3,14 |    | 3,22     |                        | <b>3,19</b>   | 0,04 | 1,25  |
| 31           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 3,20         |    | 3,10 |    | 3.40     | b                      | <b>3,20</b>   | 0,15 | 4,69  |
| 32           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 3.64         | b  | 3,22 |    | 2.99     | b                      | <b>3,22</b>   | 0,33 | 10,25 |
| 33           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 3,27         |    | 3,14 |    | 3,24     |                        | <b>3,22</b>   | 0,07 | 2,17  |
| 34           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,25         |    | 3,30 |    | 3,28     |                        | <b>3,28</b>   | 0,03 | 0,91  |
| 35           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 3,30         |    | 3,30 |    | 3,30     |                        | <b>3,30</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 36           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 3.45         | b  | 3.15 | b  | 3,32     |                        | <b>3,32</b>   | 0,15 | 4,52  |
| 37           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.17         | b  | 3,37 |    | 3.69     | b                      | <b>3,37</b>   | 0,26 | 7,72  |
| 38           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 3,50         |    | 3,50 |    | 3,50     |                        | <b>3,50</b>   | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 39           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 3.60         | a  | 3.60 | a  | 3.70     | a                      | <b>3,63</b>   | 0,06 | 1,65  |
| 40           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 3.85         | a  | 4.73 | ab | 3.86     | a                      | <b>3,89</b>   | 0,51 | 13,11 |
| 41           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 4.58         | a  | 2.67 | ab | 5.55     | ab                     | <b>4,58 *</b> | 1,47 | 32,10 |
| 42           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 4.73         | a  | 4.80 | a  | 4.67     | a                      | <b>4,73 *</b> | 0,07 | 1,48  |
| 43           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 6.10         | ab | 5.70 | a  | 4.90     | ab                     | <b>5,70 *</b> | 0,61 | 10,70 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**3,02 0,16 4,79**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: 11,6

Element: Cu  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |      |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |      |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 3.16         | a  | 3.09 | a  | 3.14     | 3,13                   | 0,04  | 1,28  |
| 2            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 3.06         | a  | 3.27 | ab | 3.15     | 3,15                   | 0,11  | 3,49  |
| 3            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 3.38         | a  | 3.39 | a  | 3.42     | 3,40                   | 0,02  | 0,59  |
| 4            | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 3.50         | a  | 3.50 | a  | 3.40     | 3,48                   | 0,06  | 1,72  |
| 5            | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 3,75         |    | 3,75 |    | 3,75     | 3,75                   | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 6            | 29  | P3.3         | D31     | 3,76         |    | 3,88 | b  | 3,65     | 3,76                   | 0,12  | 3,19  |
| 7            | 11  | P5.1         | D22     | 3,81         |    | 3,81 |    | 3,80     | 3,81                   | 0,01  | 0,26  |
| 8            | 7   | P5.5         | D31     | 3,92         |    | 3,85 |    | 3,77     | 3,85                   | 0,08  | 2,08  |
| 9            | 6   | P3.2         | D31     | 3,81         |    | 4,06 | b  | 3,86     | 3,86                   | 0,13  | 3,37  |
| 10           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 3,70         | b  | 3,90 |    | 3,90     | 3,88                   | 0,12  | 3,09  |
| 11           | 55  | P5.5         | D22     | 4,10         | b  | 3,88 |    | 3,88     | 3,90                   | 0,13  | 3,33  |
| 12           | 14  | P4.1         | D31     | 3,89         |    | 3,90 |    | 4,22     | 3,92                   | 0,19  | 4,85  |
| 13           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 3,99         |    | 4,54 | b  | 3,76     | 3,99                   | 0,40  | 10,03 |
| 14           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,01         |    | 4,00 |    | 3,96     | 3,99                   | 0,03  | 0,75  |
| 15           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,04         |    | 4,08 |    | 3,98     | 4,04                   | 0,05  | 1,24  |
| 16           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 4,03         |    | 4,08 |    | 4,06     | 4,06                   | 0,03  | 0,74  |
| 17           | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 3,94         | b  | 4,11 |    | 4,07     | 4,07                   | 0,09  | 2,21  |
| 18           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 4,11         |    | 4,26 | b  | 4,02     | 4,11                   | 0,12  | 2,92  |
| 19           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,00         | b  | 4,20 |    | 4,20     | 4,18                   | 0,12  | 2,87  |
| 20           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 4,19         |    | 4,34 | b  | 4,15     | 4,19                   | 0,10  | 2,39  |
| 21           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,25         |    | 4,20 |    | 4,20     | 4,22                   | 0,03  | 0,71  |
| 22           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 4,22         |    | 4,19 |    | 4,28     | 4,23                   | 0,05  | 1,18  |
| 23           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,33         |    | 4,31 |    | 4,39     | 4,34                   | 0,04  | 0,92  |
| 24           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,39         |    | 4,42 |    | 4,40     | 4,40                   | 0,02  | 0,45  |
| 25           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 4,42         |    | 4,53 | b  | 4,16     | 4,42                   | 0,19  | 4,30  |
| 26           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 4,52         |    | 4,14 | b  | 4,43     | 4,43                   | 0,20  | 4,51  |
| 27           | 13  | P3.3         | D21.1   | 4,59         | b  | 4,44 |    | 3,29     | 4,44                   | 0,71  | 15,99 |
| 28           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,47         |    | 3,07 | b  | 5,55     | 4,47                   | 1,24  | 27,74 |
| 29           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,45         |    | 4,48 |    | 4,47     | 4,47                   | 0,02  | 0,45  |
| 30           | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 4,00         | b  | 4,80 | b  | 4,50     | 4,50                   | 0,40  | 8,89  |
| 31           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 4,53         |    | 5,11 | b  | 4,49     | 4,53                   | 0,35  | 7,73  |
| 32           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 4,52         |    | 4,52 |    | 4,55     | 4,53                   | 0,02  | 0,44  |
| 33           | 4   | P.51         | D22     | 4,61         |    | 4,51 |    | 4,52     | 4,54                   | 0,06  | 1,32  |
| 34           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 4,58         |    | 4,65 |    | 4,53     | 4,58                   | 0,06  | 1,31  |
| 35           | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,70         |    | 4,60 |    | 4,60     | 4,62                   | 0,06  | 1,30  |
| 36           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 4,70         |    | 4,73 |    | 4,59     | 4,69                   | 0,07  | 1,49  |
| 37           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 4,80         | b  | 4,60 | b  | 4,70     | 4,70                   | 0,10  | 2,13  |
| 38           | 28  | P5.1         | D21     | 4,70         |    | 5,01 | b  | 4,77     | 4,77                   | 0,16  | 3,35  |
| 39           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 4,92         |    | 4,74 | b  | 5,08     | 4,92                   | 0,17  | 3,46  |
| 40           | 49  | P4.1         | D31     | 5,03         |    | 5,00 |    | 4,68     | 4,99                   | 0,19  | 3,81  |
| 41           | 5   | P3.3         | D21     | 5,00         |    | 5,00 |    | 5,00     | 5,00                   | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 42           | 36  | P3.3         | D21     | 5,98         | a  | 5,93 | a  | 6,11     | 5,98 *                 | 0,09  | 1,51  |
| 43           | 24  | P5.1         | D21     | 6,53         | a  | 6,64 | ab | 6,45     | 6,53 *                 | 0,10  | 1,53  |
| 44           | 10  | P5.1         | D21.1   | 7,40         | ab | 7,10 | ab | 7,30     | 7,30 *                 | 0,15  | 2,05  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**4,28 0,15 3,34**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-50

6,8

Element: **Pb**  
 Dimension: **µg/g**  
 Sample: **1**

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)**

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 1.70         | ab | 1.20  | ab | 1.40 a   | 1,40 *                 | 0,25  | 17,86 |
| 2   | 46       | P5.2         | D32     | 1.50         | a  | 1.60  | a  | 1.60 a   | 1,58 *                 | 0,06  | 3,80  |
| 3   | 18       | P6.4         | D31     | 1,80         |    | 2,40  | b  | 1,60 b   | 1,80                   | 0,42  | 23,33 |
| 4   | 20       | P5.1         | D22     | 1,90         |    | 1,70  |    | 1,80     | 1,80                   | 0,10  | 5,56  |
| 5   | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 1,70         | b  | 2,00  |    | 1,90     | 1,90                   | 0,15  | 7,89  |
| 6   | 11       | P5.1         | D22     | 2,00         |    | 2,00  |    | 2,00     | 2,00                   | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 7   | 25       | P5.1         | D22     | 2,10         |    | 2,00  |    | 1,90     | 2,00                   | 0,10  | 5,00  |
| 8   | 8        | P3.2         | D41     | 2,20         |    | 2,00  |    | 2,10     | 2,10                   | 0,10  | 4,76  |
| 9   | 24       | P5.1         | D22     | 2,40         | b  | 2,10  |    | 2,20     | 2,20                   | 0,15  | 6,82  |
| 10  | 38       | P5.5         | D22     | 2,20         |    | 2,10  |    | 2,30     | 2,20                   | 0,10  | 4,55  |
| 11  | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 2,20         |    | 2,20  |    | 2,20     | 2,20                   | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 12  | 55       | P5.5         | D22     | 2,30         |    | 2,20  |    | 2,30     | 2,28                   | 0,06  | 2,63  |
| 13  | 4a       | P9.1         | D41     | 2,00         | b  | 2,30  |    | 2,70 b   | 2,30                   | 0,35  | 15,22 |
| 14  | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 2,30         |    | 2,40  |    | 2,30     | 2,32                   | 0,06  | 2,59  |
| 15  | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 2,30         |    | 2,30  |    | 2,40     | 2,32                   | 0,06  | 2,59  |
| 16  | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 2,35         |    | 2,33  |    | 2,33     | 2,34                   | 0,01  | 0,43  |
| 17  | 42       | P4.1         | D22     | 2,40         |    | 2,50  |    | 2,40     | 2,42                   | 0,06  | 2,48  |
| 18  | 17       | P5.1         | D32     | 2,50         |    | 2,40  |    | 2,50     | 2,48                   | 0,06  | 2,42  |
| 19  | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 2,30         | b  | 2,50  |    | 2,60     | 2,50                   | 0,15  | 6,00  |
| 20  | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 2,60         |    | 2,40  |    | 2,50     | 2,50                   | 0,10  | 4,00  |
| 21  | 44       | P4.1         | D32     | 2,80         | b  | 2,40  |    | 2,50     | 2,50                   | 0,21  | 8,40  |
| 22  | 39       | P5.5         | D35     | 2,50         |    | 2,60  |    | 2,50     | 2,52                   | 0,06  | 2,38  |
| 23  | 54       | P3.2         | D35     | 2,60         |    | 2,60  |    | 2,40 b   | 2,58                   | 0,12  | 4,65  |
| 24  | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 2,60         |    | 2,50  |    | 2,70     | 2,60                   | 0,10  | 3,85  |
| 25  | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 2,50         |    | 2,80  | b  | 2,60     | 2,60                   | 0,15  | 5,77  |
| 26  | 4        | P.51         | D22     | 2,73         |    | 2,79  |    | 2,72     | 2,74                   | 0,04  | 1,46  |
| 27  | 33       | P5.1         | D22     | 3,10         | a  | 3,20  | a  | 3,00 a   | 3,10 *                 | 0,10  | 3,23  |
| 28  | 36       | P3.3         | D22     | 3,20         | a  | 3,00  | ab | 3,30 a   | 3,20 *                 | 0,15  | 4,69  |
| 29  | 27       | P6.1         | D21     | 7,00         | a  | 7,20  | ab | 7,00 a   | 7,02 *                 | 0,12  | 1,71  |
| 30  | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 30,00        | ab | 31,20 | a  | 31,50 ab | 31,20 *                | 0,79  | 2,53  |

**Mean** Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**2,35** **0,14** **5,22**

**a = lab.mean is trimmed**  
**b = trimmed single value**

**\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)**

**Annotation:** Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **20,0**

Element: **Pb**  
 Dimension: **µg/g**  
 Sample: **2**

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         |          | Lab.mean       | Lab.standard deviation |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----------|----------------|------------------------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |          |                | abs.                   | rel.% |
| 1            | 8  | P3.2         | D41     | 0.40         | b  | 0,30    | 0.20 b   | <b>0,30 *</b>  | 0,10                   | 33,33 |
| 2            | 9  | P5.5         | D31     | 0,30         |    | 0,30    | 0.60 b   | <b>0,30 *</b>  | 0,17                   | 56,67 |
| 3            | 20 | P5.1         | D22     | 0,30         |    | 0,30    | 0,30     | <b>0,30 *</b>  | 0,00                   | 0,00  |
| 4            | 38 | P5.5         | D22     | 0,34         |    | 0.35 b  | 0.33 b   | <b>0,34 *</b>  | 0,01                   | 2,94  |
| 5            | 11 | P5.1         | D22     | 0,40         |    | 0.30 b  | 0,40     | <b>0,40</b>    | 0,06                   | 15,00 |
| 6            | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 0,40         |    | 0.30 b  | 0,40     | <b>0,40</b>    | 0,06                   | 15,00 |
| 7            | 39 | P5.5         | D35     | 0,40         |    | 0,40    | 0,40     | <b>0,40</b>    | 0,00                   | 0,00  |
| 8            | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 0,40         |    | 0,40    | 0,40     | <b>0,40</b>    | 0,00                   | 0,00  |
| 9            | 47 | P4.1         | D32     | 0,40         |    | 0,40    | 0,40     | <b>0,40</b>    | 0,00                   | 0,00  |
| 10           | 4  | P.51         | D22     | 0,44         |    | 0.42 b  | 0.47 b   | <b>0,44</b>    | 0,03                   | 6,82  |
| 11           | 33 | P5.1         | D22     | 0,50         |    | 0.40 b  | 0.60 b   | <b>0,50</b>    | 0,10                   | 20,00 |
| 12           | 41 | P4.1         | D31     | 0,50         |    |         |          | <b>0,50</b>    |                        | 0,00  |
| 13           | 42 | P4.1         | D22     | 0,50         |    | 0.51 b  | 0.46 b   | <b>0,50</b>    | 0,03                   | 6,00  |
| 14           | 44 | P4.1         | D32     | 0.40         | b  | 0,50    | 0,50     | <b>0,50</b>    | 0,06                   | 12,00 |
| 15           | 55 | P5.5         | D22     | 0.40         | b  | 0,50    | 0,50     | <b>0,50</b>    | 0,06                   | 12,00 |
| 16           | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 0,61         |    | 0.59 b  | 0.66 b   | <b>0,61</b>    | 0,04                   | 6,56  |
| 17           | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 0,66         |    | 0.74 b  | 0.62 b   | <b>0,66</b>    | 0,06                   | 9,09  |
| 18           | 24 | P5.1         | D22     | 0,70         |    | 0,70    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>    | 0,00                   | 0,00  |
| 19           | 25 | P5.1         | D22     | 0,90         |    | 1.00 b  | 0,90     | <b>0,90 *</b>  | 0,06                   | 6,67  |
| 20           | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 0.90         | ab | 1.00 a  | 1.20 ab  | <b>1,00 *</b>  | 0,15                   | 15,00 |
| 21           | 36 | P3.3         | D22     | 1.30         | ab | 1.10 a  | 1.00 ab  | <b>1,10 *</b>  | 0,15                   | 13,64 |
| 22           | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 0.20         | ab | 1.80 ab | 1.30 a   | <b>1,30 *</b>  | 0,82                   | 63,08 |
| 23           | 54 | P3.2         | D35     | 2.30         | a  | 2.50 ab | 2.20 ab  | <b>2,30 *</b>  | 0,15                   | 6,52  |
| 24           | 52 | P4.1         | D31     | 25.90        | ab | 26.70 a | 26.80 ab | <b>26,70 *</b> | 0,49                   | 1,84  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel.%  
**0,55 0,11 12,59**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **41,7**  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2: **0,61**

Element: Pb  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 0.10         | a  | 0.10  | a  | 0.20 ab  | <b>0,10 *</b>          | 0,06  | 60,00 |
| 2   | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 0,50         |    | 0,50  |    | 0.60 b   | <b>0,50 *</b>          | 0,06  | 12,00 |
| 3   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 0.62         | b  | 0.51  | b  | 0,54     | <b>0,54 *</b>          | 0,06  | 11,11 |
| 4   | 18       | P6.4         | D31     | 1.10         | b  | 0,60  |    | 0.00 b   | <b>0,60</b>            | 0,55  | 91,67 |
| 5   | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 0.90         | b  | 0.50  | b  | 0,60     | <b>0,60</b>            | 0,21  | 35,00 |
| 6   | 38       | P5.5         | D22     | 0.68         | b  | 0,69  |    | 0.72 b   | <b>0,69</b>            | 0,02  | 2,90  |
| 7   | 8        | P3.2         | D41     | 0,70         |    | 0,70  |    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 8   | 11       | P5.1         | D22     | 0,70         |    | 0,70  |    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 9   | 20       | P5.1         | D22     | 0.60         | b  | 0,70  |    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>            | 0,06  | 8,57  |
| 10  | 24       | P5.1         | D22     | 0,70         |    | 0,70  |    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 11  | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 0,70         |    | 0,70  |    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 12  | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 0,70         |    | 0,70  |    | 0,70     | <b>0,70</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 13  | 44       | P4.1         | D32     | 0,80         |    | 0,80  |    | 0.90 b   | <b>0,80</b>            | 0,06  | 7,50  |
| 14  | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 0.83         | b  | 0,82  |    | 0.76 b   | <b>0,82</b>            | 0,04  | 4,88  |
| 15  | 42       | P4.1         | D22     | 0,87         |    | 0.88  | b  | 0.82 b   | <b>0,87</b>            | 0,03  | 3,45  |
| 16  | 4        | P.51         | D22     | 0,88         |    | 0.89  | b  | 0.85 b   | <b>0,88</b>            | 0,02  | 2,27  |
| 17  | 39       | P5.5         | D35     | 0,90         |    | 0,90  |    | 0.80 b   | <b>0,90</b>            | 0,06  | 6,67  |
| 18  | 54       | P3.2         | D35     | 0.80         | b  | 0,90  |    | 0,90     | <b>0,90</b>            | 0,06  | 6,67  |
| 19  | 55       | P5.5         | D22     | 0,90         |    | 0,90  |    | 0,90     | <b>0,90</b>            | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 20  | 46       | P5.2         | D32     | 1.10         | b  | 0.70  | b  | 1,00     | <b>1,00</b>            | 0,21  | 21,00 |
| 21  | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 0.90         | b  | 1.10  | b  | 1,00     | <b>1,00</b>            | 0,10  | 10,00 |
| 22  | 33       | P5.1         | D22     | 1,10         |    | 1,10  |    | 1.20 b   | <b>1,10 *</b>          | 0,06  | 5,45  |
| 23  | 36       | P3.3         | D22     | 1.20         | ab | 1.40  | ab | 1.30 a   | <b>1,30 *</b>          | 0,10  | 7,69  |
| 24  | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 1.40         | ab | 1.50  | a  | 1.60 ab  | <b>1,50 *</b>          | 0,10  | 6,67  |
| 25  | 25       | P5.1         | D22     | 2.10         | a  | 2.20  | ab | 2.10 a   | <b>2,10 *</b>          | 0,06  | 2,86  |
| 26  | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 65.30        | ab | 61.20 | ab | 62.10 a  | <b>62,10 *</b>         | 2,15  | 3,46  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**0,82 0,16 11,92**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: 30,8

Element: Pb  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |          |      |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----|----------|------------------------|----------|------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |    |          | abs.                   | rel.%    |      |       |
| 1            | 46  | P5.2         | D32     | 1.40         | a  | 1.30   | ab | 1.70     | ab                     | 1,40     | 0,21 | 15,00 |
| 2            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 1,60         |    | 1,30   | b  | 2,30     | b                      | 1,60     | 0,51 | 31,88 |
| 3            | 11  | P5.1         | D22     | 1,60         |    | 1,70   | b  | 1,60     |                        | 1,60     | 0,06 | 3,75  |
| 4            | 36  | P3.3         | D22     | 1,50         | b  | 1,60   |    | 1,80     | b                      | 1,60     | 0,15 | 9,38  |
| 5            | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 1,70         |    | 1,60   | b  | 1,90     | b                      | 1,70     | 0,15 | 8,82  |
| 6            | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 1,60         | b  | 1,80   |    | 1,80     |                        | 1,80     | 0,12 | 6,67  |
| 7            | 8   | P3.2         | D41     | 1,80         |    | 1,90   | b  | 1,70     | b                      | 1,80     | 0,10 | 5,56  |
| 8            | 20  | P5.1         | D22     | 1,90         | b  | 1,80   |    | 1,80     |                        | 1,80     | 0,06 | 3,33  |
| 9            | 33  | P5.1         | D22     | 1,80         |    | 1,70   | b  | 1,90     | b                      | 1,80     | 0,10 | 5,56  |
| 10           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 2,00         | b  | 1,80   | b  | 1,90     |                        | 1,90     | 0,10 | 5,26  |
| 11           | 38  | P5.5         | D22     | 1,90         |    | 1,90   |    | 2,00     | b                      | 1,90     | 0,06 | 3,16  |
| 12           | 54  | P3.2         | D35     | 1,90         |    | 2,00   | b  | 1,90     |                        | 1,90     | 0,06 | 3,16  |
| 13           | 17  | P5.1         | D32     | 2,00         |    | 1,90   | b  | 2,20     | b                      | 2,00     | 0,15 | 7,50  |
| 14           | 37  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,10         | b  | 2,00   |    | 2,00     |                        | 2,00     | 0,06 | 3,00  |
| 15           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,20         | b  | 2,00   |    | 1,60     | b                      | 2,00     | 0,31 | 15,50 |
| 16           | 42  | P4.1         | D22     | 2,00         |    | 2,00   |    | 1,90     | b                      | 2,00     | 0,06 | 3,00  |
| 17           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 2,00         |    | 2,00   |    | 2,00     |                        | 2,00     | 0,00 | 0,00  |
| 18           | 55  | P5.5         | D22     | 2,00         |    | 1,90   | b  | 2,00     |                        | 2,00     | 0,06 | 3,00  |
| 19           | 4   | P.51         | D22     | 2,10         |    | 2,10   |    | 2,12     | b                      | 2,10     | 0,01 | 0,48  |
| 20           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 2,10         |    | 2,00   | b  | 2,10     |                        | 2,10     | 0,06 | 2,86  |
| 21           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 2,05         | b  | 2,24   | b  | 2,16     |                        | 2,16     | 0,10 | 4,63  |
| 22           | 25  | P5.1         | D22     | 2,20         |    | 2,30   | b  | 2,20     |                        | 2,20     | 0,06 | 2,73  |
| 23           | 39  | P5.5         | D35     | 2,20         |    | 2,10   | b  | 2,20     |                        | 2,20     | 0,06 | 2,73  |
| 24           | 44  | P4.1         | D32     | 2,30         | b  | 2,10   | b  | 2,20     |                        | 2,20     | 0,10 | 4,55  |
| 25           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 2,24         |    | 2,14   | b  | 2,27     | b                      | 2,24     | 0,07 | 3,13  |
| 26           | 24  | P5.1         | D22     | 2,30         |    | 2,30   |    | 2,20     | b                      | 2,30     | 0,06 | 2,61  |
| 27           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 2,30         |    | 2,30   |    | 2,60     | b                      | 2,30     | 0,17 | 7,39  |
| 28           | 18  | P6.4         | D31     | 3,00         | ab | 1,90   | ab | 2,70     | a                      | 2,70 *   | 0,57 | 21,11 |
| 29           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 204.10       | ab | 201.20 | a  | 200.00   | ab                     | 201,20 * | 2,11 | 1,05  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
 1,99 0,20 6,44

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

6,9

Element: Cd  
 Dimension: ng/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |        |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----|----------|----|------------------------|--------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.%  |       |
| 1            | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 10.00        | a  | 10.00   | a  | 10.00    | a  | 10,00 *                | 0,00   | 0,00  |
| 2            | 20 | P5.1         | D22     | 18,00        |    | 20,00   |    | 20,00    |    | 19,33 *                | 1,15   | 5,95  |
| 3            | 47 | P4.1         | D32     | 25.00        | b  | 21,00   |    | 19,00    |    | 21,11 *                | 3,06   | 14,50 |
| 4            | 4  | P.51         | D22     | 20,90        |    | 21,20   |    | 22,10    |    | 21,40 *                | 0,62   | 2,90  |
| 5            | 54 | P3.2         | D35     | 29.00        | b  | 21,00   |    | 22,00    |    | 22,61 *                | 4,36   | 19,28 |
| 6            | 42 | P4.1         | D31     | 28,00        |    | 25,00   |    | 28,00    |    | 27,00                  | 1,73   | 6,41  |
| 7            | 39 | P5.5         | D35     | 30,00        |    | 26,00   |    | 27,00    |    | 27,61                  | 2,08   | 7,53  |
| 8            | 38 | P5.5         | D22     | 28,00        |    | 29,00   |    | 27,00    |    | 28,00                  | 1,00   | 3,57  |
| 9            | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 30,00        |    | 28,00   |    | 28,00    |    | 28,67                  | 1,15   | 4,01  |
| 10           | 8  | P3.2         | D41     | 30,60        |    | 34.10   | b  | 29,00    |    | 30,91                  | 2,61   | 8,44  |
| 11           | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 29.00        | b  | 42.00   | b  | 36,00    |    | 36,00                  | 6,51   | 18,08 |
| 12           | 55 | P5.5         | D22     | 35,00        |    | 37,00   |    | 36,00    |    | 36,00                  | 1,00   | 2,78  |
| 13           | 33 | P5.1         | D22     | 38,00        |    | 39,00   |    | 37,00    |    | 38,00                  | 1,00   | 2,63  |
| 14           | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 41,00        |    | 41,00   |    | 61.00    | b  | 42,11                  | 11,55  | 27,43 |
| 15           | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 40.00        | b  | 45,00   |    | 50.00    | b  | 45,00 *                | 5,00   | 11,11 |
| 16           | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 49.00        | b  | 55.00   | b  | 52,00    |    | 52,00 *                | 3,00   | 5,77  |
| 17           | 25 | P5.1         | D22     | 67.00        | a  | 66.00   | a  | 64.00    | a  | 65,67 *                | 1,53   | 2,33  |
| 18           | 36 | P3.3         | D22     | 288.00       | a  | 246.00  | ab | 316.00   | ab | 288,00 *               | 35,23  | 12,23 |
| 19           | 24 | P5.1         | D22     | 2619.00      | ab | 2515.00 | a  | 2405.00  | ab | 2515,00 *              | 107,01 | 4,25  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**34,54 9,98 8,38**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **52,6**

Element: Cd  
 Dimension: ng/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |        |         |            | Lab.mean    | Lab.standard deviation |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|--------|---------|------------|-------------|------------------------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |        |         |            |             | abs.                   | rel.% |
| 1            | 54 | P3.2         | D35     | 88,00        | 92,00  | b       | 85,00      | 88,00       | 3,51                   | 3,99  |
| 2            | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 88,00        | 87,00  |         | 90,00      | 88,33       | 1,53                   | 1,73  |
| 3            | 41 | P4.1         | D31     | 50,00        | b      | 90,00   | 90,00      | 88,89       | 23,09                  | 25,98 |
| 4            | 20 | P5.1         | D22     | 89,00        | 87,00  |         | 91,00      | 89,00       | 2,00                   | 2,25  |
| 5            | 8  | P3.2         | D41     | 90,20        | 93,00  |         | 93,90      | 92,37       | 1,93                   | 2,09  |
| 6            | 47 | P4.1         | D32     | 96,00        | 111,00 | b       | 98,00      | 98,11       | 8,14                   | 8,30  |
| 7            | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 98,00        | 100,00 |         | 101,00     | 99,67       | 1,53                   | 1,54  |
| 8            | 38 | P5.5         | D22     | 99,00        | 100,00 |         | 103,00     | 100,61      | 2,08                   | 2,07  |
| 9            | 39 | P5.5         | D35     | 99,00        | 100,00 |         | 105,00     | b 100,61    | 3,21                   | 3,19  |
| 10           | 4  | P.51         | D22     | 101,80       | 100,70 |         | 100,40     | 100,97      | 0,74                   | 0,73  |
| 11           | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 100,00       | 120,00 | b       | 100,00     | 101,11      | 11,55                  | 11,42 |
| 12           | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 94,00        | b      | 111,00  | b 102,00   | 102,00      | 8,50                   | 8,33  |
| 13           | 17 | P5.1         | D32     | 105,00       | 102,00 |         | 102,00     | 103,00      | 1,73                   | 1,68  |
| 14           | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 104,00       | 107,00 |         | 101,00     | 104,00      | 3,00                   | 2,88  |
| 15           | 55 | P5.5         | D22     | 110,00       | 108,00 |         | 102,00     | b 107,89    | 4,16                   | 3,86  |
| 16           | 33 | P5.1         | D22     | 111,00       | 110,00 |         | 112,00     | 111,00      | 1,00                   | 0,90  |
| 17           | 42 | P4.1         | D31     | 110,00       | 120,00 | b       | 110,00     | 111,11      | 5,77                   | 5,19  |
| 18           | 25 | P5.1         | D22     | 117,00       | 116,00 |         | 114,00     | 115,67      | 1,53                   | 1,32  |
| 19           | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 102,00       | b      | 121,00  | 121,00     | 119,89      | 10,97                  | 9,15  |
| 20           | 9  | P5.5         | D31     | 116,00       | ab     | 128.80  | a 131.20   | a 128,80    | 8,17                   | 6,34  |
| 21           | 36 | P3.3         | D22     | 288.00       | a      | 254.00  | ab 306.00  | ab 288,00 * | 26,41                  | 9,17  |
| 22           | 24 | P5.1         | D22     | 1084.00      | ab     | 1662.00 | ab 1089.00 | a 1089,00 * | 332,27                 | 30,51 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation

abs. rel. %  
**104,40 21,04 6,48**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2:

9,1  
 130,30

Element: Cd  
 Dimension: ng/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         |    |         |    | Lab.mean  | Lab.standard deviation |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----|---------|----|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |    |         |    |           | abs.                   | rel.% |
| 1            | 41 | P4.1         | D31     | 90.00        | ab | 50.00   | ab | 60.00   | a  | 60,00 *   | 20,82                  | 34,70 |
| 2            | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 61.00        | a  | 64.00   | a  | 62.00   | a  | 62,33 *   | 1,53                   | 2,45  |
| 3            | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 81,00        |    | 142.00  | b  | 81,00   |    | 82,11     | 35,22                  | 42,89 |
| 4            | 8  | P3.2         | D41     | 86,30        |    | 86,30   |    | 91.70   | b  | 87,41     | 3,12                   | 3,57  |
| 5            | 54 | P3.2         | D35     | 99.00        | b  | 88,00   |    | 86,00   |    | 88,11     | 7,00                   | 7,94  |
| 6            | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 90,00        |    | 95,00   |    | 90,00   |    | 91,11     | 2,89                   | 3,17  |
| 7            | 20 | P5.1         | D22     | 99,00        |    | 95,00   |    | 93,00   |    | 95,11     | 3,06                   | 3,22  |
| 8            | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 96,00        |    | 97,00   |    | 101,00  |    | 97,61     | 2,65                   | 2,71  |
| 9            | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 99,00        |    | 98,00   |    | 99,00   |    | 98,67     | 0,58                   | 0,59  |
| 10           | 47 | P4.1         | D32     | 100,00       |    | 98,00   |    | 101,00  |    | 99,67     | 1,53                   | 1,54  |
| 11           | 4  | P.51         | D22     | 100,90       |    | 104,80  |    | 98,60   |    | 100,90    | 3,13                   | 3,10  |
| 12           | 33 | P5.1         | D22     | 101,00       |    | 100,00  |    | 102,00  |    | 101,00    | 1,00                   | 0,99  |
| 13           | 38 | P5.5         | D22     | 100,00       |    | 103,00  |    | 103,00  |    | 102,00    | 1,73                   | 1,70  |
| 14           | 39 | P5.5         | D35     | 109,00       |    | 106,00  |    | 98.00   | b  | 106,00    | 5,69                   | 5,37  |
| 15           | 55 | P5.5         | D22     | 107,00       |    | 109,00  |    | 102.00  | b  | 106,89    | 3,61                   | 3,38  |
| 16           | 42 | P4.1         | D31     | 110,00       |    | 110,00  |    | 110,00  |    | 110,00    | 0,00                   | 0,00  |
| 17           | 17 | P5.1         | D32     | 111,00       |    | 114,00  |    | 110,00  |    | 111,61    | 2,08                   | 1,86  |
| 18           | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 115,00       |    | 112,00  |    | 124.00  | b  | 115,00    | 6,24                   | 5,43  |
| 19           | 25 | P5.1         | D22     | 121,00       |    | 120,00  |    | 122,00  |    | 121,00    | 1,00                   | 0,83  |
| 20           | 9  | P5.5         | D31     | 121,60       |    | 103.00  | b  | 154.50  | b  | 121,60    | 26,08                  | 21,45 |
| 21           | 46 | P5.2         | D32     | 207.40       | ab | 227.60  | ab | 213.60  | a  | 213,60 *  | 10,35                  | 4,85  |
| 22           | 36 | P3.3         | D22     | 446.00       | a  | 472.00  | ab | 424.00  | ab | 446,00 *  | 24,03                  | 5,39  |
| 23           | 24 | P5.1         | D22     | 8722.00      | ab | 9572.00 | ab | 9360.00 | a  | 9360,00 * | 442,43                 | 4,73  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**103,30 26,34 7,04**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

21,7

Element: Cd  
 Dimension: ng/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |         |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|---------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |         |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 25 | P5.1         | D22     | 357.00       | a  | 351.00  | a  | 369.00   | a  | 357,00                 | 9,17  | 2,57  |
| 2            | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 380,00       |    | 369,00  |    | 386,00   |    | 380,00                 | 8,62  | 2,27  |
| 3            | 8  | P3.2         | D41     | 391,00       |    | 399,00  |    | 381,00   |    | 391,00                 | 9,02  | 2,31  |
| 4            | 4a | P9.1         | D41     | 400,00       |    | 500.00  | b  | 400,00   |    | 402,22                 | 57,74 | 14,36 |
| 5            | 55 | P5.5         | D22     | 430.00       | b  | 406,00  |    | 405,00   |    | 407,72                 | 14,15 | 3,47  |
| 6            | 54 | P3.2         | D35     | 410,00       |    | 401,00  |    | 422,00   |    | 410,00                 | 10,54 | 2,57  |
| 7            | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 410,00       |    | 414,00  |    | 416,00   |    | 413,33                 | 3,06  | 0,74  |
| 8            | 9  | P5.5         | D31     | 384.00       | b  | 415,10  |    | 431.70   | b  | 415,10                 | 24,21 | 5,83  |
| 9            | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 405.00       | b  | 425,00  |    | 425,00   |    | 422,78                 | 11,55 | 2,73  |
| 10           | 17 | P5.1         | D32     | 427,00       |    | 431,00  |    | 433,00   |    | 430,33                 | 3,06  | 0,71  |
| 11           | 47 | P4.1         | D32     | 440,00       |    | 431,00  |    | 433,00   |    | 434,22                 | 4,73  | 1,09  |
| 12           | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 420.00       | b  | 440,00  |    | 440,00   |    | 437,78                 | 11,55 | 2,64  |
| 13           | 20 | P5.1         | D22     | 441,00       |    | 455.00  | b  | 428.00   | b  | 441,00                 | 13,50 | 3,06  |
| 14           | 41 | P4.1         | D31     | 450,00       |    | 450,00  |    | 440,00   |    | 447,78                 | 5,77  | 1,29  |
| 15           | 4  | P.51         | D22     | 452,20       |    | 450,40  |    | 437,90   |    | 449,08                 | 7,79  | 1,73  |
| 16           | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 443,00       |    | 453,00  |    | 452,00   |    | 450,28                 | 5,51  | 1,22  |
| 17           | 39 | P5.5         | D35     | 468.00       | b  | 438.00  | b  | 454,00   |    | 454,00                 | 15,01 | 3,31  |
| 18           | 42 | P4.1         | D31     | 470,00       |    | 470,00  |    | 460,00   |    | 467,78                 | 5,77  | 1,23  |
| 19           | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 474,00       |    | 470,00  |    | 480,00   |    | 474,22                 | 5,03  | 1,06  |
| 20           | 44 | P4.1         | D32     | 490,00       |    | 500,00  |    | 580.00   | b  | 500,00                 | 49,33 | 9,87  |
| 21           | 33 | P5.1         | D22     | 520.00       | a  | 515.00  | a  | 521.00   | a  | 518,67                 | 3,21  | 0,62  |
| 22           | 38 | P5.5         | D22     | 529.00       | a  | 508.00  | ab | 529.00   | a  | 526,78                 | 12,12 | 2,30  |
| 23           | 36 | P3.3         | D22     | 728.00       | a  | 744.00  | ab | 680.00   | ab | 728,00 *               | 33,31 | 4,58  |
| 24           | 24 | P5.1         | D22     | 4867.00      | ab | 4733.00 | ab | 4854.00  | a  | 4854,00 *              | 73,90 | 1,52  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**443,20 16,57 3,04**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

8,3

Element: **B**  
 Dimension: **µg/g**  
 Sample: **1**

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)**

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 8  | P6.1         | D31     | 17.50        | a  | 17.00 | a  | 15.80    | ab | 17,00                  | 0,87  | 5,12  |
| 2            | 14 | P4.1         | D31     | 18,04        |    | 18,07 |    | 20.00    | b  | 18,24                  | 1,12  | 6,14  |
| 3            | 25 | P5.1         | D31     | 10.00        | b  | 18,80 |    | 19,10    |    | 18,77                  | 5,17  | 27,54 |
| 4            | 29 | P3.3         | D31     | 19,02        |    | 17.82 | b  | 19,42    |    | 19,02                  | 0,83  | 4,36  |
| 5            | 6  | P3.2         | D31     | 20,05        |    | 19,39 |    | 19,23    |    | 19,49                  | 0,43  | 2,21  |
| 6            | 4  | P5.1         | D31     | 19,59        |    | 19,15 |    | 19,89    |    | 19,56                  | 0,37  | 1,89  |
| 7            | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 19,35        |    | 19,52 |    | 19,80    |    | 19,56                  | 0,23  | 1,18  |
| 8            | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 18.80        | b  | 20,00 |    | 19,70    |    | 19,67                  | 0,62  | 3,15  |
| 9            | 17 | P5.1         | D31     | 19,99        |    | 20,64 |    | 20,25    |    | 20,29                  | 0,33  | 1,63  |
| 10           | 16 | P5.5         | D31     | 20,60        |    | 19.50 | b  | 20,40    |    | 20,32                  | 0,59  | 2,90  |
| 11           | 55 | P5.5         | D31     | 20,40        |    | 20,40 |    | 20,20    |    | 20,33                  | 0,12  | 0,59  |
| 12           | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 20,16        |    | 20,32 |    | 20,62    |    | 20,37                  | 0,23  | 1,13  |
| 13           | 28 | P6.5         | D54.2   | 19.32        | b  | 22.15 | b  | 20,57    |    | 20,57                  | 1,42  | 6,90  |
| 14           | 42 | P4.1         | D31     | 21,00        |    | 21,00 |    | 20,50    |    | 20,83                  | 0,29  | 1,39  |
| 15           | 7  | P5.5         | D31     | 20,90        |    | 21,10 |    | 21,10    |    | 21,03                  | 0,12  | 0,57  |
| 16           | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 20,98        |    | 21,08 |    | 21,08    |    | 21,05                  | 0,06  | 0,29  |
| 17           | 20 | P5.1         | D31     | 22.72        | b  | 18.74 | b  | 21,57    |    | 21,57                  | 2,05  | 9,50  |
| 18           | 38 | P5.5         | D31     | 21,90        |    | 21,40 |    | 21,60    |    | 21,63                  | 0,25  | 1,16  |
| 19           | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 22.40        | b  | 21,39 |    | 21,53    |    | 21,64                  | 0,55  | 2,54  |
| 20           | 39 | P5.5         | D31     | 20.95        | b  | 21,71 |    | 22,04    |    | 21,69                  | 0,56  | 2,58  |
| 21           | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 21,80        |    | 21,75 |    | 21,73    |    | 21,76                  | 0,04  | 0,18  |
| 22           | 2  | P5.3         | D31     | 22,10        |    | 22,10 |    | 22,60    |    | 22,27                  | 0,29  | 1,30  |
| 23           | 24 | P6.4         | D54.1   | 23.56        | a  | 22.75 | ab | 24.38    | ab | 23,56                  | 0,82  | 3,48  |
| 24           | 23 | P3.3         | D31     | 30.36        | ab | 23.58 | a  | 17.89    | ab | 23,58                  | 6,24  | 26,46 |
| 25           | 43 | P4.1         | D31     | 26.60        | ab | 23.60 | ab | 25.30    | a  | 25,30 *                | 1,50  | 5,93  |
| 26           | 36 | P6.1         | D54.2   | 30.08        | a  | 30.22 | a  | 31.10    | ab | 30,33 *                | 0,55  | 1,81  |

**Mean** Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**20,80 0,99 4,69**

**a = lab.mean is trimmed**  
**b = trimmed single value**

**\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)**

**Annotation:** Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-02

**7,7**

Element: **B**  
 Dimension: **µg/g**  
 Sample: **2**

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1   | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 7.77         | ab | 7.05  | a  | 5.89 ab  | 7,05 *                 | 0,95  | 13,48 |
| 2   | 8        | P6.1         | D31     | 9.19         | a  | 10.20 | ab | 8.89 a   | 9,19 *                 | 0,69  | 7,51  |
| 3   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 10,62        |    | 9.88  | b  | 10,44    | 10,42                  | 0,39  | 3,74  |
| 4   | 14       | P4.1         | D31     | 9.64         | b  | 10,58 |    | 10,88    | 10,58                  | 0,65  | 6,14  |
| 5   | 28       | P6.5         | D54.2   | 10,60        |    | 9.62  | b  | 10,90    | 10,60                  | 0,67  | 6,32  |
| 6   | 6        | P3.2         | D31     | 10,51        |    | 10,64 |    | 10,87    | 10,67                  | 0,18  | 1,69  |
| 7   | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 8.51         | b  | 13.19 | b  | 10,70    | 10,70                  | 2,34  | 21,87 |
| 8   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 12.60        | b  | 11,00 |    | 11,00    | 11,11                  | 0,92  | 8,28  |
| 9   | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 11,30        |    | 11,10 |    | 11,10    | 11,17                  | 0,12  | 1,07  |
| 10  | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 10,99        |    | 11,30 |    | 11,39    | 11,23                  | 0,21  | 1,87  |
| 11  | 18       | P6.4         | D31     | 15.64        | b  | 11,31 |    | 11,17    | 11,35                  | 2,54  | 22,38 |
| 12  | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 11,60        |    | 11.00 | b  | 11,60    | 11,49                  | 0,35  | 3,05  |
| 13  | 4        | P5.1         | D31     | 11,30        |    | 11,68 |    | 11,69    | 11,57                  | 0,22  | 1,90  |
| 14  | 17       | P5.1         | D31     | 11,86        |    | 11,68 |    | 12,01    | 11,85                  | 0,17  | 1,43  |
| 15  | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 12,00        |    | 12,00 |    | 11.50 b  | 11,89                  | 0,29  | 2,44  |
| 16  | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 12.30        | b  | 11,90 |    | 11,70    | 11,91                  | 0,31  | 2,60  |
| 17  | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 11,90        |    | 11,80 |    | 12,10    | 11,93                  | 0,15  | 1,26  |
| 18  | 37       | P5.1         | D31     | 11,86        |    | 12,01 |    | 11,96    | 11,94                  | 0,08  | 0,67  |
| 19  | 7        | P5.5         | D31     | 12,10        |    | 12,10 |    | 12,00    | 12,07                  | 0,06  | 0,50  |
| 20  | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 12,50        |    | 12,20 |    | 12,06    | 12,24                  | 0,22  | 1,80  |
| 21  | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 12,38        |    | 12,48 |    | 12,42    | 12,43                  | 0,05  | 0,40  |
| 22  | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 12,70        |    | 12,70 |    | 12,50    | 12,63                  | 0,12  | 0,95  |
| 23  | 29       | P3.3         | D31     | 12,71        |    | 12,80 |    | 11.90 b  | 12,64                  | 0,50  | 3,96  |
| 24  | 24       | P6.4         | D54.1   | 13.28        | b  | 11.50 | b  | 12,82    | 12,82                  | 0,92  | 7,18  |
| 25  | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 14.10        | a  | 14.40 | a  | 13.90 a  | 14,11 *                | 0,25  | 1,77  |
| 26  | 36       | P6.1         | D54.2   | 16.00        | a  | 15.83 | a  | 16.21 a  | 16,01 *                | 0,19  | 1,19  |

**Mean** Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**11,60 0,52 4,82**

**a = lab.mean is trimmed**

**b = trimmed single value**

**\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)**

**Annotation:** Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **15,4**  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2: **11,82**

Element: B  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 8  | P6.1         | D31     | 5.83         | a  | 6.39  | ab | 5.78     | a  | <b>5,89 *</b>          | 0,34  | 5,77  |
| 2            | 14 | P4.1         | D31     | 8.05         | a  | 8.29  | a  | 8.43     | a  | <b>8,27 *</b>          | 0,19  | 2,30  |
| 3            | 28 | P6.5         | D54.2   | 7.70         | b  | 8,78  |    | 8,83     |    | <b>8,72</b>            | 0,64  | 7,34  |
| 4            | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 8,64         |    | 9,23  |    | 8,91     |    | <b>8,91</b>            | 0,30  | 3,37  |
| 5            | 6  | P3.2         | D31     | 9,03         |    | 8,97  |    | 8,88     |    | <b>8,96</b>            | 0,08  | 0,89  |
| 6            | 4  | P5.1         | D31     | 9,48         |    | 9,44  |    | 10.28    | b  | <b>9,55</b>            | 0,47  | 4,92  |
| 7            | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 9,50         |    | 9,73  |    | 9,63     |    | <b>9,62</b>            | 0,12  | 1,25  |
| 8            | 25 | P5.1         | D31     | 9,85         |    | 9,65  |    | 9,57     |    | <b>9,69</b>            | 0,14  | 1,44  |
| 9            | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 9,73         |    | 13.62 | b  | 9,69     |    | <b>9,80</b>            | 2,26  | 23,06 |
| 10           | 7  | P5.5         | D31     | 10,10        |    | 9,98  |    | 10,10    |    | <b>10,06</b>           | 0,07  | 0,70  |
| 11           | 17 | P5.1         | D31     | 10,32        |    | 10,27 |    | 10,53    |    | <b>10,37</b>           | 0,14  | 1,35  |
| 12           | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 10,40        |    | 10,10 |    | 11.07    | b  | <b>10,40</b>           | 0,50  | 4,81  |
| 13           | 38 | P5.5         | D31     | 10,10        |    | 10,40 |    | 11.00    | b  | <b>10,40</b>           | 0,46  | 4,42  |
| 14           | 55 | P5.5         | D31     | 10,50        |    | 10,70 |    | 10,20    |    | <b>10,50</b>           | 0,25  | 2,38  |
| 15           | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 10,59        |    | 10,62 |    | 10,51    |    | <b>10,57</b>           | 0,06  | 0,57  |
| 16           | 29 | P3.3         | D31     | 10.02        | b  | 11,01 |    | 10,64    |    | <b>10,64</b>           | 0,50  | 4,70  |
| 17           | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 11.70        | b  | 10,90 |    | 9.80     | b  | <b>10,90</b>           | 0,95  | 8,72  |
| 18           | 42 | P4.1         | D31     | 11,00        |    | 11,00 |    | 10.50    | b  | <b>10,91</b>           | 0,29  | 2,66  |
| 19           | 2  | P5.3         | D31     | 11,50        |    | 11,50 |    | 11,50    |    | <b>11,50</b>           | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 20           | 16 | P5.5         | D31     | 11,50        |    | 11,30 |    | 11,80    |    | <b>11,50</b>           | 0,25  | 2,17  |
| 21           | 23 | P3.3         | D31     | 11,57        |    | 15.06 | b  | 10.76    | b  | <b>11,57</b>           | 2,28  | 19,71 |
| 22           | 39 | P5.5         | D31     | 11,94        |    | 11,62 |    | 10.54    | b  | <b>11,62</b>           | 0,73  | 6,28  |
| 23           | 43 | P4.1         | D31     | 13.80        | b  | 10.50 | b  | 11,80    |    | <b>11,80</b>           | 1,66  | 14,07 |
| 24           | 24 | P6.4         | D54.1   | 14.15        | a  | 14.62 | ab | 13.76    | ab | <b>14,15 *</b>         | 0,43  | 3,04  |
| 25           | 20 | P5.1         | D31     | 17.25        | ab | 14.91 | a  | 14.97    | a  | <b>15,03 *</b>         | 1,33  | 8,85  |
| 26           | 36 | P6.1         | D54.2   | 15.30        | a  | 15.08 | a  | 16.00    | ab | <b>15,30 *</b>         | 0,48  | 3,14  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel.%  
**10,48 0,57 5,30**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-64

19,2

Element: B

Dimension: µg/g

Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 39 | P5.5         | D31     | 12.01        | a  | 11.68 | a  | 10.60 ab | 11,68 *                | 0,74  | 6,34  |
| 2            | 8  | P6.1         | D31     | 16.60        | ab | 15.20 | a  | 12.10 ab | 15,20                  | 2,30  | 15,13 |
| 3            | 23 | P3.3         | D31     | 19.57        | ab | 11.86 | ab | 15.25 a  | 15,25                  | 3,86  | 25,31 |
| 4            | 14 | P4.1         | D31     | 15.43        | b  | 16,32 |    | 17.33 b  | 16,32                  | 0,95  | 5,82  |
| 5            | 24 | P6.4         | D54.1   | 17,20        |    | 16.32 | b  | 16,95    | 16,95                  | 0,45  | 2,65  |
| 6            | 6  | P3.2         | D31     | 17,22        |    | 17,62 |    | 17,06    | 17,25                  | 0,29  | 1,68  |
| 7            | 18 | P6.4         | D31     | 17,41        |    | 17,22 |    | 17,30    | 17,31                  | 0,10  | 0,58  |
| 8            | 25 | P5.1         | D31     | 17,10        |    | 17,60 |    | 17,30    | 17,31                  | 0,25  | 1,44  |
| 9            | 28 | P6.5         | D54.2   | 17.95        | b  | 17,31 |    | 16.41 b  | 17,31                  | 0,77  | 4,45  |
| 10           | 29 | P3.3         | D31     | 17,42        |    | 17,52 |    | 17,12    | 17,36                  | 0,21  | 1,21  |
| 11           | 50 | P4.1         | D31     | 17,52        |    | 17,59 |    | 17,57    | 17,56                  | 0,04  | 0,23  |
| 12           | 4  | P5.1         | D31     | 17,85        |    | 17.19 | b  | 17,92    | 17,77                  | 0,40  | 2,25  |
| 13           | 17 | P5.1         | D31     | 17,74        |    | 18,28 |    | 18,21    | 18,13                  | 0,29  | 1,60  |
| 14           | 40 | P3.11        | D31     | 18,31        |    | 18,57 |    | 17.82 b  | 18,31                  | 0,38  | 2,08  |
| 15           | 55 | P5.5         | D31     | 18,50        |    | 18,20 |    | 18,60    | 18,44                  | 0,21  | 1,14  |
| 16           | 45 | P5.5         | D31     | 18,50        |    | 18,90 |    | 17.70 b  | 18,50                  | 0,61  | 3,30  |
| 17           | 7  | P5.5         | D31     | 18,70        |    | 18,70 |    | 18,40    | 18,60                  | 0,17  | 0,91  |
| 18           | 26 | P5.1         | D31     | 19,00        |    | 18,66 |    | 18,93    | 18,86                  | 0,18  | 0,95  |
| 19           | 42 | P4.1         | D31     | 19,00        |    | 19,00 |    | 18,50    | 18,89                  | 0,29  | 1,54  |
| 20           | 16 | P5.5         | D31     | 18,80        |    | 19,00 |    | 19,10    | 18,97                  | 0,15  | 0,79  |
| 21           | 38 | P5.5         | D31     | 19,50        |    | 19,80 |    | 19,60    | 19,63                  | 0,15  | 0,76  |
| 22           | 37 | P5.1         | D31     | 19,80        |    | 19,74 |    | 19,70    | 19,75                  | 0,05  | 0,25  |
| 23           | 2  | P5.3         | D31     | 19,80        |    | 20.60 | b  | 20,10    | 20,10                  | 0,40  | 1,99  |
| 24           | 43 | P4.1         | D31     | 20,10        |    | 20,30 |    | 20.80 b  | 20,31                  | 0,36  | 1,77  |
| 25           | 20 | P5.1         | D31     | 19.94        | ab | 22.94 | ab | 21.19 a  | 21,19                  | 1,51  | 7,13  |
| 26           | 36 | P6.1         | D54.2   | 28.00        | ab | 26.24 | a  | 25.85 a  | 26,24 *                | 1,15  | 4,38  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
abs. rel.%  
**18,17 0,63 3,68**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

7,7

Element: C

Dimension: %

Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |   | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|---|----------|----|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |   |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 2  | P1           | D13     | 45.50        | a  | 45.60 | a | 45.30    | ab | <b>45,50 *</b>         | 0,15  | 0,33 |
| 2            | 39 | P1           | D10     | 47.60        | ab | 47.20 | a | 46.90    | ab | <b>47,20 *</b>         | 0,35  | 0,74 |
| 3            | 6  | P1           | D15     | 47.23        | ab | 47.45 | a | 47.51    | a  | <b>47,44 *</b>         | 0,15  | 0,32 |
| 4            | 9  | P1           | D81     | 47.48        | a  | 47.49 | a | 47.53    | a  | <b>47,50 *</b>         | 0,03  | 0,06 |
| 5            | 4  | P1           | D17.1   | 47.40        | ab | 47.60 | a | 47.60    | a  | <b>47,56 *</b>         | 0,12  | 0,25 |
| 6            | 12 | P1           | D17.1   | 49,65        |    | 49,65 |   | 49,64    |    | <b>49,65</b>           | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 7            | 41 | P1           | D15.4   | 49,91        |    | 50.15 | b | 49,99    |    | <b>49,99</b>           | 0,12  | 0,24 |
| 8            | 45 | P0           | D0      | 49,93        |    | 50,03 |   | 50.19    | b  | <b>50,03</b>           | 0,13  | 0,26 |
| 9            | 36 | P3.21        | D82.3   | 50,22        |    | 50,01 |   | 50,13    |    | <b>50,13</b>           | 0,11  | 0,22 |
| 10           | 37 | P1           | D10     | 50,11        |    | 50,20 |   | 50,26    |    | <b>50,19</b>           | 0,08  | 0,16 |
| 11           | 11 | P1           | D13     | 50,26        |    | 50.02 | b | 50,37    |    | <b>50,26</b>           | 0,18  | 0,36 |
| 12           | 40 | P1           | D10     | 50.08        | b  | 50,37 |   | 50,26    |    | <b>50,26</b>           | 0,15  | 0,30 |
| 13           | 42 | P1           | D10     | 50,39        |    | 50,21 |   | 50,29    |    | <b>50,29</b>           | 0,09  | 0,18 |
| 14           | 52 | P1           | D15.2   | 50,50        |    | 50,50 |   | 50,40    |    | <b>50,47</b>           | 0,06  | 0,12 |
| 15           | 7  | P1           | D15     | 50,50        |    | 50.70 | b | 50,40    |    | <b>50,50</b>           | 0,15  | 0,30 |
| 16           | 48 | P1           | D10     | 50,54        |    | 50,61 |   | 50,49    |    | <b>50,55</b>           | 0,06  | 0,12 |
| 17           | 38 | P1           | D10     | 50,60        |    | 50,60 |   | 50.30    | b  | <b>50,56</b>           | 0,17  | 0,34 |
| 18           | 50 | P1           | D10     | 50,67        |    | 50,66 |   | 50,65    |    | <b>50,66</b>           | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 19           | 46 | P1           | D15.3   | 51,07        |    | 51,10 |   | 51,14    |    | <b>51,10</b>           | 0,04  | 0,08 |
| 20           | 44 | P1           | D10     | 51,38        |    | 51.59 | b | 51,27    |    | <b>51,38</b>           | 0,16  | 0,31 |
| 21           | 19 | P1           | D10     | 51.15        | b  | 51,43 |   | 51.75    | b  | <b>51,43</b>           | 0,30  | 0,58 |
| 22           | 24 | P0           | D0      | 51,32        |    | 51,51 |   | 51,44    |    | <b>51,43</b>           | 0,10  | 0,19 |
| 23           | 47 | P1           | D15.4   | 51,72        |    | 51,70 |   | 51,72    |    | <b>51,71</b>           | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 24           | 13 | P1           | D17.1   | 51,98        |    | 51.66 | b | 52,09    |    | <b>51,98</b>           | 0,22  | 0,42 |
| 25           | 55 | P1           | D10     | 52,75        |    | 52.59 | b | 52.99    | b  | <b>52,75</b>           | 0,20  | 0,38 |
| 26           | 20 | P1           | D18.1   | 53,01        |    | 53,04 |   | 52,86    |    | <b>52,98</b>           | 0,10  | 0,19 |
| 27           | 15 | P1           | D17.1   | 52.36        | b  | 53,08 |   | 53.33    | b  | <b>53,08</b>           | 0,50  | 0,94 |
| 28           | 8  | P1           | D15     | 53.50        | ab | 53.10 | a | 53.10    | a  | <b>53,14 *</b>         | 0,23  | 0,43 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
abs. rel.%  
**50,56 0,14 0,28**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 5 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

21,4

Element: C

Dimension: %

Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 2  | P1           | D13     | 48.40        | a  | 49.00 | ab | 48.40    | a  | <b>48,42 *</b>         | 0,35  | 0,72 |
| 2            | 39 | P1           | D10     | 48.50        | ab | 49.00 | a  | 49.60    | ab | <b>49,00 *</b>         | 0,55  | 1,12 |
| 3            | 9  | P1           | D81     | 49.04        | a  | 49.05 | a  | 49.05    | a  | <b>49,05 *</b>         | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 4            | 6  | P1           | D15     | 49.46        | ab | 49.28 | a  | 49.17    | a  | <b>49,28 *</b>         | 0,15  | 0,30 |
| 5            | 4  | P1           | D17.1   | 49.40        | a  | 48.90 | ab | 49.90    | ab | <b>49,40 *</b>         | 0,50  | 1,01 |
| 6            | 11 | P1           | D13     | 50.11        | b  | 49,77 |    | 49,71    |    | <b>49,77</b>           | 0,22  | 0,44 |
| 7            | 12 | P1           | D17.1   | 51,29        |    | 51,20 |    | 51,35    |    | <b>51,29</b>           | 0,08  | 0,16 |
| 8            | 24 | P0           | D0      | 51,59        |    | 51,75 |    | 51,63    |    | <b>51,63</b>           | 0,08  | 0,15 |
| 9            | 41 | P1           | D15.4   | 50.09        | b  | 52,03 |    | 52,14    |    | <b>52,03</b>           | 1,15  | 2,21 |
| 10           | 45 | P0           | D0      | 52.23        | b  | 52,04 |    | 52,06    |    | <b>52,07</b>           | 0,10  | 0,19 |
| 11           | 42 | P1           | D10     | 52,22        |    | 52,19 |    | 52,21    |    | <b>52,21</b>           | 0,02  | 0,04 |
| 12           | 40 | P1           | D10     | 52,22        |    | 52,31 |    | 52,15    |    | <b>52,22</b>           | 0,08  | 0,15 |
| 13           | 37 | P1           | D10     | 52,28        |    | 52,40 |    | 52,30    |    | <b>52,31</b>           | 0,06  | 0,11 |
| 14           | 48 | P1           | D10     | 52,29        |    | 52,32 |    | 52,35    |    | <b>52,32</b>           | 0,03  | 0,06 |
| 15           | 52 | P1           | D15.2   | 52,30        |    | 52,30 |    | 52,40    |    | <b>52,32</b>           | 0,06  | 0,11 |
| 16           | 38 | P1           | D10     | 52,40        |    | 52,40 |    | 52.00    | b  | <b>52,38</b>           | 0,23  | 0,44 |
| 17           | 50 | P1           | D10     | 52,53        |    | 52.34 | b  | 52.85    | b  | <b>52,53</b>           | 0,26  | 0,49 |
| 18           | 7  | P1           | D15     | 52.90        | b  | 52,70 |    | 52,60    |    | <b>52,70</b>           | 0,15  | 0,28 |
| 19           | 19 | P1           | D10     | 52,80        |    | 52,88 |    | 52,95    |    | <b>52,88</b>           | 0,08  | 0,15 |
| 20           | 44 | P1           | D10     | 53,05        |    | 53,05 |    | 52,94    |    | <b>53,03</b>           | 0,06  | 0,11 |
| 21           | 46 | P1           | D15.3   | 53,06        |    | 53,06 |    | 53,08    |    | <b>53,07</b>           | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 22           | 36 | P3.21        | D82.3   | 53,20        |    | 53,13 |    | 52.92    | b  | <b>53,13</b>           | 0,15  | 0,28 |
| 23           | 47 | P1           | D15.4   | 53,28        |    | 53,30 |    | 53,33    |    | <b>53,30</b>           | 0,03  | 0,06 |
| 24           | 13 | P1           | D17.1   | 54,03        |    | 54,03 |    | 53,93    |    | <b>54,01</b>           | 0,06  | 0,11 |
| 25           | 55 | P1           | D10     | 54.15        | b  | 54,39 |    | 54.90    | b  | <b>54,39</b>           | 0,38  | 0,70 |
| 26           | 20 | P1           | D18.1   | 54.30        | b  | 54,69 |    | 54,69    |    | <b>54,67</b>           | 0,23  | 0,42 |
| 27           | 8  | P1           | D15     | 55,00        |    | 55,10 |    | 54,90    |    | <b>55,00 *</b>         | 0,10  | 0,18 |
| 28           | 15 | P1           | D17.1   | 54.17        | ab | 55.96 | ab | 55.74    | a  | <b>55,74 *</b>         | 0,98  | 1,76 |

**Mean** Interlab.std. deviation  
abs. rel. %  
**52,33** **0,22** **0,42**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 5 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

25,0

Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2:

51,89

Element: C

Dimension: %

Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |   |       |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|---|-------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |   |       |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 9  | P1           | D81     | 48.72        | a | 48.72 | a  | 48.72 a  | <b>48,72 *</b>         | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 2            | 39 | P1           | D10     | 48.80        | a | 48.70 | ab | 49.00 ab | <b>48,80 *</b>         | 0,15  | 0,31 |
| 3            | 2  | P1           | D13     | 49.50        | b | 49,70 |    | 50.20 b  | <b>49,70 *</b>         | 0,36  | 0,72 |
| 4            | 4  | P1           | D17.1   | 49,80        |   | 49,80 |    | 49,80    | <b>49,80</b>           | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 5            | 6  | P1           | D15     | 49,89        |   | 49,89 |    | 49,97    | <b>49,90</b>           | 0,05  | 0,10 |
| 6            | 11 | P1           | D13     | 50.99        | b | 50,68 |    | 49.81 b  | <b>50,68</b>           | 0,61  | 1,20 |
| 7            | 12 | P1           | D17.1   | 51.49        | b | 51,27 |    | 51,25    | <b>51,27</b>           | 0,13  | 0,25 |
| 8            | 41 | P1           | D15.4   | 51,96        |   | 51,85 |    | 51,91    | <b>51,91</b>           | 0,06  | 0,12 |
| 9            | 37 | P1           | D10     | 51,91        |   | 51,96 |    | 52,00    | <b>51,96</b>           | 0,05  | 0,10 |
| 10           | 45 | P0           | D0      | 51.91        | b | 52,04 |    | 52.13 b  | <b>52,04</b>           | 0,11  | 0,21 |
| 11           | 42 | P1           | D10     | 52,08        |   | 52,15 |    | 52,09    | <b>52,10</b>           | 0,04  | 0,08 |
| 12           | 38 | P1           | D10     | 52,20        |   | 52,20 |    | 51.80 b  | <b>52,19</b>           | 0,23  | 0,44 |
| 13           | 40 | P1           | D10     | 52,21        |   | 52,26 |    | 52,22    | <b>52,23</b>           | 0,03  | 0,06 |
| 14           | 48 | P1           | D10     | 52,22        |   | 52,22 |    | 52,25    | <b>52,23</b>           | 0,02  | 0,04 |
| 15           | 52 | P1           | D15.2   | 52,50        |   | 52,51 |    | 52,50    | <b>52,50</b>           | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 16           | 36 | P3.21        | D82.3   | 52,53        |   | 52.91 | b  | 52.32 b  | <b>52,53</b>           | 0,30  | 0,57 |
| 17           | 24 | P0           | D0      | 52,49        |   | 52.67 | b  | 52,54    | <b>52,54</b>           | 0,09  | 0,17 |
| 18           | 50 | P1           | D10     | 52.84        | b | 52.58 | b  | 52,67    | <b>52,67</b>           | 0,13  | 0,25 |
| 19           | 7  | P1           | D15     | 52,70        |   | 52.40 | b  | 52,70    | <b>52,69</b>           | 0,17  | 0,32 |
| 20           | 44 | P1           | D10     | 52.84        | b | 53,06 |    | 53,06    | <b>53,05</b>           | 0,13  | 0,25 |
| 21           | 46 | P1           | D15.3   | 53,05        |   | 53,07 |    | 53,12    | <b>53,07</b>           | 0,04  | 0,08 |
| 22           | 19 | P1           | D10     | 53,14        |   | 53,22 |    | 53.04 b  | <b>53,14</b>           | 0,09  | 0,17 |
| 23           | 47 | P1           | D15.4   | 53,33        |   | 53,35 |    | 53,31    | <b>53,33</b>           | 0,02  | 0,04 |
| 24           | 20 | P1           | D18.1   | 54,71        |   | 54,76 |    | 54,70    | <b>54,72</b>           | 0,03  | 0,05 |
| 25           | 8  | P1           | D15     | 54.50        | b | 54,80 |    | 55.00 b  | <b>54,80</b>           | 0,25  | 0,46 |
| 26           | 13 | P1           | D17.1   | 54,90        |   | 55.01 | b  | 54.80 b  | <b>54,90</b>           | 0,11  | 0,20 |
| 27           | 55 | P1           | D10     | 54,94        |   | 54.51 | b  | 54,94    | <b>54,93</b>           | 0,25  | 0,46 |
| 28           | 15 | P1           | D17.1   | 55.70        | a | 55.34 | ab | 56.30 ab | <b>55,70 *</b>         | 0,48  | 0,86 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
abs. rel. %  
**52,34 0,14 0,27**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 5 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

14,3

Element: C

Dimension: %

Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |    | Method codes |         | Replications |    |       |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|-------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |    | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |       |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 2  | P1           | D13     | 43.90        | ab | 48.50 | ab | 47.50    | a  | <b>47,50 *</b>         | 2,42  | 5,09 |
| 2            | 39 | P1           | D10     | 48.70        | a  | 48.50 | ab | 48.80    | a  | <b>48,70 *</b>         | 0,15  | 0,31 |
| 3            | 9  | P1           | D81     | 48.91        | a  | 48.90 | a  | 48.90    | a  | <b>48,90 *</b>         | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 4            | 6  | P1           | D15     | 49.02        | ab | 49.16 | a  | 49.33    | ab | <b>49,16 *</b>         | 0,16  | 0,33 |
| 5            | 4  | P1           | D17.1   | 50.30        | ab | 49.60 | a  | 49.00    | ab | <b>49,60 *</b>         | 0,65  | 1,31 |
| 6            | 12 | P1           | D17.1   | 51,20        |    | 51,17 |    | 51,15    |    | <b>51,17</b>           | 0,03  | 0,06 |
| 7            | 41 | P1           | D15.4   | 51,77        |    | 51,66 |    | 51,75    |    | <b>51,74</b>           | 0,06  | 0,12 |
| 8            | 42 | P1           | D10     | 51,98        |    | 51.81 | b  | 51,96    |    | <b>51,95</b>           | 0,09  | 0,17 |
| 9            | 40 | P1           | D10     | 52,05        |    | 52,01 |    | 51,92    |    | <b>52,01</b>           | 0,07  | 0,13 |
| 10           | 24 | P0           | D0      | 52,10        |    | 51,95 |    | 52,04    |    | <b>52,04</b>           | 0,08  | 0,15 |
| 11           | 52 | P1           | D15.2   | 52,06        |    | 52,08 |    | 52,08    |    | <b>52,07</b>           | 0,01  | 0,02 |
| 12           | 37 | P1           | D10     | 52,07        |    | 52,11 |    | 52,07    |    | <b>52,08</b>           | 0,02  | 0,04 |
| 13           | 48 | P1           | D10     | 52,15        |    | 52.32 | b  | 52,13    |    | <b>52,16</b>           | 0,10  | 0,19 |
| 14           | 45 | P0           | D0      | 52,08        |    | 52,29 |    | 52,17    |    | <b>52,17</b>           | 0,11  | 0,21 |
| 15           | 38 | P1           | D10     | 52,30        |    | 52,30 |    | 51.90    | b  | <b>52,28</b>           | 0,23  | 0,44 |
| 16           | 50 | P1           | D10     | 52.57        | b  | 52,28 |    | 52,18    |    | <b>52,28</b>           | 0,20  | 0,38 |
| 17           | 7  | P1           | D15     | 52,60        |    | 52.90 | b  | 52,60    |    | <b>52,62</b>           | 0,17  | 0,32 |
| 18           | 36 | P3.21        | D82.3   | 52,62        |    | 52.46 | b  | 53.06    | b  | <b>52,62</b>           | 0,31  | 0,59 |
| 19           | 46 | P1           | D15.3   | 52,93        |    | 52,94 |    | 52,97    |    | <b>52,95</b>           | 0,02  | 0,04 |
| 20           | 19 | P1           | D10     | 53,20        |    | 53,01 |    | 53,08    |    | <b>53,08</b>           | 0,10  | 0,19 |
| 21           | 47 | P1           | D15.4   | 53,46        |    | 53,35 |    | 53,31    |    | <b>53,35</b>           | 0,08  | 0,15 |
| 22           | 44 | P1           | D10     | 53,38        |    | 53,38 |    | 53.16    | b  | <b>53,36</b>           | 0,13  | 0,24 |
| 23           | 11 | P1           | D13     | 53,85        |    | 53,71 |    | 53,74    |    | <b>53,75</b>           | 0,07  | 0,13 |
| 24           | 55 | P1           | D10     | 54,03        |    | 53.90 | b  | 54.57    | b  | <b>54,03</b>           | 0,36  | 0,67 |
| 25           | 20 | P1           | D18.1   | 54,48        |    | 54,40 |    | 54.23    | b  | <b>54,40</b>           | 0,13  | 0,24 |
| 26           | 13 | P1           | D17.1   | 54,56        |    | 54,45 |    | 54,35    |    | <b>54,45</b>           | 0,11  | 0,20 |
| 27           | 8  | P1           | D15     | 54,90        |    | 54,90 |    | 54,90    |    | <b>54,90</b>           | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 28           | 15 | P1           | D17.1   | 55.76        | a  | 55.61 | a  | 55.64    | a  | <b>55,65 *</b>         | 0,08  | 0,14 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
abs. rel.%  
**52,39 0,21 0,42**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 5 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

21,4

Element: Na  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 1

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |           |          | Lab.mean        | Lab.standard deviation |        |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |           |          |                 | abs.                   | rel.%  |
| 1   | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 28,30        | 28,90     | 29,00    | <b>28,73 *</b>  | 0,38                   | 1,32   |
| 2   | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 30,40        | 30,20     | 30,60    | <b>30,40 *</b>  | 0,20                   | 0,66   |
| 3   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 31,00        | 31,00     | 30,00    | <b>30,78 *</b>  | 0,58                   | 1,88   |
| 4   | 18       | P6.4         | D31     | 30,60        | 32,60 b   | 30,60    | <b>30,82 *</b>  | 1,15                   | 3,73   |
| 5   | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 32,00        | 32,00     | 32,00    | <b>32,00 *</b>  | 0,00                   | 0,00   |
| 6   | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 123,80 b     | 28,50 b   | 32,70    | <b>32,70</b>    | 53,85                  | 164,68 |
| 7   | 37       | P5.1         | D35     | 32,80        | 32,00     | 33,10    | <b>32,73</b>    | 0,57                   | 1,74   |
| 8   | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 34,00        | 35,40 b   | 32,30 b  | <b>34,00</b>    | 1,55                   | 4,56   |
| 9   | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 35,80        | 33,30 b   | 36,00    | <b>35,68</b>    | 1,50                   | 4,20   |
| 10  | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 36,30        | 35,90     | 34,00 b  | <b>35,88</b>    | 1,23                   | 3,43   |
| 11  | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 37,00        | 35,00     | 36,00    | <b>36,00</b>    | 1,00                   | 2,78   |
| 12  | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 38,00        | 37,00     | 35,00 b  | <b>37,00</b>    | 1,53                   | 4,14   |
| 13  | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 36,10        | 37,40     | 37,30    | <b>37,13</b>    | 0,72                   | 1,94   |
| 14  | 4        | P5.1         | D21.1   | 37,40        | 36,30     | 39,00 b  | <b>37,40</b>    | 1,36                   | 3,64   |
| 15  | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 42,60        | 42,10     | 42,90    | <b>42,53</b>    | 0,40                   | 0,94   |
| 16  | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 43,30        | 42,70     | 44,10    | <b>43,30</b>    | 0,70                   | 1,62   |
| 17  | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 43,70 b      | 46,10     | 48,00 b  | <b>46,10</b>    | 2,15                   | 4,66   |
| 18  | 36       | P3.3         | D28     | 54,10        | 50,00 b   | 53,60    | <b>53,60</b>    | 2,24                   | 4,18   |
| 19  | 27       | P6.1         | D21     | 54,60        | 54,60     | 54,60    | <b>54,60</b>    | 0,00                   | 0,00   |
| 20  | 26       | P5.1         | D35     | 65,00 b      | 56,00     | 57,00    | <b>57,00</b>    | 4,93                   | 8,65   |
| 21  | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 53,80 b      | 63,10     | 63,80    | <b>63,10 *</b>  | 5,58                   | 8,84   |
| 22  | 30       | P6.5         | D21.1   | 71,22        | 71,50     | 67,05 b  | <b>71,14 *</b>  | 2,49                   | 3,50   |
| 23  | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 78,00 a      | 54,40 ab  | 81,50 ab | <b>78,00 *</b>  | 14,74                  | 18,90  |
| 24  | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 84,60 a      | 84,00 a   | 76,40 ab | <b>84,00 *</b>  | 4,57                   | 5,44   |
| 25  | 5        | P21          | D28     | 90,00 a      | 105,00 ab | 90,00 a  | <b>90,22 *</b>  | 8,66                   | 9,60   |
| 26  | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 93,80 a      | 100,20 ab | 93,60 a  | <b>93,92 *</b>  | 3,75                   | 3,99   |
| 27  | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 99,30 a      | 98,50 a   | 98,40 a  | <b>98,67 *</b>  | 0,49                   | 0,50   |
| 28  | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 190,00 a     | 200,00 ab | 190,00 a | <b>190,22 *</b> | 5,77                   | 3,03   |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel.%  
**46,39 4,36 9,73**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-72

46,4

Element: Na  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 2

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |             |           | Lab.mean        | Lab.standard deviation |       |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|-------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |             |           |                 | abs.                   | rel.% |
| 1   | 20       | P5.1         | D31     | 16,40        | 14,70       | 13,20     | <b>14,70 *</b>  | 1,60                   | 10,88 |
| 2   | 4        | P5.1         | D21.1   | 16,30        | 19,10       | b 16,50   | <b>16,79 *</b>  | 1,56                   | 9,29  |
| 3   | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 22,00        | 22,00       | 21,00     | <b>21,67 *</b>  | 0,58                   | 2,68  |
| 4   | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 23,10        | 22,20       | 22,20     | <b>22,50 *</b>  | 0,52                   | 2,31  |
| 5   | 18       | P6.4         | D31     | 26,30        | 22,30       | 24,30     | <b>24,30 *</b>  | 2,00                   | 8,23  |
| 6   | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 26,60        | b 24,40     | 21,50 b   | <b>24,40 *</b>  | 2,56                   | 10,49 |
| 7   | 36       | P3.3         | D28     | 24,00        | 24,40       | 26,00     | <b>24,59</b>    | 1,06                   | 4,31  |
| 8   | 37       | P5.1         | D35     | 24,40        | 25,20       | 25,10     | <b>24,90</b>    | 0,44                   | 1,77  |
| 9   | 50       | P4.1         | D31     | 25,20        | 24,70       | 25,10     | <b>25,00</b>    | 0,26                   | 1,04  |
| 10  | 33       | P5.1         | D21     | 25,80        | 26,00       | 25,70     | <b>25,83</b>    | 0,15                   | 0,58  |
| 11  | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 25,70        | 26,20       | 26,30     | <b>26,07</b>    | 0,32                   | 1,23  |
| 12  | 55       | P5.5         | D31     | 25,60        | 27,70       | 25,90     | <b>26,14</b>    | 1,14                   | 4,36  |
| 13  | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 29,00        | 29,00       | 28,90     | <b>28,97</b>    | 0,06                   | 0,21  |
| 14  | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 29,80        | 26,70       | b 32,40 b | <b>29,80</b>    | 2,85                   | 9,56  |
| 15  | 38       | P5.5         | D31     | 32,00        | 21,00       | b 32,00   | <b>31,61</b>    | 6,35                   | 20,09 |
| 16  | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 32,20        | 31,90       | 30,60     | <b>31,66</b>    | 0,85                   | 2,68  |
| 17  | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 32,00        | b 35,00     | 37,00     | <b>35,00</b>    | 2,52                   | 7,20  |
| 18  | 26       | P5.1         | D35     | 38,00        | 35,00       | b 42,00 b | <b>38,00</b>    | 3,51                   | 9,24  |
| 19  | 27       | P6.1         | D21     | 40,70        | 39,60       | 38,50     | <b>39,60</b>    | 1,10                   | 2,78  |
| 20  | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 51,50        | b 41,90 b   | 46,80     | <b>46,80 *</b>  | 4,80                   | 10,26 |
| 21  | 30       | P6.5         | D21.1   | 59,77        | 59,77       | 62,00     | <b>60,16 *</b>  | 1,29                   | 2,14  |
| 22  | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 65,50        | 99,80       | b 42,90 b | <b>65,50 *</b>  | 28,65                  | 43,74 |
| 23  | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 66,10        | 67,00       | 64,90     | <b>66,10 *</b>  | 1,05                   | 1,59  |
| 24  | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 78,80        | a 77,50 a   | 74,30 ab  | <b>77,50 *</b>  | 2,32                   | 2,99  |
| 25  | 43       | P4.1         | D31     | 85,90        | a 85,20 a   | 94,60 ab  | <b>85,94 *</b>  | 5,24                   | 6,10  |
| 26  | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 108,10       | ab 90,90 a  | 80,60 ab  | <b>90,90 *</b>  | 13,89                  | 15,28 |
| 27  | 5        | P21          | D28     | 110,00       | a 115,00 ab | 95,00 ab  | <b>110,00 *</b> | 10,41                  | 9,46  |
| 28  | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 220,00       | ab 160,00 a | 140,00 ab | <b>160,00 *</b> | 41,63                  | 26,02 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel.%  
**35,02 4,95 8,09**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **53,6**  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98 sample 2: **34,27**

Element: Na  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |       |        |        | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |       |        |        |          | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 52,00        | 49.90 | b      | 52,90  | 52,00    | 1,54                   | 2.96  |      |
| 2            | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 56,70        | 55,80 |        | 49.60  | 55,80    | 3,87                   | 6.94  |      |
| 3            | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 56,90        | 57,00 |        | 56,20  | 56,70    | 0,44                   | 0.78  |      |
| 4            | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 58,00        | 58,00 |        | 61.00  | 58,44    | 1,73                   | 2.96  |      |
| 5            | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 60,40        | 60,00 |        | 59,50  | 59,97    | 0,45                   | 0.75  |      |
| 6            | 18  | P6.4         | D31     | 60,80        | 58,80 |        | 60,80  | 60,36    | 1,15                   | 1.91  |      |
| 7            | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 63.20        | b     | 60,10  | 60,00  | 60,49    | 1,82                   | 3.01  |      |
| 8            | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 61,00        | 60,00 |        | 62,00  | 61,00    | 1,00                   | 1.64  |      |
| 9            | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 61,20        | 61,70 |        | 62,20  | 61,70    | 0,50                   | 0.81  |      |
| 10           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 63,00        | 63,00 |        | 74.00  | 63,44    | 6,35                   | 10.01 |      |
| 11           | 37  | P5.1         | D35     | 63,60        | 64,00 |        | 63,10  | 63,57    | 0,45                   | 0.71  |      |
| 12           | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 62.90        | b     | 66,90  | 65,70  | 65,70    | 2,05                   | 3.12  |      |
| 13           | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 66,00        | 79.00 | b      | 63.00  | 66,00    | 8,50                   | 12.88 |      |
| 14           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 67,00        | 66,00 |        | 66,00  | 66,33    | 0,58                   | 0.87  |      |
| 15           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 67,90        | 68,40 |        | 68,20  | 68,17    | 0,25                   | 0.37  |      |
| 16           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 64.80        | b     | 68,70  | 68,60  | 68,21    | 2,22                   | 3.25  |      |
| 17           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 68,30        | 68,50 |        | 68,20  | 68,33    | 0,15                   | 0.22  |      |
| 18           | 4   | P5.1         | D21.1   | 69,00        | 69,30 |        | 65.00  | 68,71    | 2,40                   | 3.49  |      |
| 19           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 72.20        | b     | 74,80  | 75,30  | 74,61    | 1,66                   | 2.22  |      |
| 20           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 69.00        | b     | 76,10  | 76,60  | 75,91    | 4,25                   | 5.60  |      |
| 21           | 30  | P6.5         | D21.1   | 77,70        | 77,10 |        | 74.30  | 76,96    | 1,81                   | 2.35  |      |
| 22           | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 78,10        | 84.50 | b      | 78,70  | 78,84    | 3,53                   | 4.48  |      |
| 23           | 36  | P3.3         | D28     | 80,30        | 82,00 |        | 80,10  | 80,64    | 1,04                   | 1.29  |      |
| 24           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 81.40        | b     | 84,10  | 103.00 | 84,10    | 11,77                  | 14.00 |      |
| 25           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 85,40        | 87.10 | b      | 83.20  | 85,40    | 1,96                   | 2.30  |      |
| 26           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 97.50        | ab    | 104.90 | ab     | 100.70   | a                      | 3,71  | 3.68 |
| 27           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 115.40       | a     | 115.00 | a      | 122.90   | ab                     | 4,45  | 3.85 |
| 28           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 115.00       | a     | 119.00 | ab     | 116.00   | a                      | 2,08  | 1.79 |
| 29           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 122.60       | ab    | 144.40 | ab     | 128.80   | a                      | 11,23 | 8.72 |
| 30           | 5   | P21          | D28     | 140.00       | a     | 140.00 | a      | 140.00   | a                      | 0,00  | 0.00 |
| 31           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 180.00       | ab    | 190.00 | a      | 200.00   | ab                     | 10,00 | 5.26 |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**71,71 3,00 3,62**

a = lab.mean is trimmed

b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-74

19,4

Element: Na  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |    | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----|----------|----|------------------------|-------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |    |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |       |
| 1            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 170.00       | a  | 170.00 | a  | 160.00   | ab | 169,33                 | 5,77  | 3,41  |
| 2            | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 196.80       | b  | 175.00 | b  | 180,80   |    | 180,80                 | 11,29 | 6,24  |
| 3            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 186,60       |    | 185,20 |    | 181.60   | b  | 185,20                 | 2,58  | 1,39  |
| 4            | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 192,00       |    | 191,70 |    | 192,00   |    | 191,90                 | 0,17  | 0,09  |
| 5            | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 195,20       |    | 217.40 | b  | 193,30   |    | 195,20                 | 13,40 | 6,86  |
| 6            | 38a | P9.1         | D42     | 203,00       |    | 199,00 |    | 200,00   |    | 200,17                 | 2,08  | 1,04  |
| 7            | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 295.10       | b  | 203,00 |    | 200,00   |    | 203,00                 | 54,06 | 26,63 |
| 8            | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 203,00       |    | 207,00 |    | 203,00   |    | 203,67                 | 2,31  | 1,13  |
| 9            | 20  | P5.1         | D31     | 203,70       |    | 206,30 |    | 201,60   |    | 203,70                 | 2,35  | 1,15  |
| 10           | 50  | P4.1         | D31     | 204,50       |    | 203,50 |    | 208,00   |    | 204,67                 | 2,36  | 1,15  |
| 11           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 201.10       | b  | 205,00 |    | 207,20   |    | 205,00                 | 3,09  | 1,51  |
| 12           | 18  | P6.4         | D31     | 204,30       |    | 208,40 |    | 208,40   |    | 207,73                 | 2,37  | 1,14  |
| 13           | 55  | P5.5         | D31     | 209,30       |    | 209,80 |    | 208,70   |    | 209,27                 | 0,55  | 0,26  |
| 14           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 210,00       |    | 212,00 |    | 210,00   |    | 210,67                 | 1,15  | 0,55  |
| 15           | 38  | P5.5         | D31     | 212,00       |    | 212,00 |    | 201.00   | b  | 211,33                 | 6,35  | 3,00  |
| 16           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 206.80       | b  | 212,10 |    | 228.80   | b  | 212,10                 | 11,48 | 5,41  |
| 17           | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 217,10       |    | 211.80 | b  | 215,30   |    | 215,30                 | 2,70  | 1,25  |
| 18           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 212.10       | b  | 216,70 |    | 217,10   |    | 216,23                 | 2,78  | 1,29  |
| 19           | 37  | P5.1         | D35     | 219,50       |    | 217,00 |    | 218,20   |    | 218,23                 | 1,25  | 0,57  |
| 20           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 222,20       |    | 226.70 | b  | 221,60   |    | 222,57                 | 2,79  | 1,25  |
| 21           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 225,00       |    | 224,00 |    | 216.00   | b  | 223,83                 | 4,93  | 2,20  |
| 22           | 33  | P5.1         | D21     | 227,40       |    | 226,50 |    | 227,10   |    | 227,00                 | 0,46  | 0,20  |
| 23           | 30  | P6.5         | D21.1   | 228,10       |    | 233,45 |    | 231,20   |    | 231,20                 | 2,69  | 1,16  |
| 24           | 26  | P5.1         | D35     | 239.00       | b  | 220.00 | b  | 235,00   |    | 235,00                 | 10,02 | 4,26  |
| 25           | 27  | P6.1         | D21     | 241,30       |    | 242,90 |    | 241,30   |    | 241,83                 | 0,92  | 0,38  |
| 26           | 43  | P4.1         | D31     | 253,00       |    | 252,50 |    | 252,70   |    | 252,73                 | 0,25  | 0,10  |
| 27           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 271.00       | b  | 244.00 | b  | 255,00   |    | 255,00                 | 13,58 | 5,33  |
| 28           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 263,00       |    | 263,00 |    | 263,00   |    | 263,00                 | 0,00  | 0,00  |
| 29           | 36  | P3.3         | D28     | 264,00       |    | 264,40 |    | 260.00   | b  | 263,53                 | 2,43  | 0,92  |
| 30           | 5   | P21          | D28     | 295.00       | ab | 265.00 | ab | 275.00   | a  | 275,00                 | 15,28 | 5,56  |
| 31           | 4   | P5.1         | D21.1   | 278.40       | a  | 277.10 | a  | 272.90   | ab | 277,08                 | 2,87  | 1,04  |
| 32           | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 325.00       | a  | 320.00 | ab | 336.00   | ab | 325,00 *               | 8,19  | 2,52  |
| 33           | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 360.00       | ab | 350.00 | a  | 320.00   | ab | 350,00 *               | 20,82 | 5,95  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
 220,70 6,46 2,88

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 30 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:  
 2-75

6,1

Element: **Al**  
 Dimension: **µg/g**  
 Sample: **1**

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Slovakia)**

| No. | Lab.code | Method codes |         | Replications |   |        |   | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |          |       |       |
|-----|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|---|--------|---|----------|------------------------|----------|-------|-------|
|     |          | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |   |        |   |          | abs.                   | rel.%    |       |       |
| 1   | 55a      | P9.1         | D42     | 34.00        | a | 37.00  | a | 32.00    | a                      | 34,22 *  | 2,52  | 7,36  |
| 2   | 16       | P5.5         | D31     | 42.70        | a | 41.00  | a | 38.10    | a                      | 40,63 *  | 2,33  | 5,73  |
| 3   | 9        | P5.5         | D31     | 53,40        |   | 60.90  | b | 53,20    |                        | 54,52 *  | 4,39  | 8,05  |
| 4   | 26       | P5.1         | D31     | 56,60        |   | 53,50  |   | 56,50    |                        | 55,53 *  | 1,76  | 3,17  |
| 5   | 11       | P5.1         | D31     | 58,50        |   | 54.40  | b | 63.50    | b                      | 58,50 *  | 4,56  | 7,79  |
| 6   | 4        | P5.1         | D31     | 59,80        |   | 60,40  |   | 51.10    | b                      | 58,88 *  | 5,20  | 8,83  |
| 7   | 40       | P3.11        | D31     | 60,20        |   | 64,10  |   | 61,90    |                        | 62,07 *  | 1,96  | 3,16  |
| 8   | 48       | P4.1         | D31     | 66,40        |   | 67,40  |   | 69,40    |                        | 67,73    | 1,53  | 2,26  |
| 9   | 2        | P5.3         | D31     | 66,00        |   | 73.00  | b | 68,00    |                        | 68,22    | 3,61  | 5,29  |
| 10  | 46       | P5.2         | D31     | 76,90        |   | 73,70  |   | 72,10    |                        | 74,12    | 2,44  | 3,29  |
| 11  | 52       | P4.1         | D31     | 76,30        |   | 76,10  |   | 76,20    |                        | 76,20    | 0,10  | 0,13  |
| 12  | 37       | P5.2         | D35     | 78,40        |   | 79,60  |   | 79,90    |                        | 79,30    | 0,79  | 1,00  |
| 13  | 39       | P5.5         | D31     | 82,20        |   | 79,70  |   | 78,00    |                        | 79,97    | 2,11  | 2,64  |
| 14  | 45       | P5.5         | D31     | 83,00        |   | 78.00  | b | 83,00    |                        | 81,78    | 2,89  | 3,53  |
| 15  | 38       | P5.2         | D31     | 88,00        |   | 83,50  |   | 85,30    |                        | 85,60    | 2,26  | 2,64  |
| 16  | 41       | P4.1         | D31     | 86,50        |   | 85,80  |   | 86,30    |                        | 86,20    | 0,36  | 0,42  |
| 17  | 12       | P5.1         | D31     | 86,30        |   | 84,50  |   | 95.70    | b                      | 86,62    | 6,01  | 6,94  |
| 18  | 18       | P3.31        | D31     | 105.80       | b | 80.10  | b | 86,90    |                        | 86,90    | 13,32 | 15,33 |
| 19  | 37a      | P9.1         | D42     | 89,00        |   | 85,00  |   | 88,00    |                        | 87,33    | 2,08  | 2,38  |
| 20  | 43       |              |         | 87,40        |   | 79.10  | b | 90,30    |                        | 87,40    | 5,81  | 6,65  |
| 21  | 25       | P5.1         | D31     | 91,20        |   | 87,30  |   | 89,10    |                        | 89,20    | 1,95  | 2,19  |
| 22  | 42       | P4.1         | D31     | 90,00        |   | 94,00  |   | 94,00    |                        | 92,78    | 2,31  | 2,49  |
| 23  | 54       | P3.2         | D31     | 103,00       |   | 100,20 |   | 99,40    |                        | 100,87 * | 1,89  | 1,87  |
| 24  | 8        | P3.2         | D31     | 145.00       | b | 101,00 |   | 84.20    | b                      | 101,00 * | 31,40 | 31,09 |
| 25  | 23       | P3.3         | D31     | 103,30       |   | 99.60  | b | 118.70   | b                      | 103,30 * | 10,13 | 9,81  |
| 26  | 47       | P4.1         | D32     | 102,30       |   | 106,30 |   | 103.90   |                        | 104,17 * | 2,01  | 1,93  |

**Mean** Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**78,07 4,45 5,61**

**a = lab.mean is trimmed**  
**b = trimmed single value**

**\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)**

**Annotation:** Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

**42,3**

Element: **Al**  
 Dimension: **µg/g**  
 Sample: **2**

**SPRUCE NEEDLES (Norway)** =Pine Needles (Finland), sample 2  
 of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |   | Lab.mean |    | Lab.standard deviation |       |      |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|---|----------|----|------------------------|-------|------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |   |          |    | abs.                   | rel.% |      |
| 1            | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 242.00       | ab | 233.00 | a | 204.00   | ab | 233,00                 | 19,86 | 8,52 |
| 2            | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 246.00       | a  | 243.00 | a | 251.00   | a  | 246,50                 | 4,04  | 1,64 |
| 3            | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 252.20       | a  | 249.70 | a | 256.40   | a  | 252,77                 | 3,39  | 1,34 |
| 4            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 246.00       | b  | 255,00 |   | 256,00   |    | 253,50                 | 5,51  | 2,17 |
| 5            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 259,40       |    | 227.60 | b | 261,20   |    | 258,30                 | 18,90 | 7,32 |
| 6            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 267,50       |    | 276.20 | b | 261,90   |    | 267,50                 | 7,21  | 2,70 |
| 7            | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 270,00       |    | 269,50 |   | 262,80   |    | 267,75                 | 4,02  | 1,50 |
| 8            | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 265,00       |    | 270,00 |   | 271,00   |    | 268,67                 | 3,21  | 1,19 |
| 9            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 300.10       | b  | 264.60 | b | 280,00   |    | 280,00                 | 17,80 | 6,36 |
| 10           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 280,00       |    | 280,00 |   | 280,00   |    | 280,00                 | 0,00  | 0,00 |
| 11           | 37  | P5.2         | D35     | 285,00       |    | 280,50 |   | 278,60   |    | 281,37                 | 3,29  | 1,17 |
| 12           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 284,70       |    | 282,30 |   | 281,90   |    | 282,97                 | 1,51  | 0,53 |
| 13           | 38  | P5.2         | D31     | 295.80       | b  | 275.10 | b | 283,50   |    | 283,50                 | 10,41 | 3,67 |
| 14           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 284,10       |    | 290,10 |   | 271.60   | b  | 284,10                 | 9,44  | 3,32 |
| 15           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 289,50       |    | 283,90 |   | 287,40   |    | 286,93                 | 2,83  | 0,99 |
| 16           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 288,30       |    | 285,60 |   | 290,10   |    | 288,00                 | 2,26  | 0,78 |
| 17           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 286,00       |    | 290,30 |   | 297.20   | b  | 290,30                 | 5,65  | 1,95 |
| 18           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 292,90       |    | 303.70 | b | 269.20   | b  | 292,90                 | 17,65 | 6,03 |
| 19           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 294,30       |    | 285.50 | b | 297,60   |    | 293,95                 | 6,25  | 2,13 |
| 20           | 43  |              |         | 296,70       |    | 287.60 | b | 297,20   |    | 294,95                 | 5,40  | 1,83 |
| 21           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 295,60       |    | 295,00 |   | 295,60   |    | 295,40                 | 0,35  | 0,12 |
| 22           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 298,10       |    | 292,90 |   | 297,40   |    | 296,13                 | 2,82  | 0,95 |
| 23           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 301,00       |    | 287.00 | b | 308.00   | b  | 301,00                 | 10,69 | 3,55 |
| 24           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 299,00       |    | 305,00 |   | 303,00   |    | 302,33                 | 3,06  | 1,01 |
| 25           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 302,60       |    | 308,00 |   | 302,00   |    | 304,20                 | 3,30  | 1,08 |
| 26           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 311,50       |    | 311,50 |   | 292.20   | b  | 309,50                 | 11,14 | 3,60 |
| 27           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 325.00       | a  | 320.00 | a | 323.00   | a  | 322,67                 | 2,52  | 0,78 |

**Mean** Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**283,20** **6,76** **2,45**

**a = lab.mean is trimmed**  
**b = trimmed single value**

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means: **0,0**  
 Mean of 3rd Needle/Leaf Test 97/98, sample 2: **293,20**

Element: Al  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 3

## SPRUCE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |    |        |    |        |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|----|--------|----|--------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |    |        |    |        |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |
| 1            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 88.70        | ab | 61.20  | ab | 69.20  | a  | 69,20 *  | 14,15                  | 20,45 |
| 2            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 97.90        | ab | 105.00 | a  | 117.00 | ab | 105,00 * | 9,65                   | 9,19  |
| 3            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 116,20       |    | 118,50 |    | 124.60 | b  | 118,50   | 4,34                   | 3,66  |
| 4            | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 122,90       |    | 120,50 |    | 137.00 | b  | 122,90   | 8,91                   | 7,25  |
| 5            | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 123,00       |    | 119.00 | b  | 127.00 | b  | 123,00   | 4,00                   | 3,25  |
| 6            | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 123,00       |    | 124,00 |    | 130.00 | b  | 124,61   | 3,79                   | 3,04  |
| 7            | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 123,00       |    | 127,70 |    | 125,20 |    | 125,21   | 2,35                   | 1,88  |
| 8            | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 124,00       |    | 129,00 |    | 128,00 |    | 127,39   | 2,65                   | 2,08  |
| 9            | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 139.90       | b  | 135,20 |    | 128.40 | b  | 135,20   | 5,78                   | 4,28  |
| 10           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 134,00       |    | 136,10 |    | 139,50 |    | 136,16   | 2,78                   | 2,04  |
| 11           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 138,00       |    | 136,10 |    | 135,60 |    | 136,57   | 1,27                   | 0,93  |
| 12           | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 138,00       |    | 139,00 |    | 138,00 |    | 138,33   | 0,58                   | 0,42  |
| 13           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 140,00       |    | 139,00 |    | 137,00 |    | 138,67   | 1,53                   | 1,10  |
| 14           | 38  | P5.2         | D31     | 139,10       |    | 143.10 | b  | 136,30 |    | 139,10   | 3,42                   | 2,46  |
| 15           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 126.40       | b  | 139,30 |    | 142,80 |    | 139,30   | 8,64                   | 6,20  |
| 16           | 37  | P5.2         | D35     | 140,90       |    | 140,10 |    | 139,30 |    | 140,10   | 0,80                   | 0,57  |
| 17           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 144,00       |    | 143,00 |    | 147,00 |    | 144,61   | 2,08                   | 1,44  |
| 18           | 43  |              |         | 149,10       |    | 142,20 |    | 146,00 |    | 146,00   | 3,46                   | 2,37  |
| 19           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 147,10       |    | 147,90 |    | 147,80 |    | 147,60   | 0,44                   | 0,30  |
| 20           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 147,10       |    | 155.90 | b  | 146,00 |    | 147,66   | 5,43                   | 3,68  |
| 21           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 151,10       |    | 147,60 |    | 147,30 |    | 148,56   | 2,11                   | 1,42  |
| 22           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 151,00       |    | 148,60 |    | 149,90 |    | 149,83   | 1,20                   | 0,80  |
| 23           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 152,20       |    | 167.60 | b  | 151,80 |    | 153,11   | 9,01                   | 5,88  |
| 24           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 164.40       | b  | 155,20 |    | 149.50 | b  | 155,20   | 7,52                   | 4,85  |
| 25           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 156,00       |    | 157,00 |    | 150.00 | b  | 155,39   | 3,79                   | 2,44  |
| 26           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 163,00       |    | 161,00 |    | 161,00 |    | 161,67   | 1,15                   | 0,71  |
| 27           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 160,40       |    | 160,90 |    | 164,10 |    | 161,76   | 2,01                   | 1,24  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel. %  
**138,70 4,18 3,48**

a = lab.mean is trimmed  
 b = trimmed single value

\* =not tolerable mean because more than +/- 20 % from mean (Agreement from Bonn 1999)

Annotation: Percentage of non-tolerable lab means:

7,4

Element: Al  
 Dimension: µg/g  
 Sample: 4

## PINE NEEDLES (Germany)

| No. Lab.code |     | Method codes |         | Replications |   |        |    |        |    | Lab.mean | Lab.standard deviation |       |
|--------------|-----|--------------|---------|--------------|---|--------|----|--------|----|----------|------------------------|-------|
|              |     | pretreatm.   | determ. |              |   |        |    |        |    |          | abs.                   | rel.% |
| 1            | 4a  | P9.1         | D41     | 171.20       | a | 183.40 | ab | 165.70 | ab | 171,20 * | 9,06                   | 5,29  |
| 2            | 43  |              |         | 183.80       | a | 186.80 | a  | 184.00 | a  | 184,87   | 1,68                   | 0,91  |
| 3            | 46  | P5.2         | D31     | 186.40       | a | 200.50 | ab | 189.50 | a  | 189,50   | 7,41                   | 3,91  |
| 4            | 16  | P5.5         | D31     | 189.00       | a | 190.00 | a  | 190.00 | a  | 189,67   | 0,58                   | 0,31  |
| 5            | 40  | P3.11        | D31     | 196,20       |   | 192,70 |    | 194,10 |    | 194,33   | 1,76                   | 0,91  |
| 6            | 25  | P5.1         | D31     | 202,00       |   | 208.00 | b  | 202,00 |    | 203,22   | 3,46                   | 1,70  |
| 7            | 55a | P9.1         | D42     | 209,00       |   | 210,00 |    | 204.00 | b  | 208,28   | 3,21                   | 1,54  |
| 8            | 37a | P9.1         | D42     | 210,00       |   | 210,00 |    | 212,00 |    | 210,67   | 1,15                   | 0,55  |
| 9            | 38  | P5.2         | D31     | 215.40       | b | 211,50 |    | 209,90 |    | 211,92   | 2,83                   | 1,34  |
| 10           | 9   | P5.5         | D31     | 203.40       | b | 214,10 |    | 216,30 |    | 213,98   | 6,90                   | 3,22  |
| 11           | 54  | P3.2         | D31     | 221,30       |   | 217,40 |    | 219,60 |    | 219,43   | 1,96                   | 0,89  |
| 12           | 52  | P4.1         | D31     | 220,00       |   | 221,00 |    | 218,20 |    | 219,73   | 1,42                   | 0,65  |
| 13           | 11  | P5.1         | D31     | 222,70       |   | 221,60 |    | 225,00 |    | 223,10   | 1,73                   | 0,78  |
| 14           | 4   | P5.1         | D31     | 226,10       |   | 221.70 | b  | 232.90 | b  | 226,10   | 5,64                   | 2,49  |
| 15           | 45  | P5.5         | D31     | 227,00       |   | 225,00 |    | 227,00 |    | 226,33   | 1,15                   | 0,51  |
| 16           | 18  | P3.31        | D31     | 228,50       |   | 225,50 |    | 226,90 |    | 226,97   | 1,50                   | 0,66  |
| 17           | 48  | P4.1         | D31     | 222.30       | b | 227,50 |    | 231.70 | b  | 227,50   | 4,71                   | 2,07  |
| 18           | 37  | P5.2         | D35     | 230,10       |   | 228,00 |    | 228,80 |    | 228,97   | 1,06                   | 0,46  |
| 19           | 41  | P4.1         | D31     | 226,20       |   | 232.90 | b  | 229,10 |    | 229,10   | 3,36                   | 1,47  |
| 20           | 39  | P5.5         | D31     | 229,10       |   | 228,80 |    | 229,60 |    | 229,17   | 0,40                   | 0,17  |
| 21           | 26  | P5.1         | D31     | 231,00       |   | 228,00 |    | 230,00 |    | 229,67   | 1,53                   | 0,67  |
| 22           | 8   | P3.2         | D31     | 227.00       | b | 238.00 | b  | 231,00 |    | 231,00   | 5,57                   | 2,41  |
| 23           | 2   | P5.3         | D31     | 238,00       |   | 240,00 |    | 236,00 |    | 238,00   | 2,00                   | 0,84  |
| 24           | 23  | P3.3         | D31     | 252.10       | b | 216.80 | b  | 240,80 |    | 240,80   | 18,03                  | 7,49  |
| 25           | 47  | P4.1         | D32     | 243,10       |   | 241,20 |    | 239,30 |    | 241,20   | 1,90                   | 0,79  |
| 26           | 42  | P4.1         | D31     | 249,00       |   | 252,00 |    | 249,00 |    | 250,00   | 1,73                   | 0,69  |
| 27           | 12  | P5.1         | D31     | 248.60       | a | 254.80 | ab | 250.60 | a  | 250,82   | 3,16                   | 1,26  |

Mean Interlab.std. deviation  
 abs. rel.%  
**220,30 3,51 1,63**

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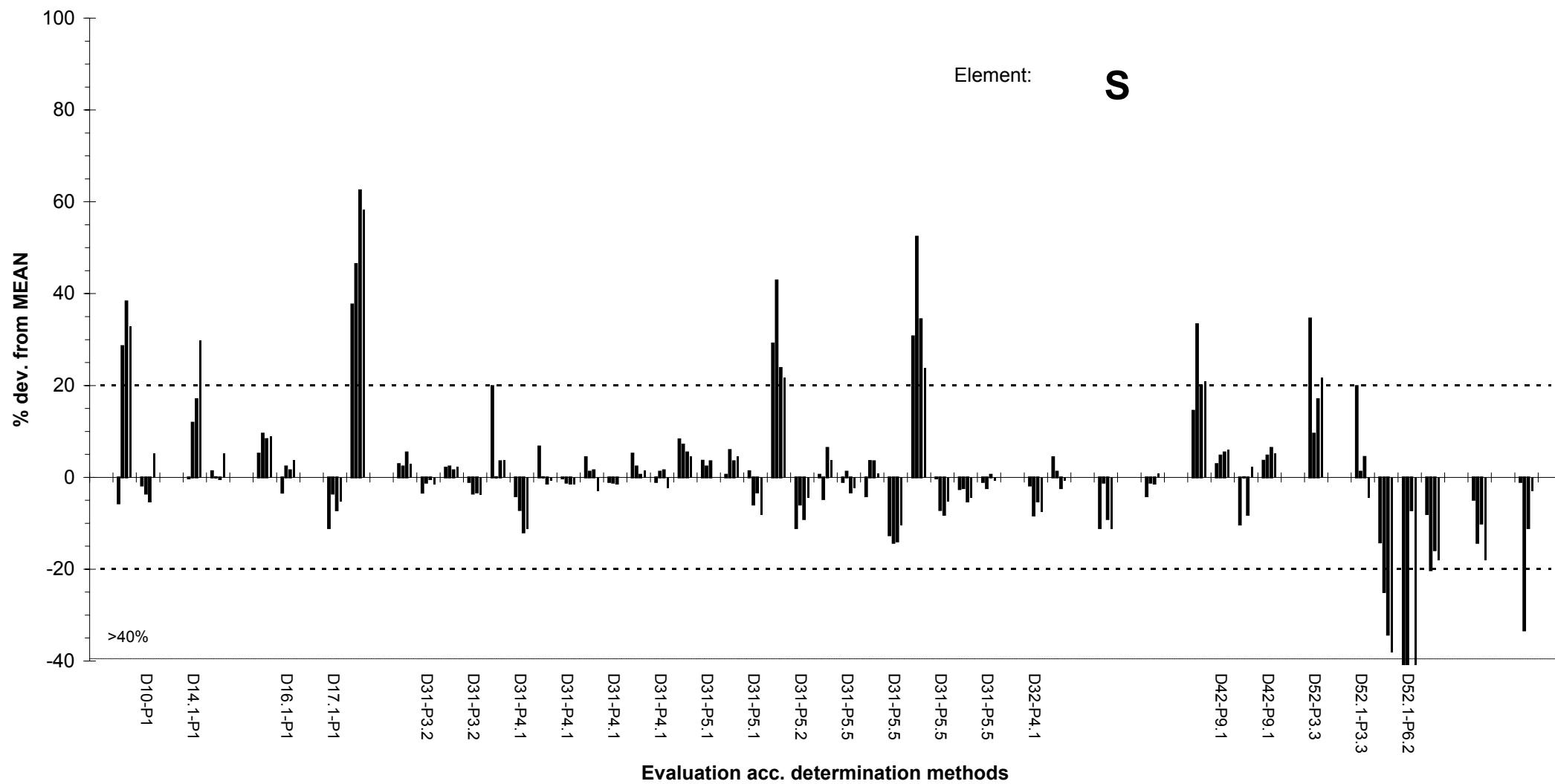
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 2-80

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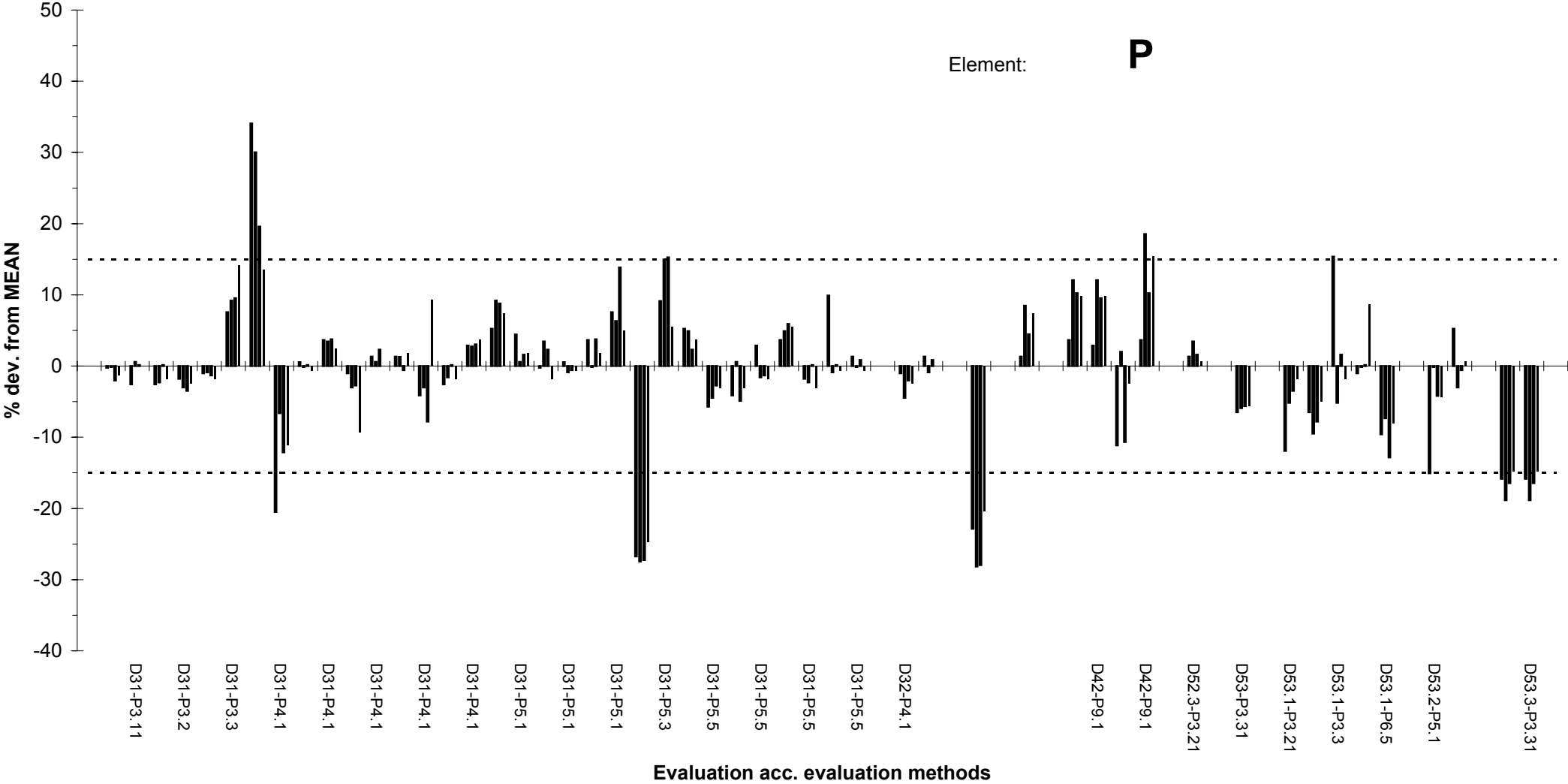
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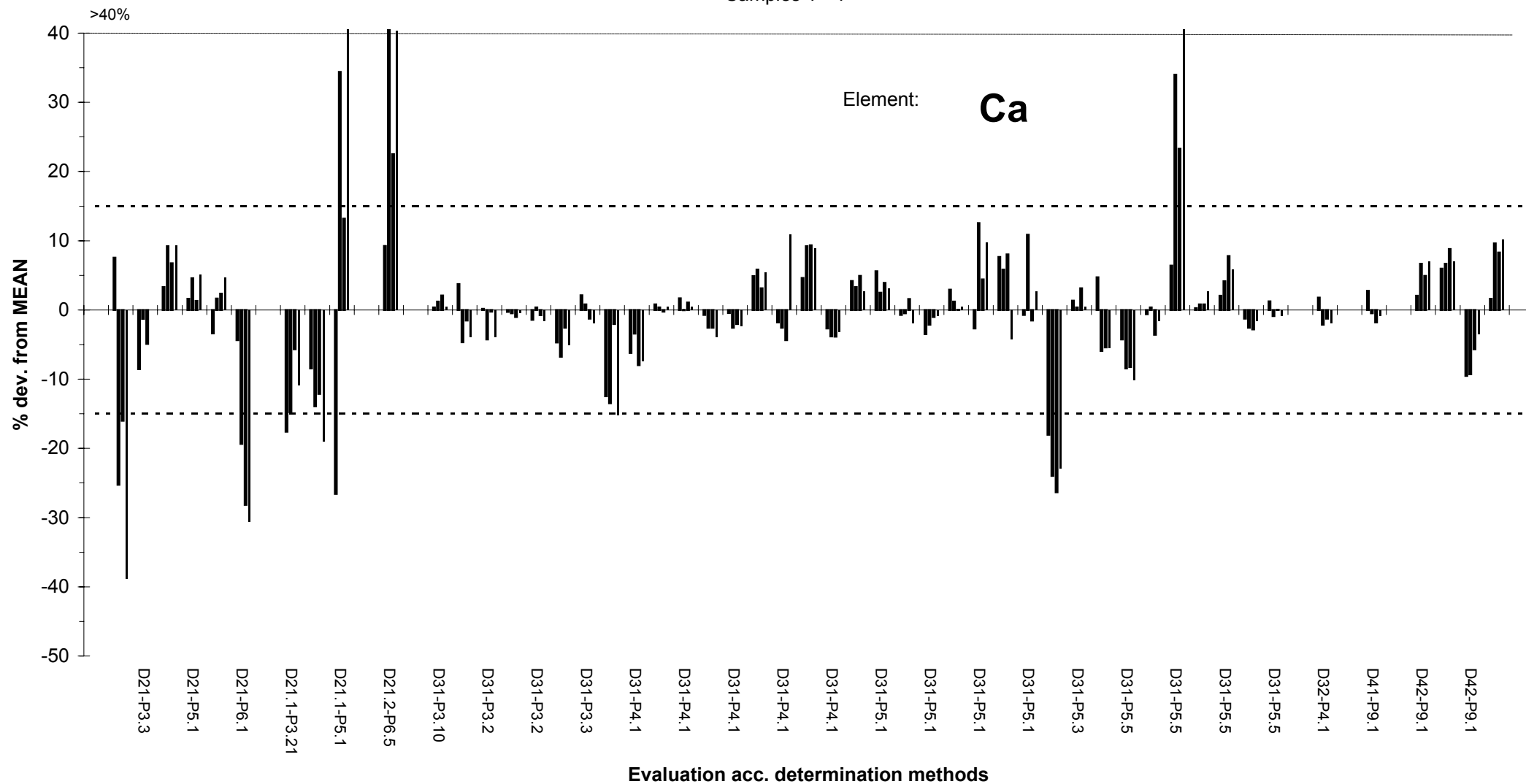
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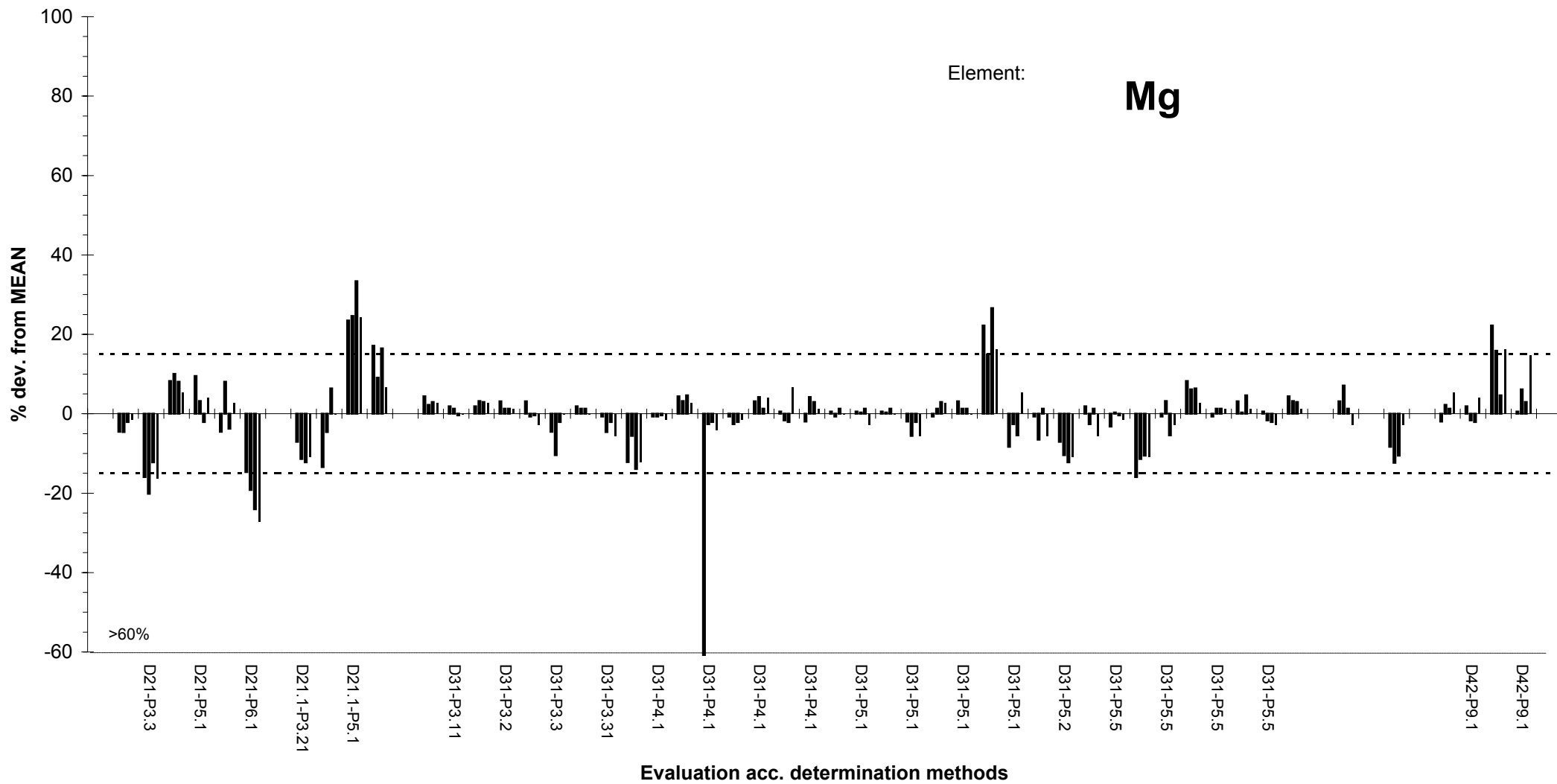


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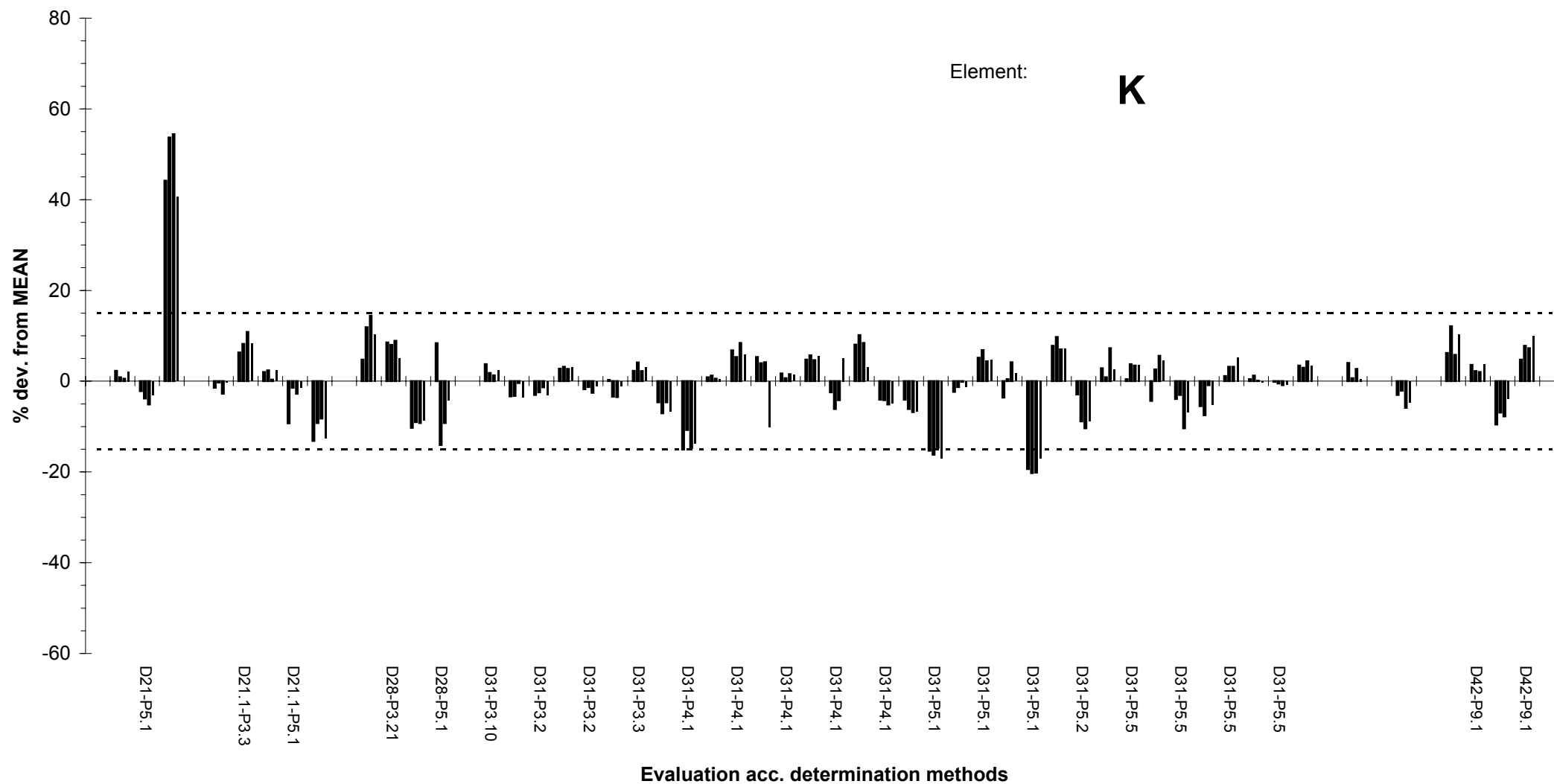
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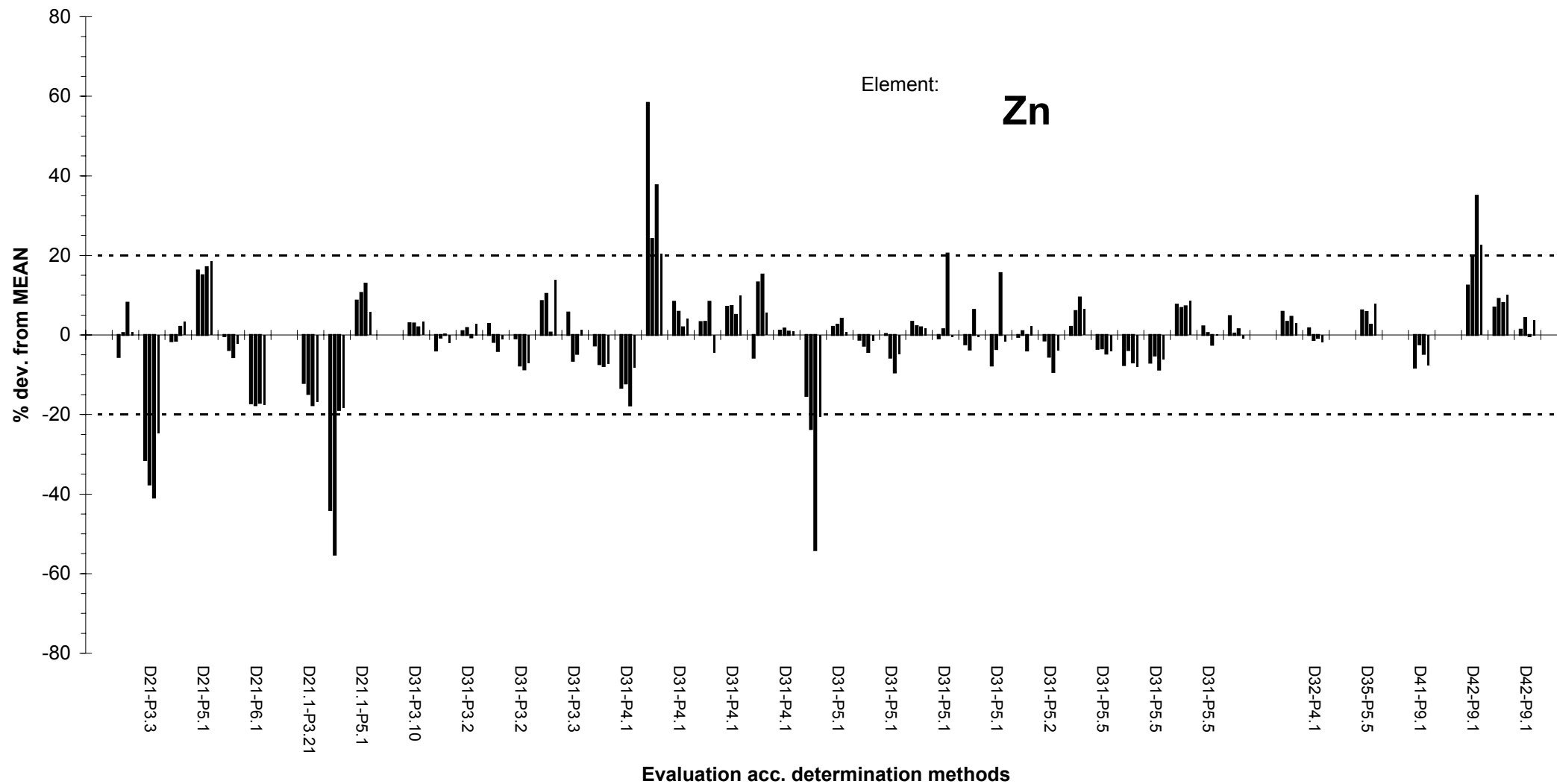


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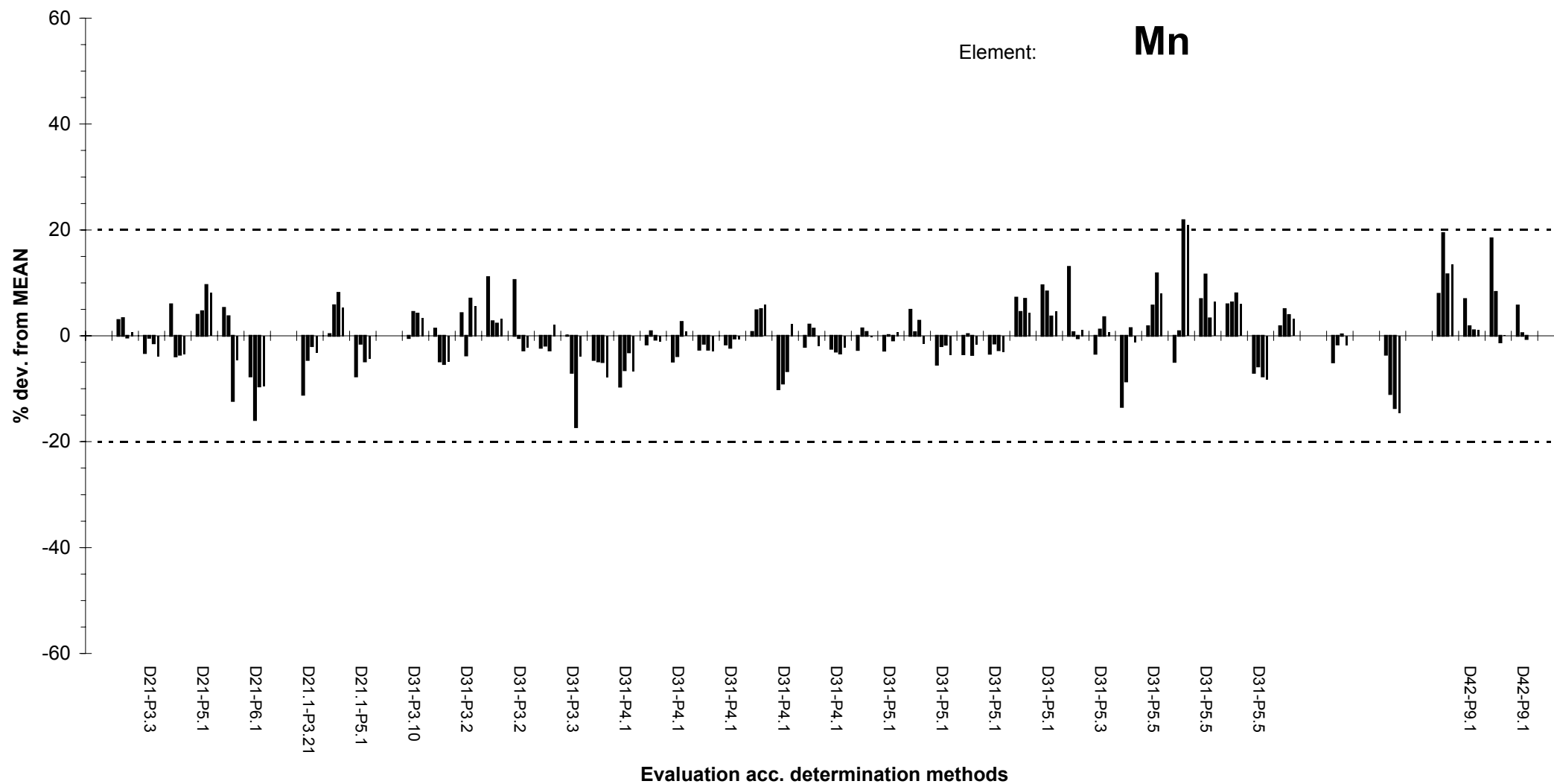


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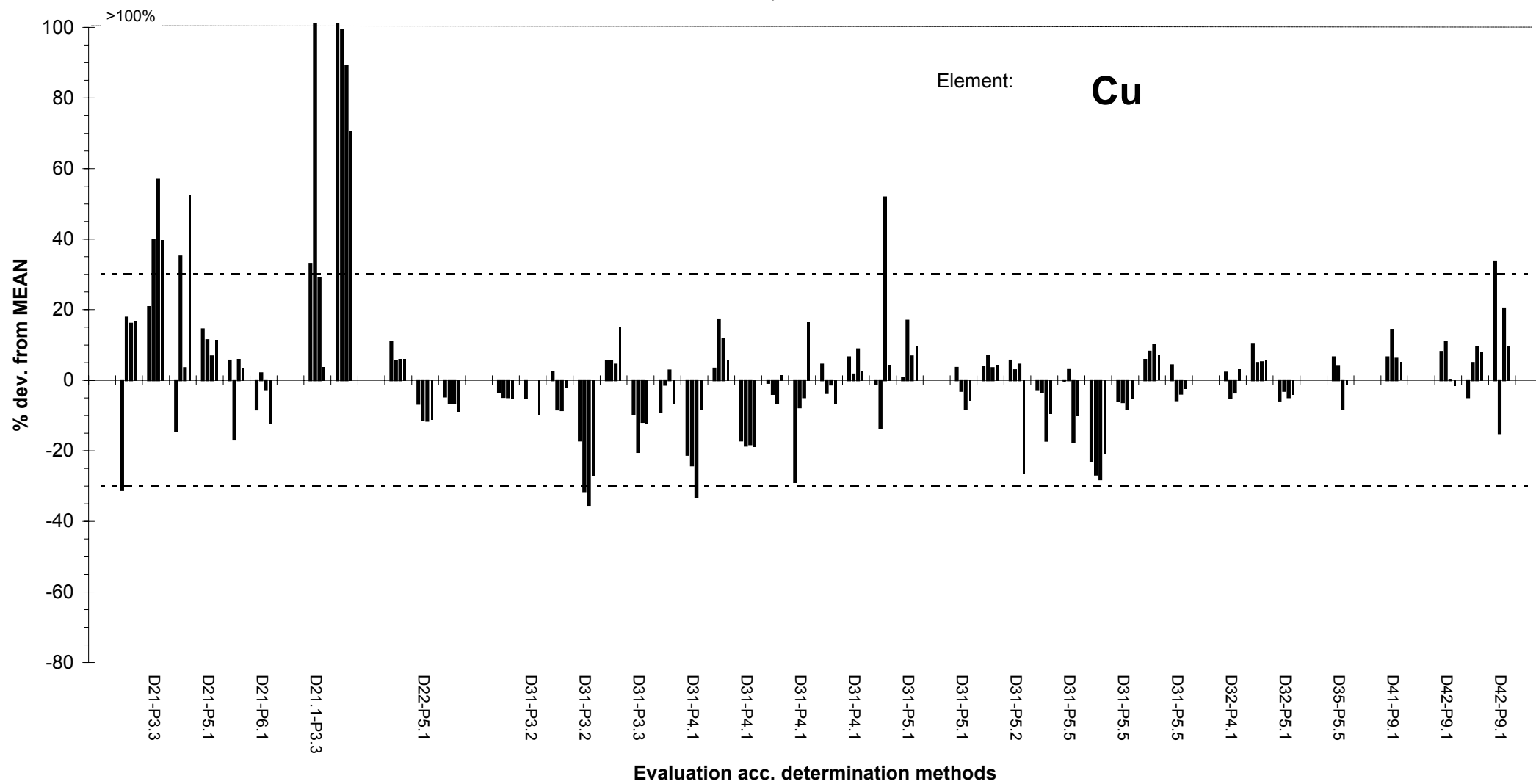
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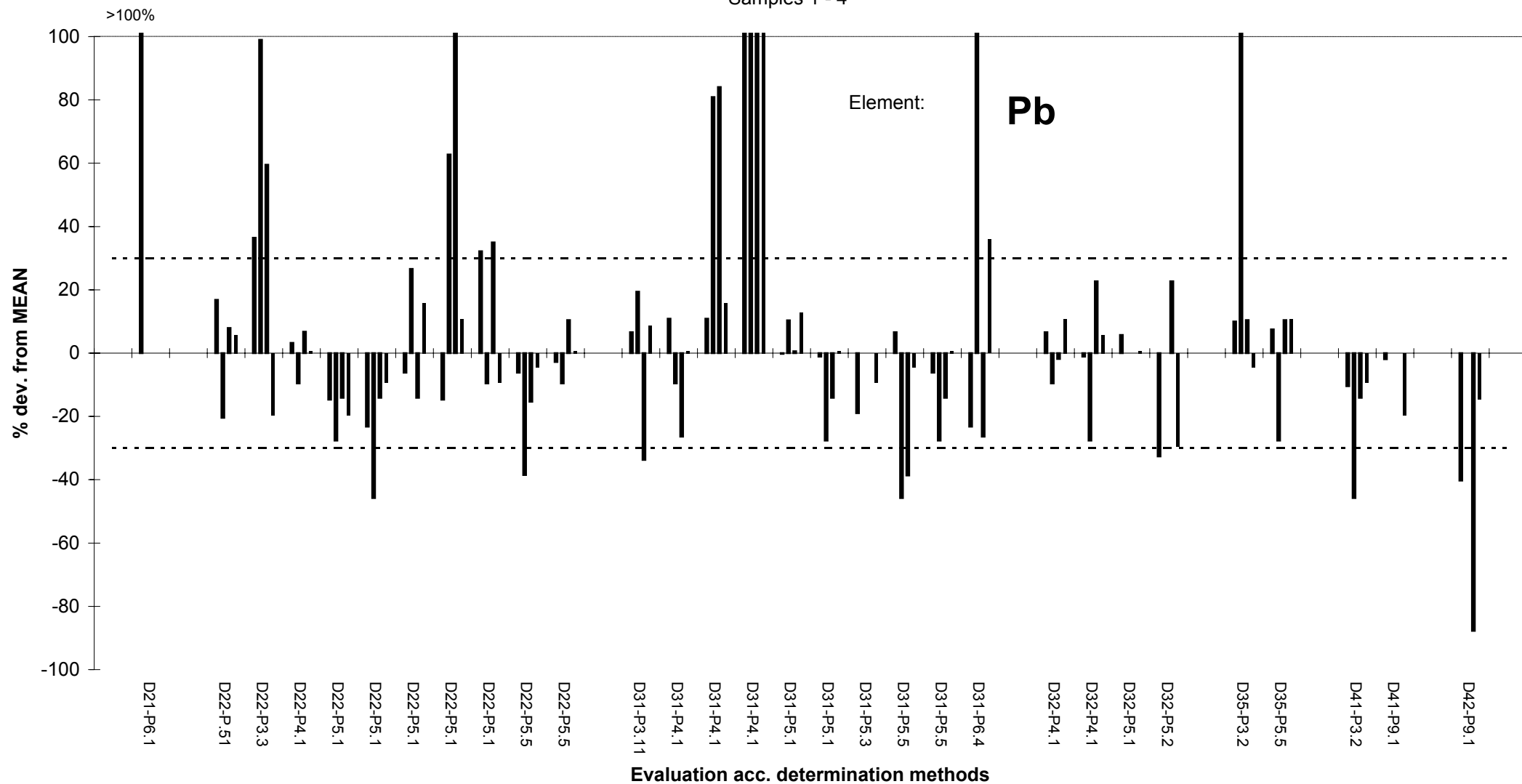
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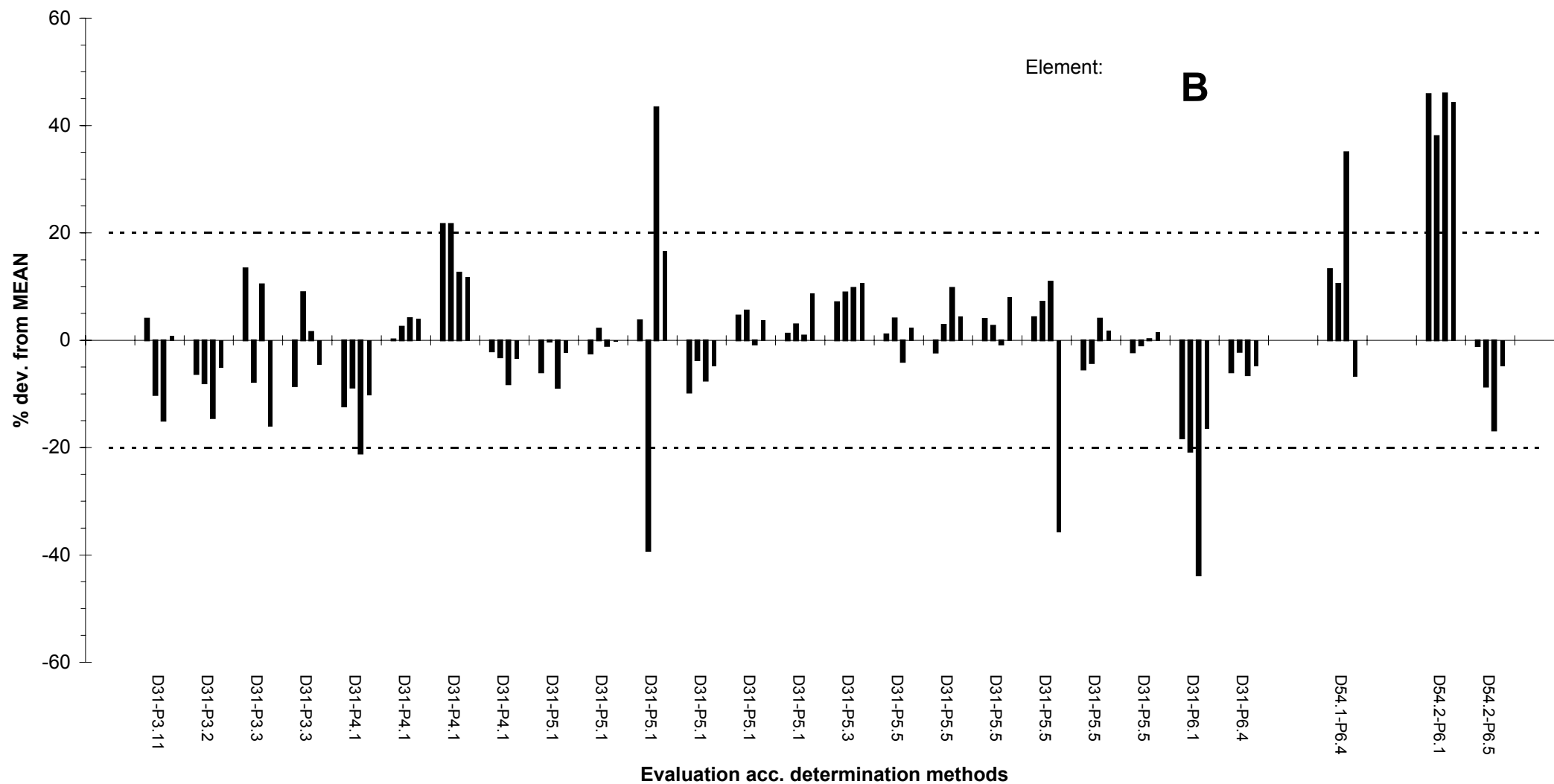


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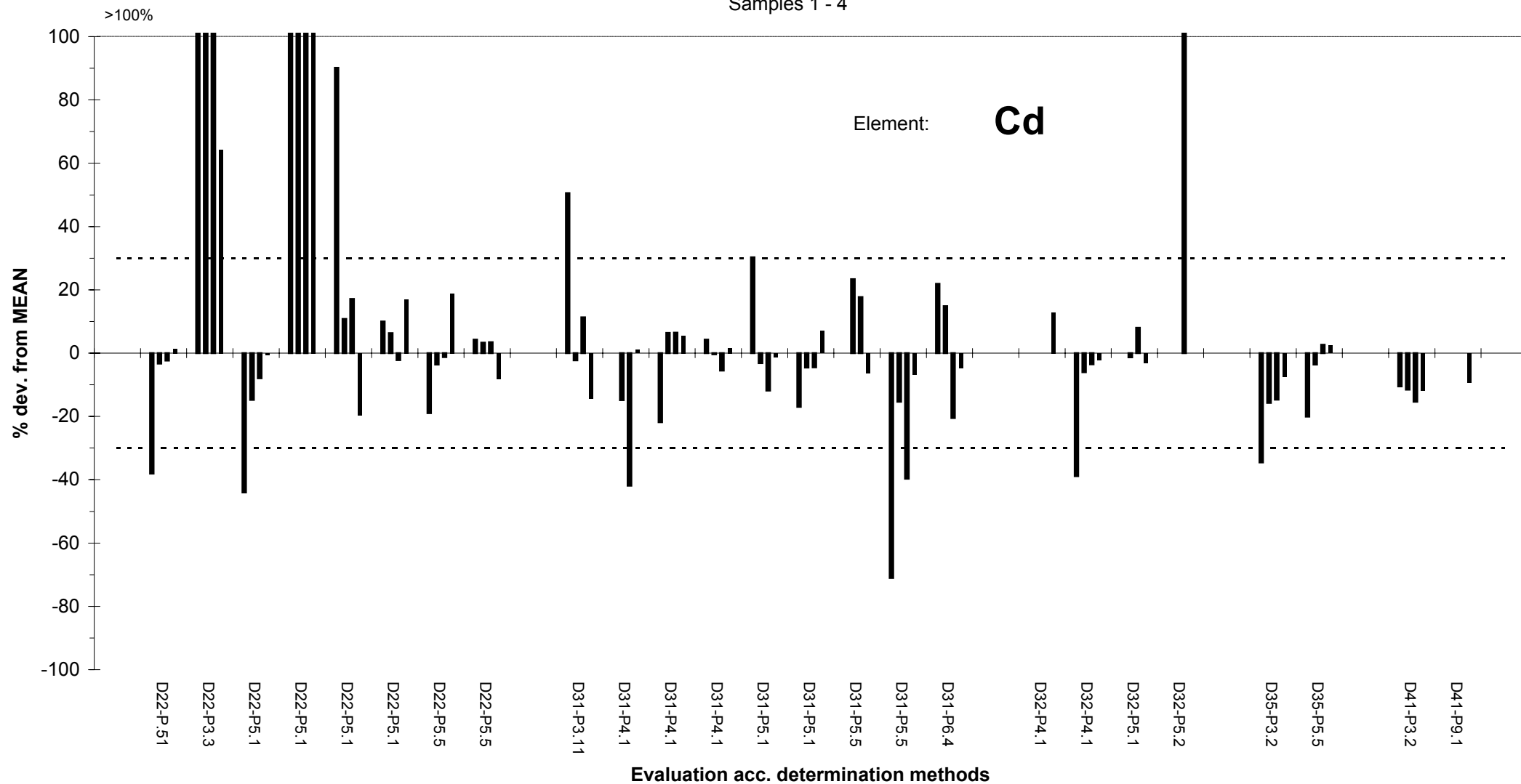
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Element: **Cd**



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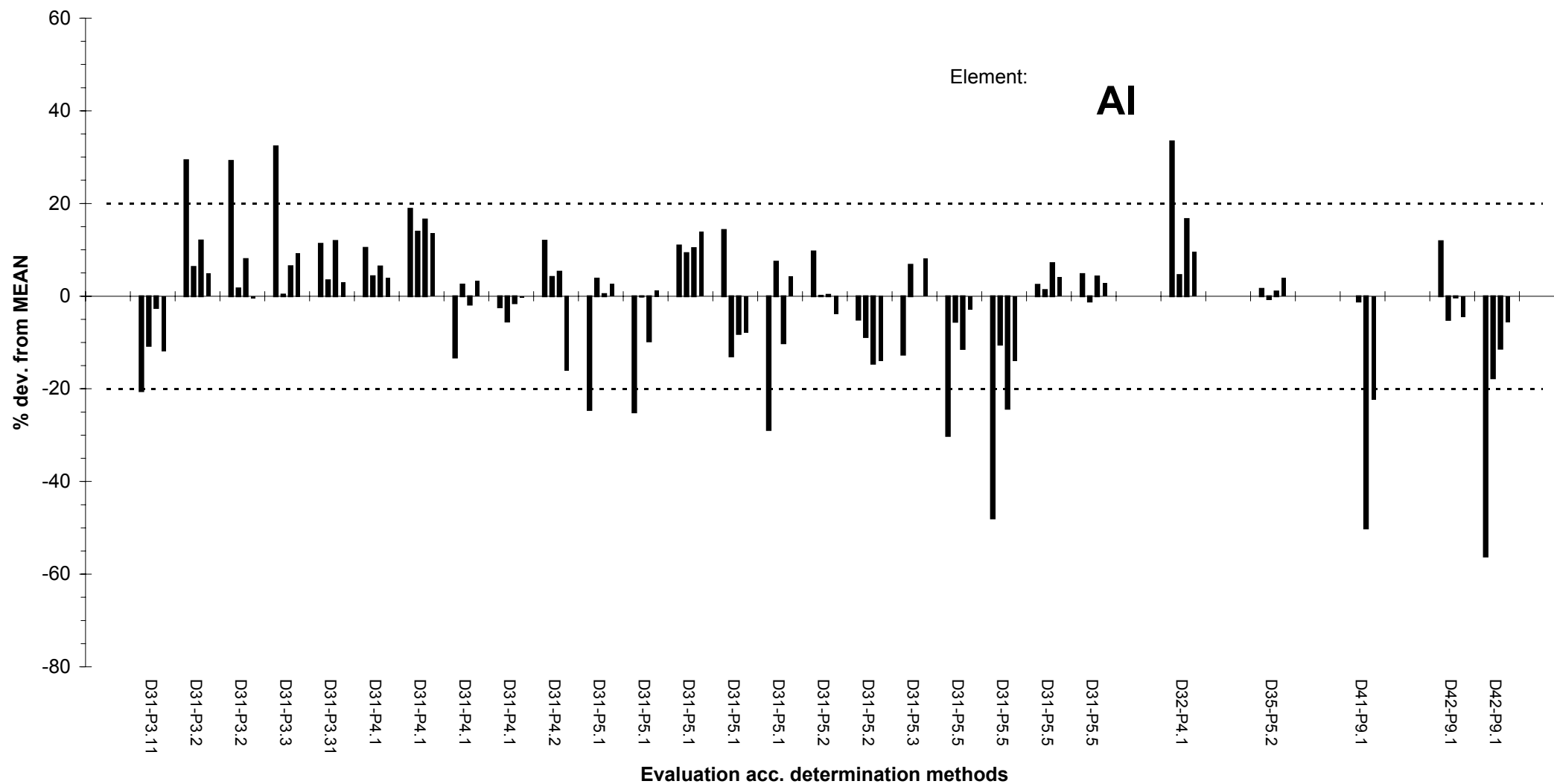
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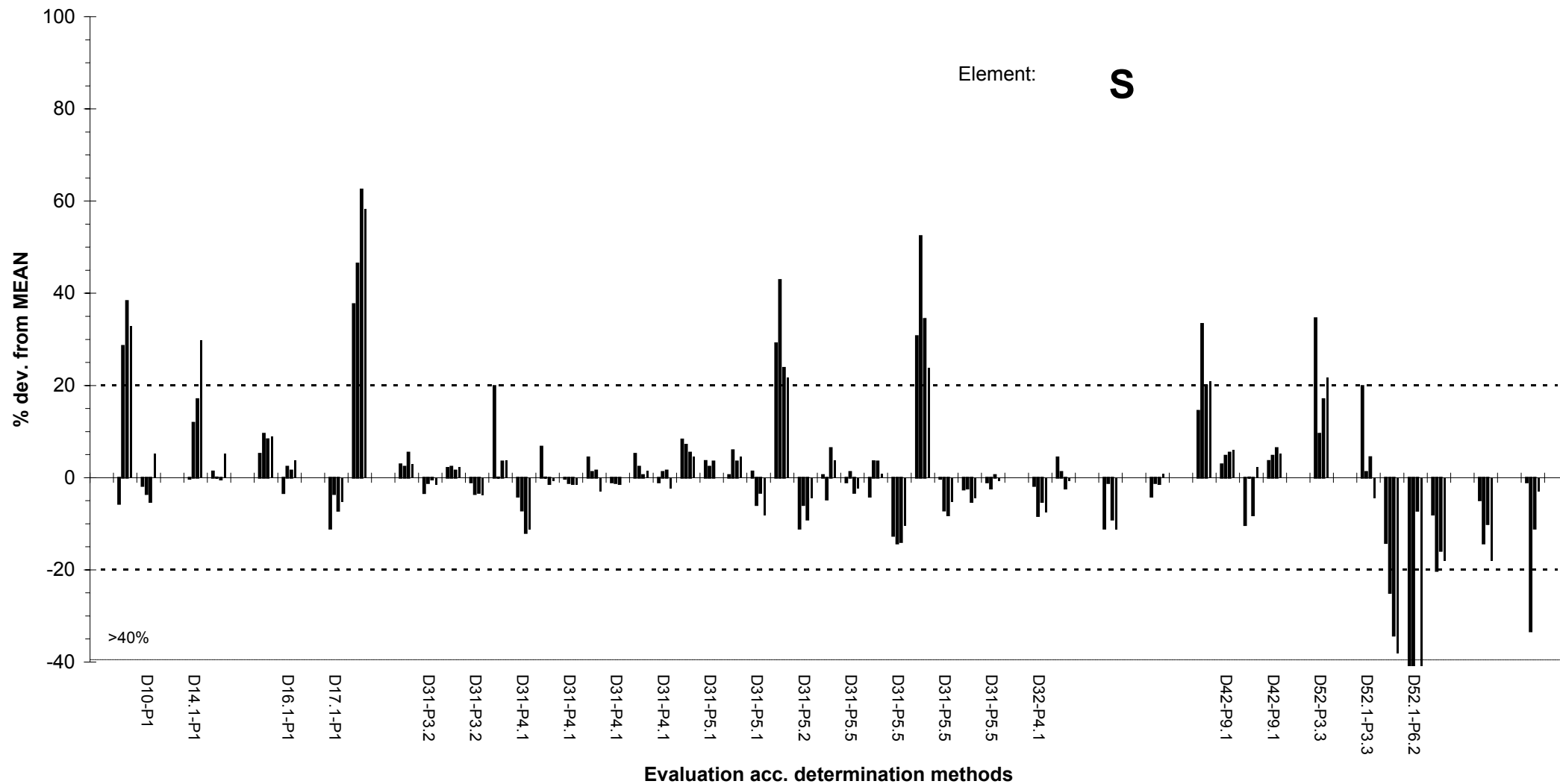


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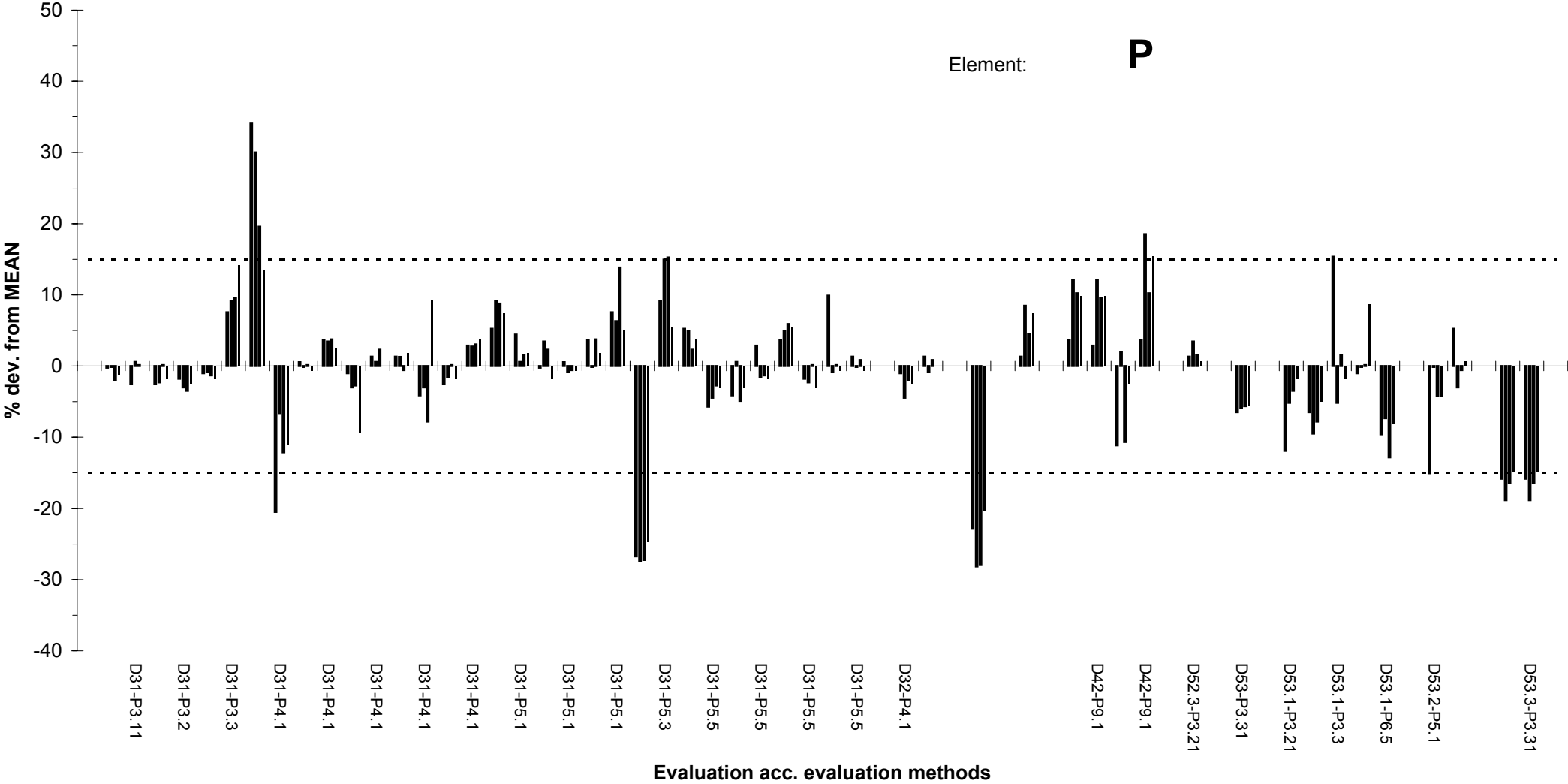
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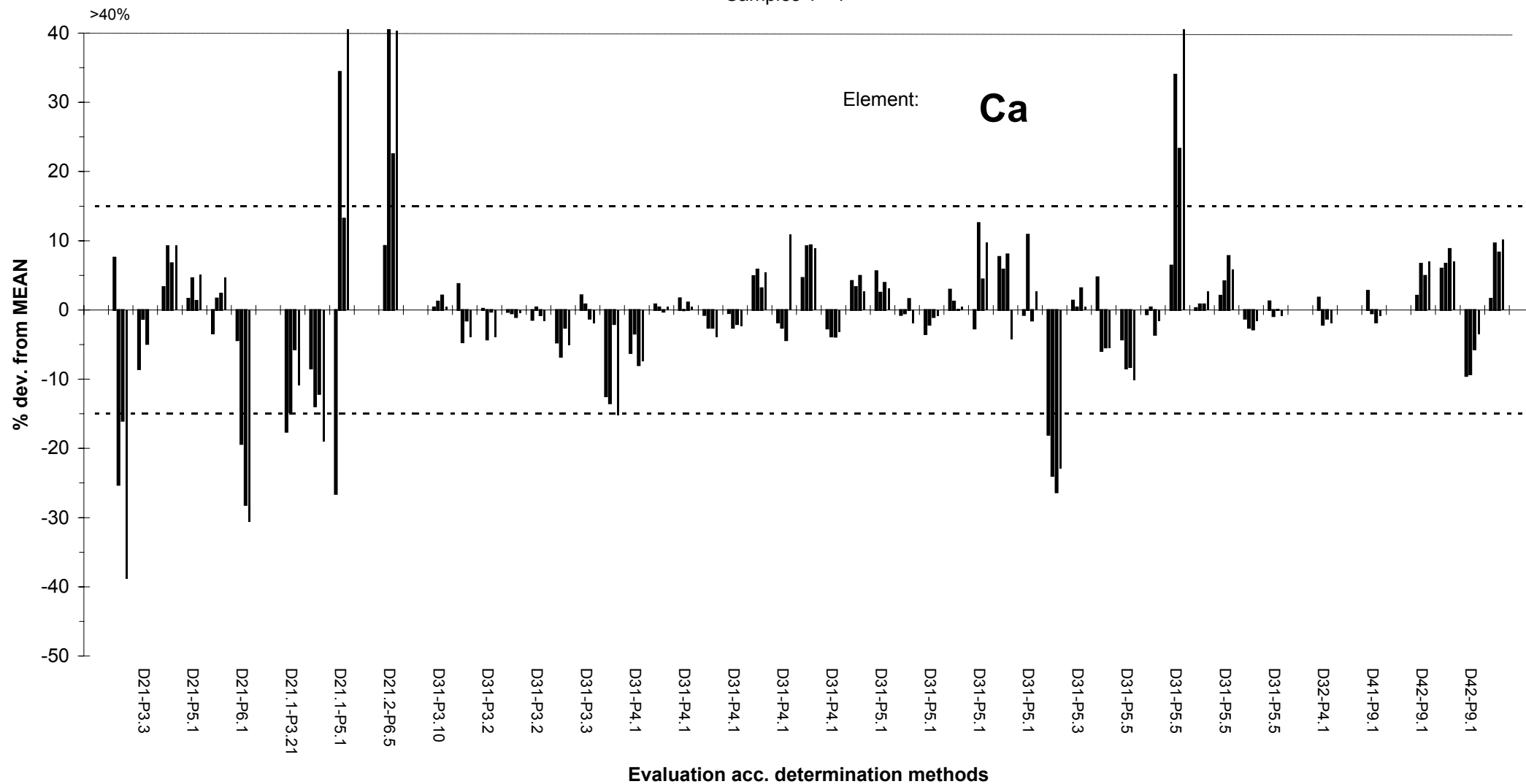
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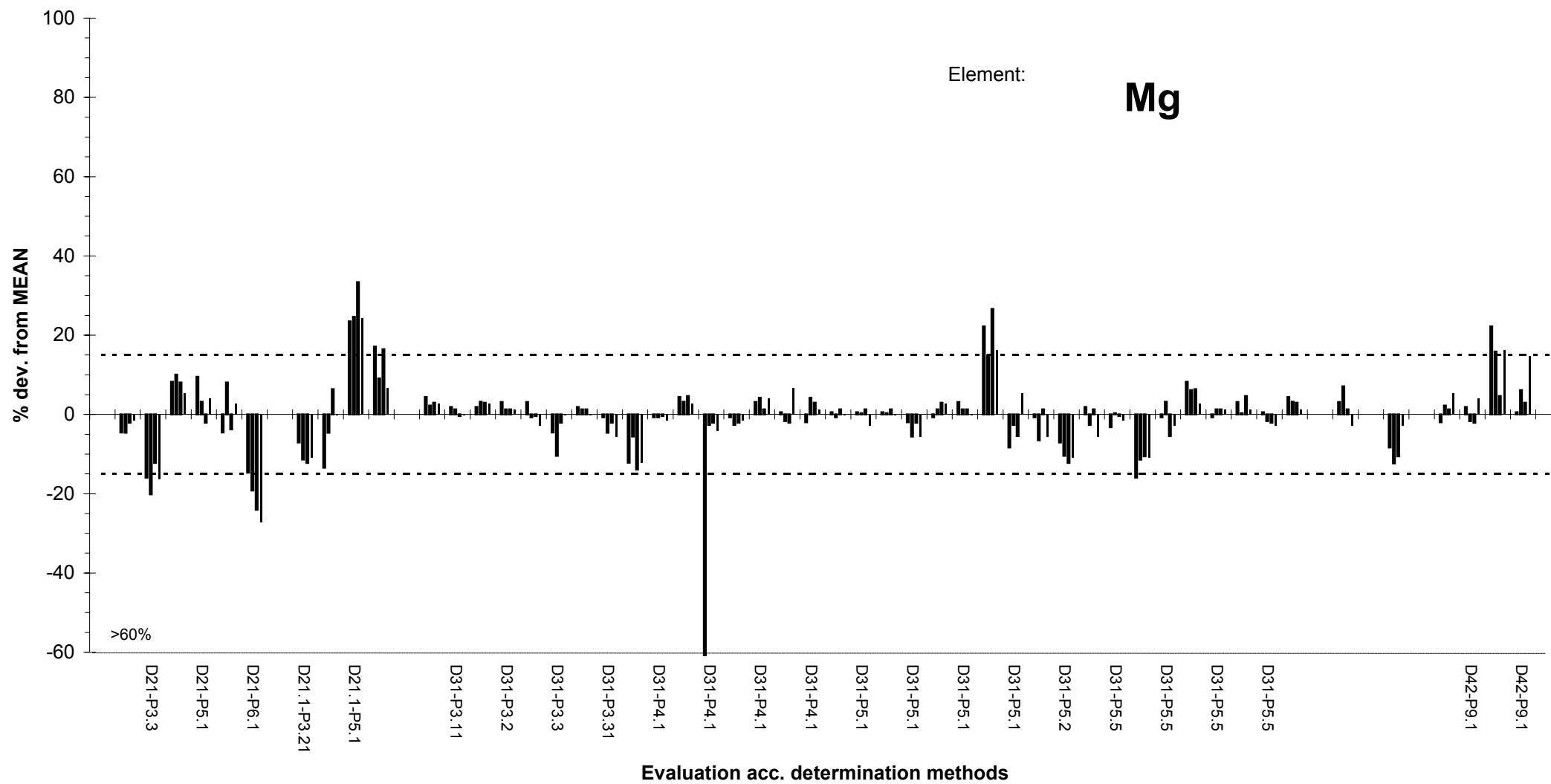


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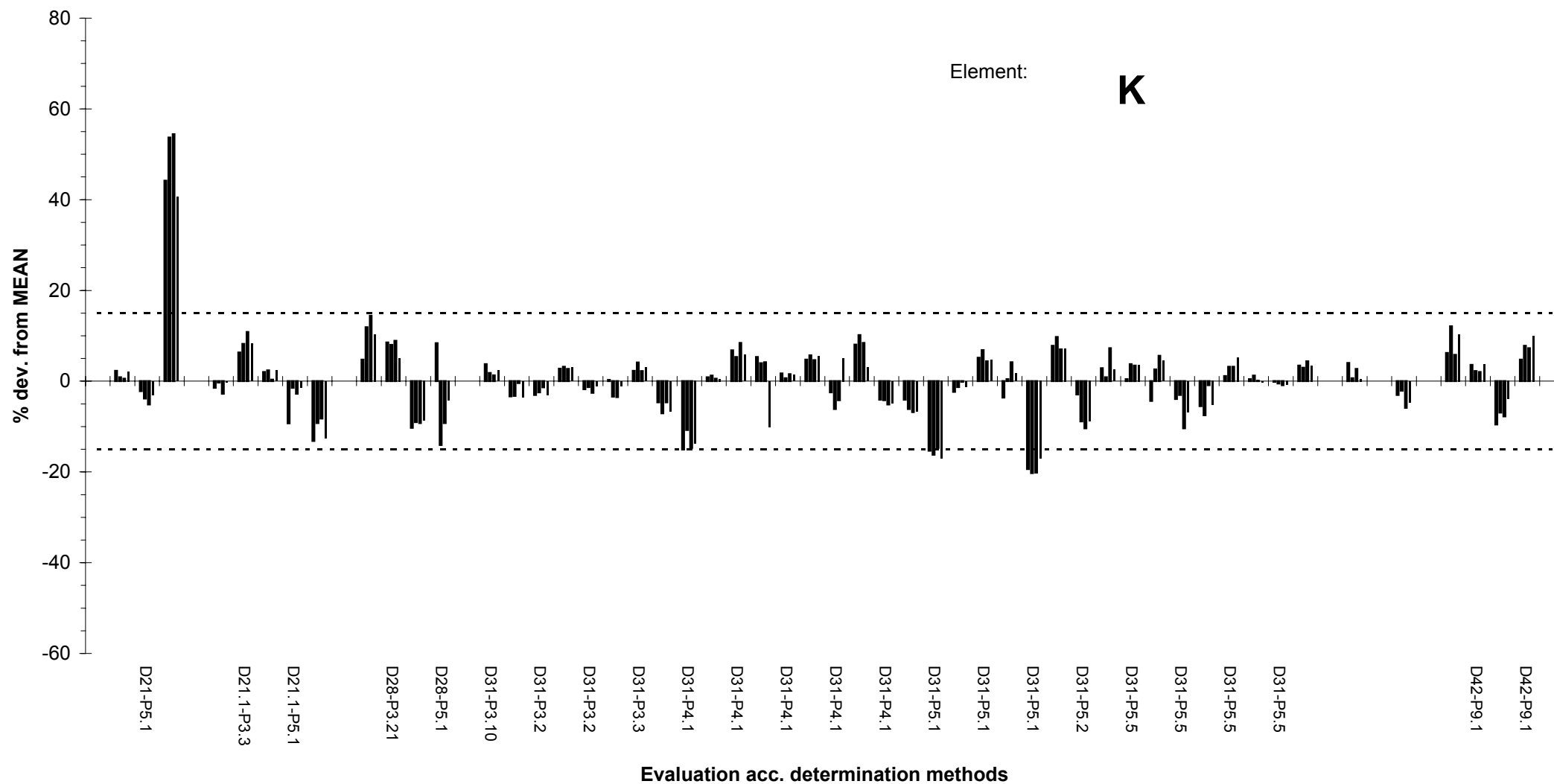
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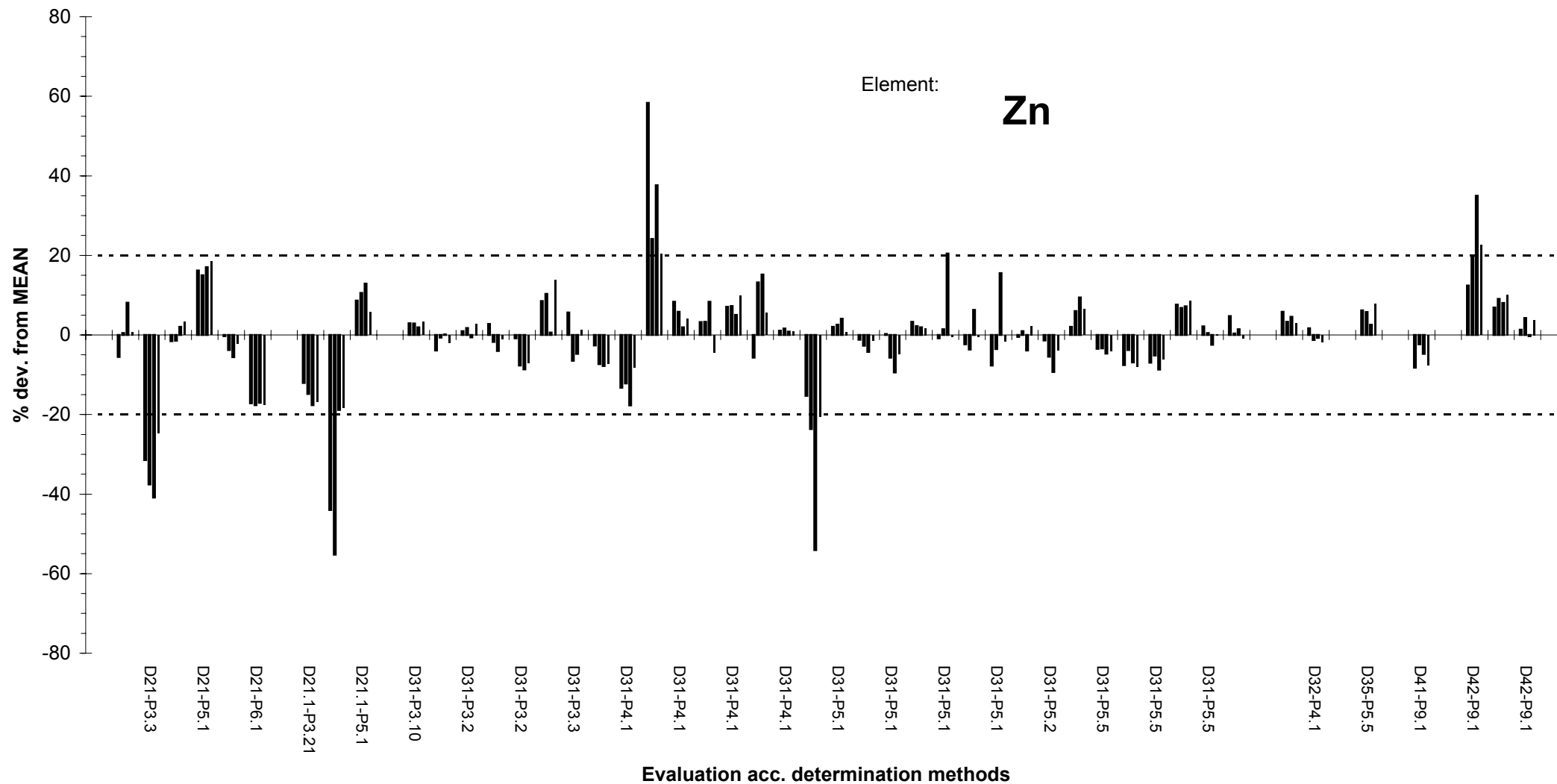


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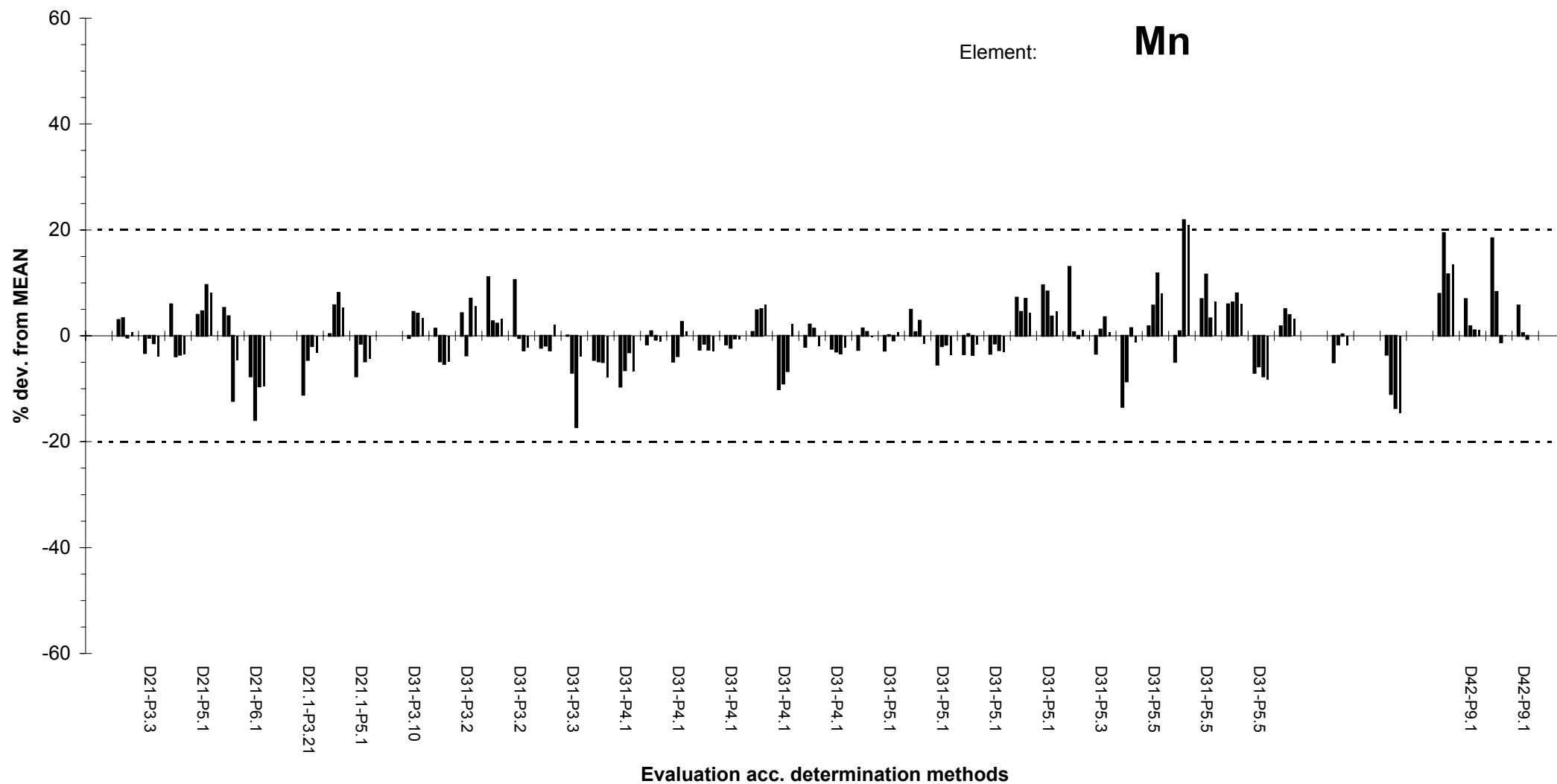


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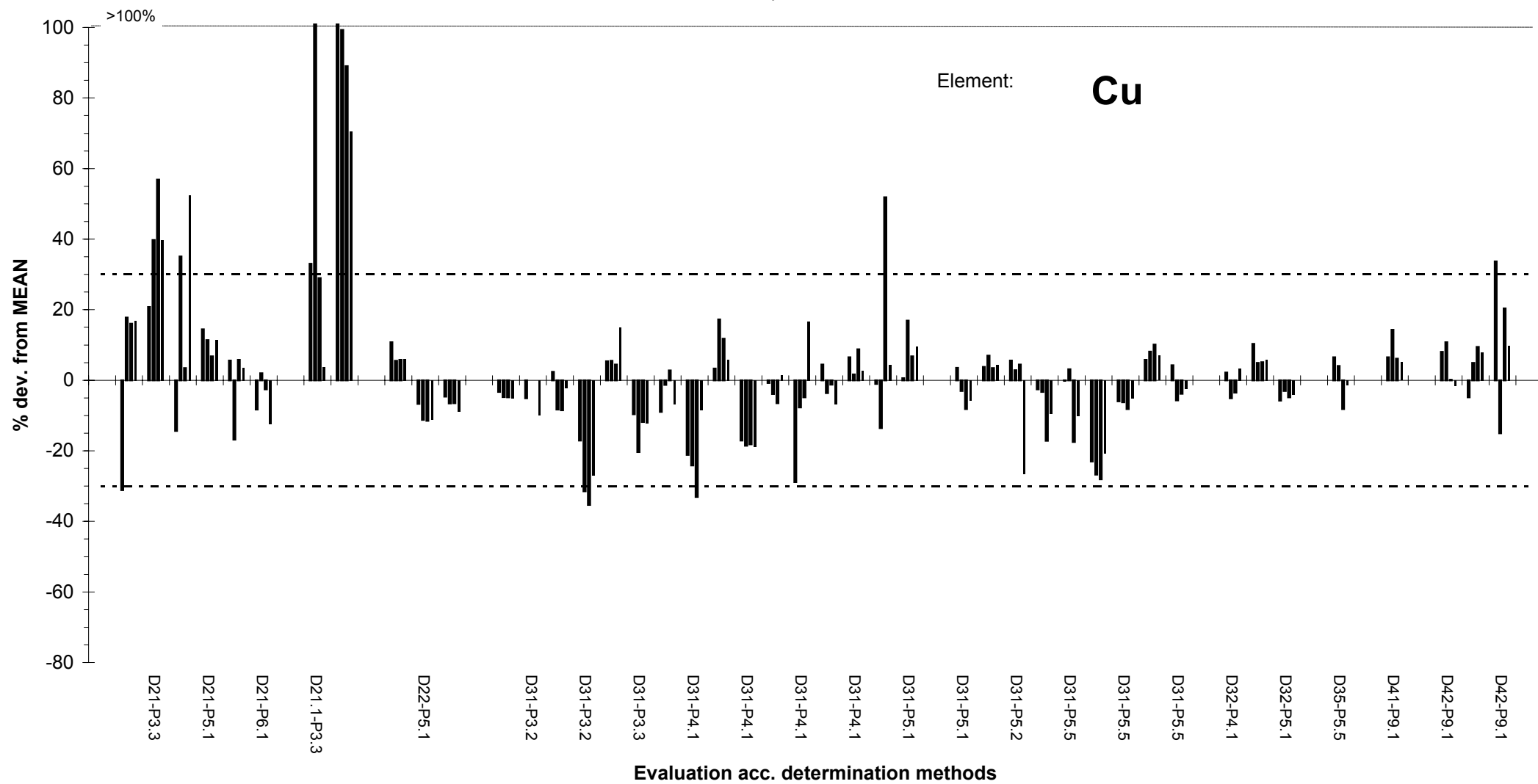
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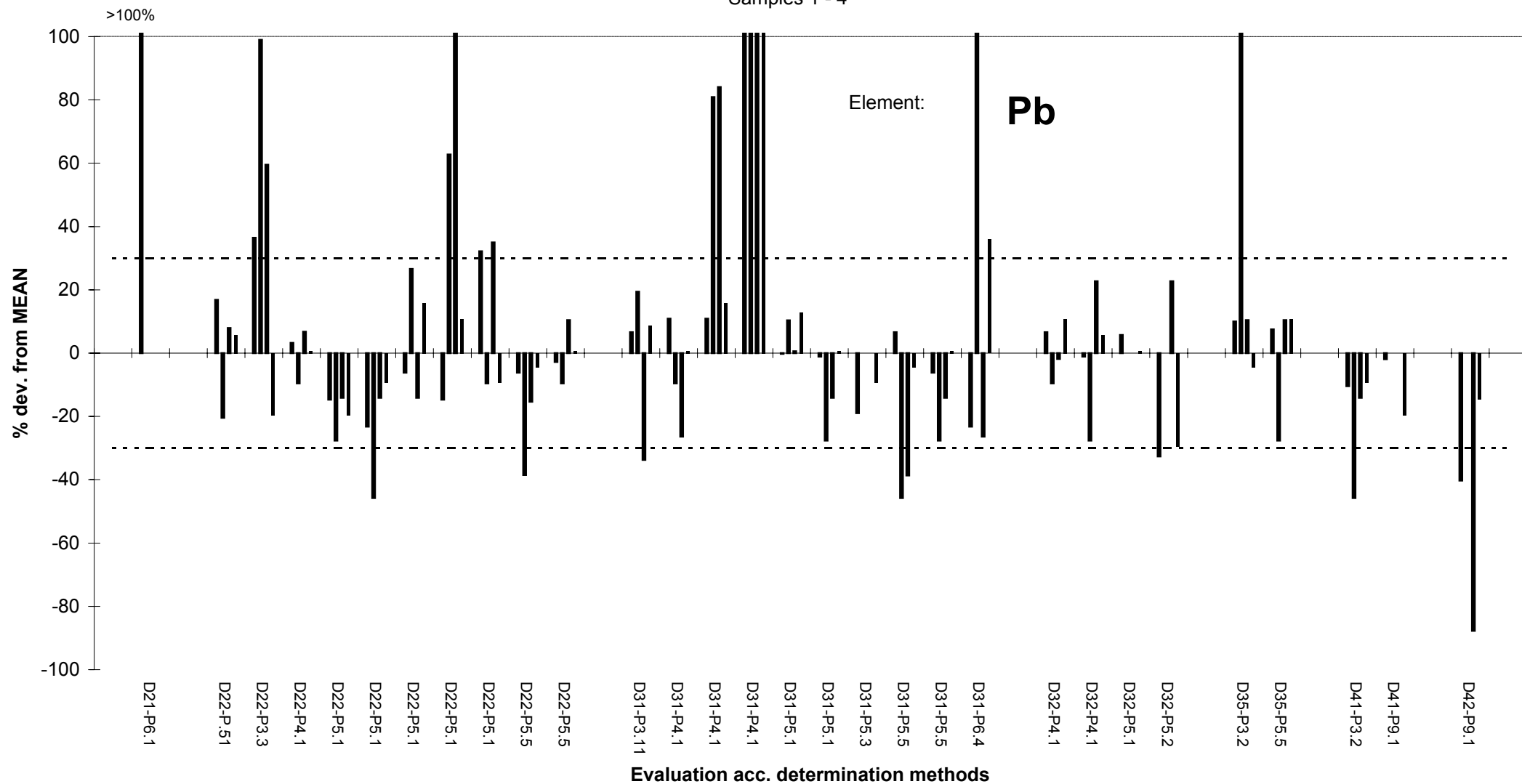
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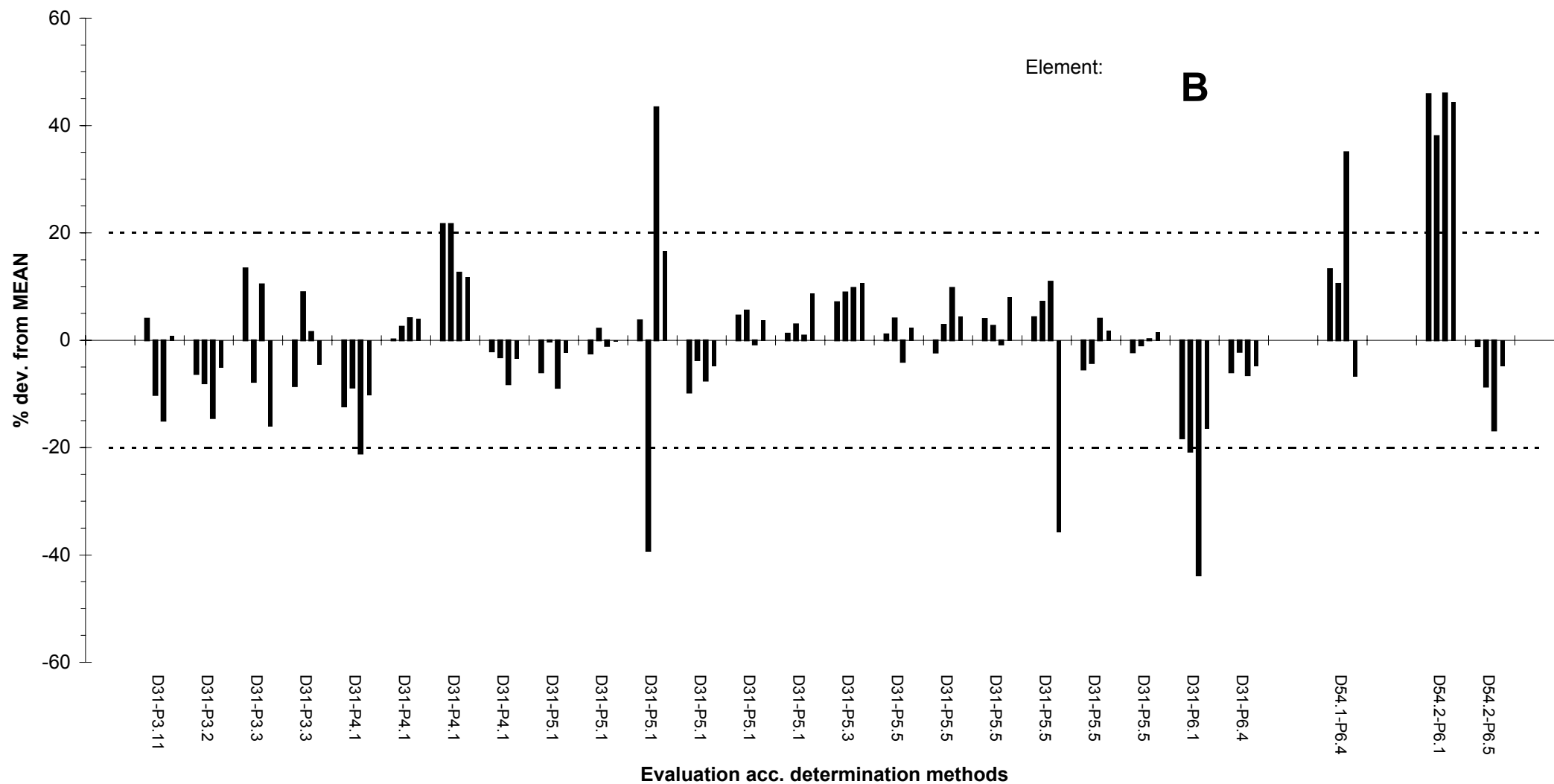


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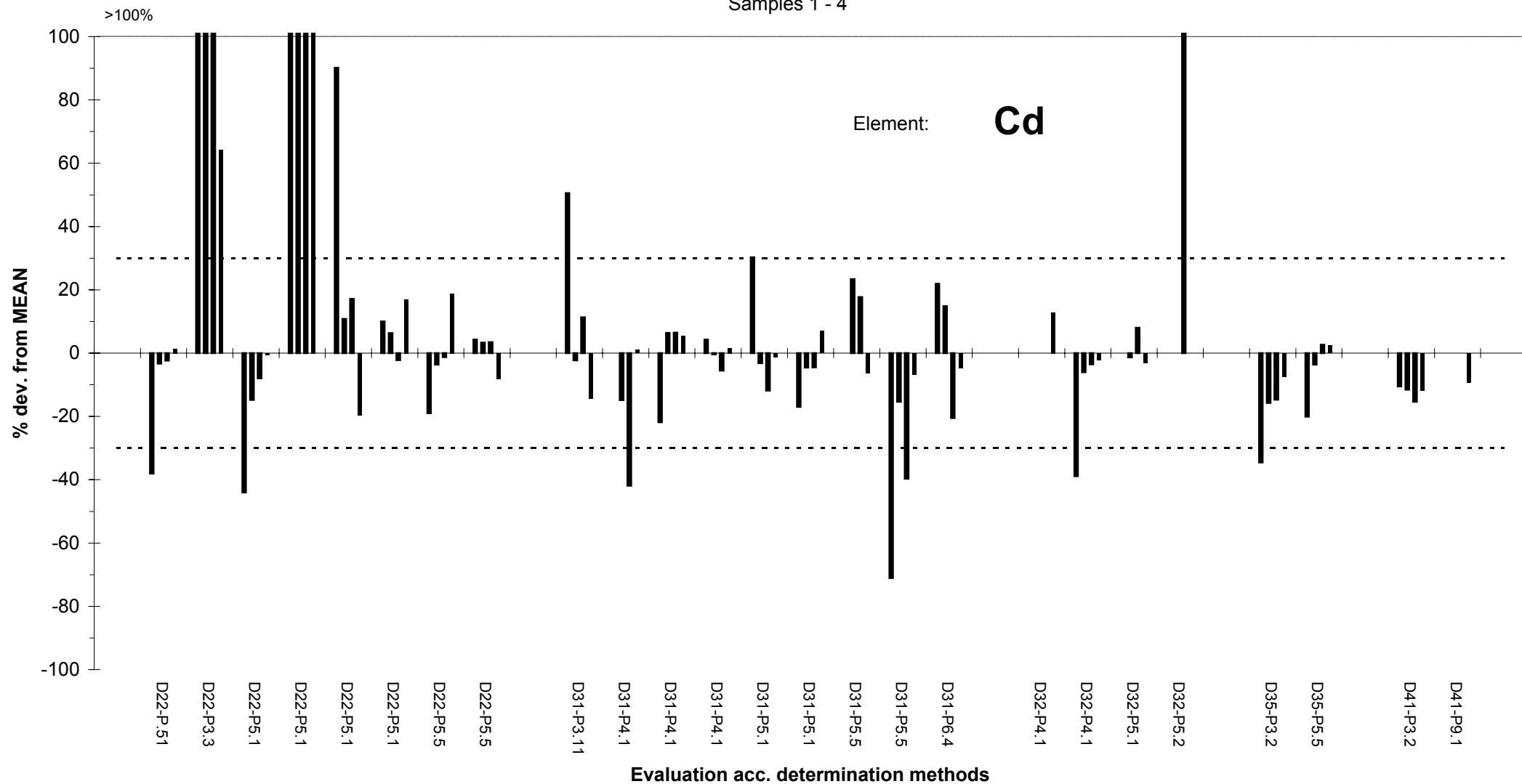


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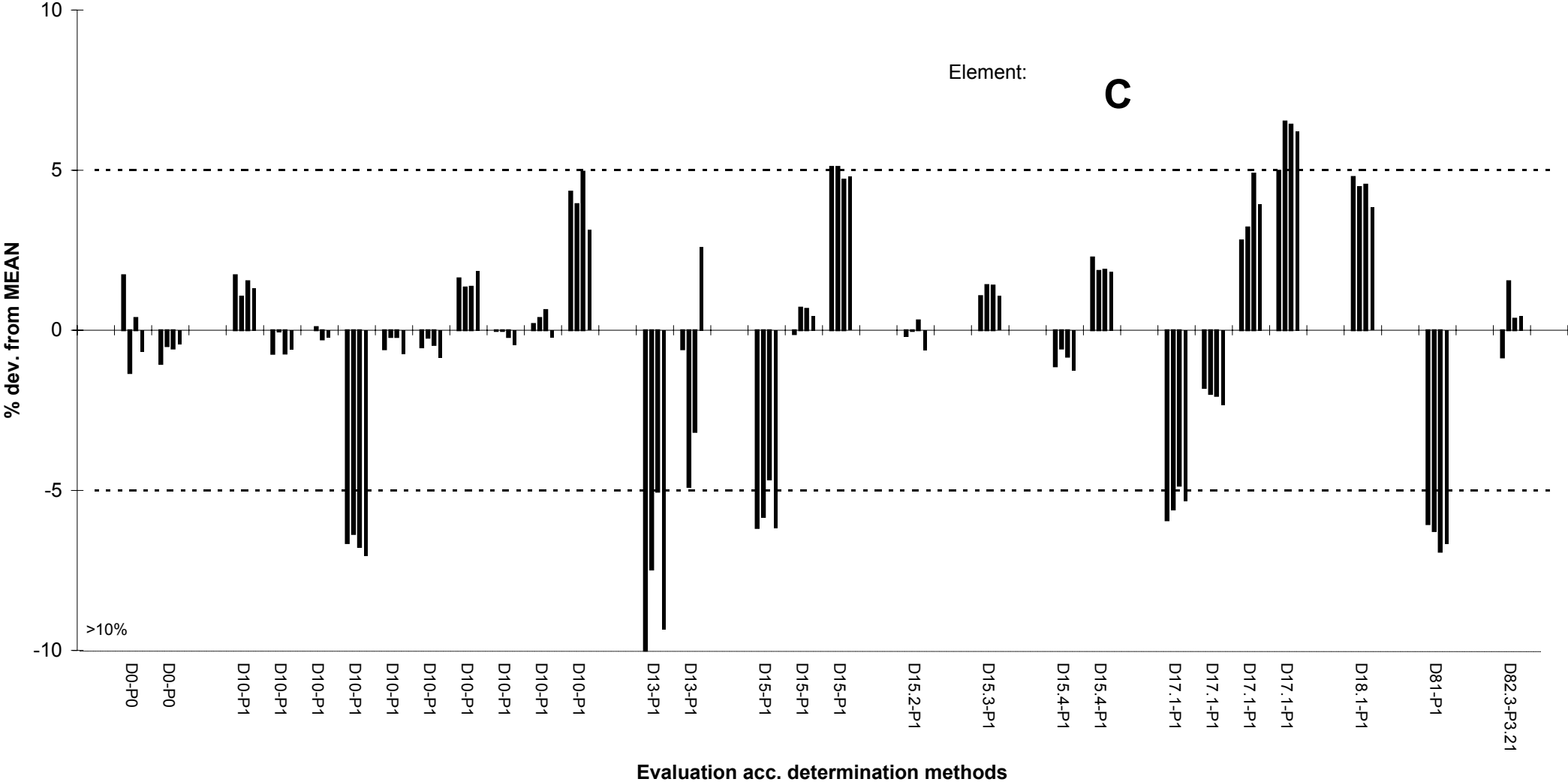
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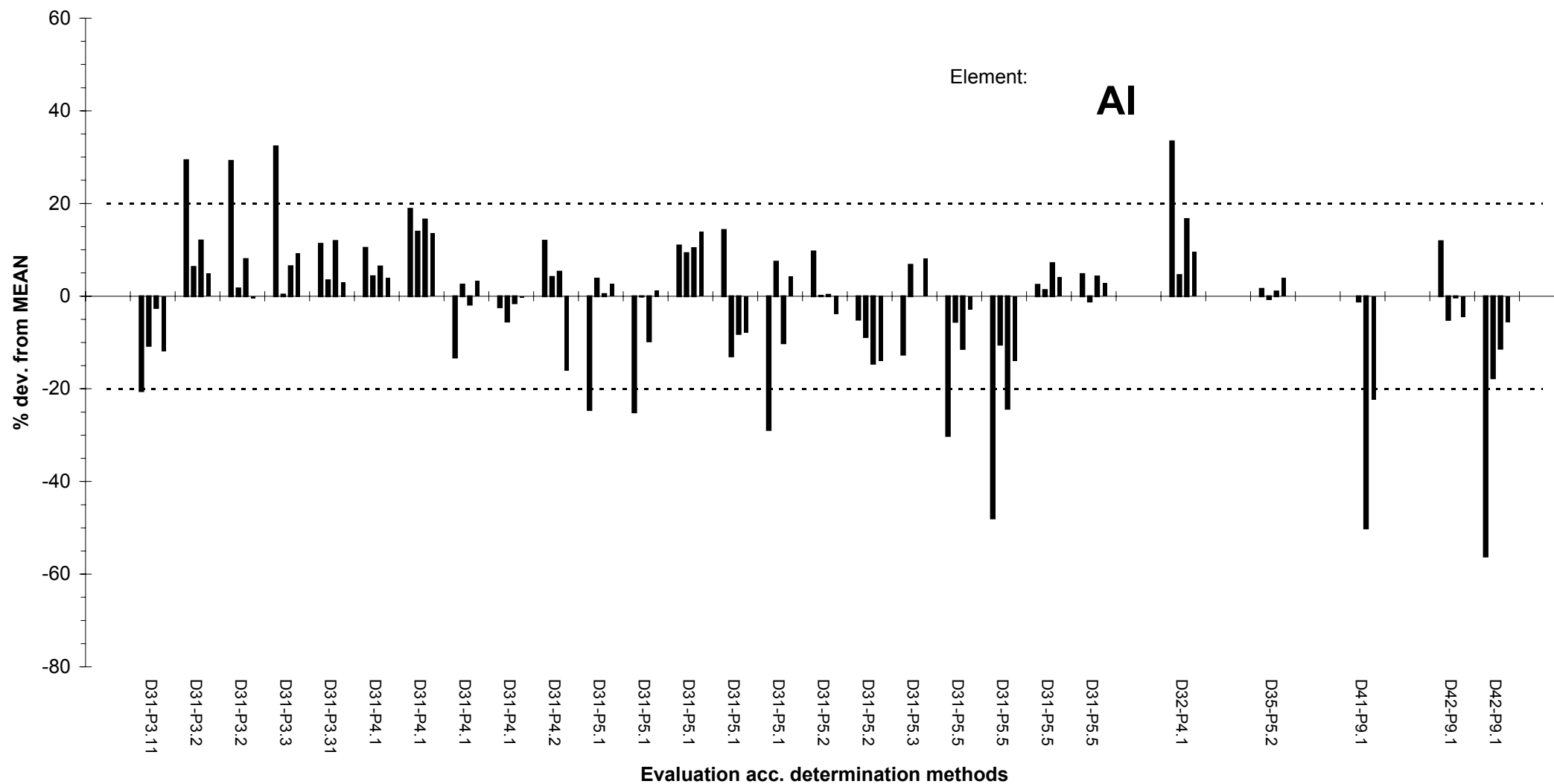
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# AI



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Additional parameters

| Element          | Lab | Methods                               | Sample 1 | Sample 2 | Sample 3 | Sample 4 |
|------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>As (µg/g)</b> | 40  | P5.8-D31                              | 0,83     | 0,61     | 0,43     | 0,31     |
| <b>Ba (µg/g)</b> | 4a  | P9.1-D41                              | 85,10    | 3,86     | 7,30     | 3,57     |
|                  | 45  | P5.5-D31                              | 101,00   | 4,40     | 8,30     | 2,30     |
|                  | 50  | P4.1-D31                              | 93,50    | 3,70     | 7,40     | 2,70     |
| <b>Cl (mg/g)</b> | 3   | P3-D82.5                              | 0,42     | 0,26     | 0,53     | 0,61     |
|                  | 4a  | P9.1-D41                              | 0,38     | 0,25     | 0,53     | 0,61     |
|                  | 12  | P2.1-D60                              | 0,48     | 0,28     | 0,56     | 0,62     |
|                  | 38a | P9.1-D42                              | 0,40     | 0,27     | 0,57     | 0,64     |
|                  | 48  | P2.2-D82.5                            | 0,42     | 0,27     | 0,56     | 0,63     |
|                  | 55a | P9.1-D42                              | 0,45     | 0,30     | 0,57     | 0,62     |
| <b>Co (µg/g)</b> | 16  | P5.5-D31                              | <0,01    | 0,11     | 0,13     | 0,58     |
|                  | 44  | P4.1-D32                              | 0,25     | 0,26     | 0,25     | 0,71     |
|                  | 45  | P5.5-D31                              | 0,09     | 0,16     | 0,13     | 0,63     |
|                  | 50  | P4.1-D31                              | < 0,05   | 0,12     | 0,12     | 0,55     |
| <b>Cr (µg/g)</b> | 4a  | P9.1-D41                              | 5,2      | 6,2      | 2,8      | 4,8      |
|                  | 16  | P5.5-D31                              | 3,39     | 6,46     | 2,88     | 4,78     |
|                  | 45  | P5.5-D31                              | 4,3      | 7,80     | 3,40     | 5,70     |
|                  | 44  | P4.1-D32                              | 4,25     | 6,66     | 3,20     | 5,26     |
|                  | 45  | P5.2-D31                              | 4,77     | 6,33     | 2,87     | 4,87     |
|                  | 50  | P4.1-D31                              | 3,77     | 5,66     | 2,86     | 4,66     |
| <b>F (µg/g)</b>  | 3   | P7.1-D72.1                            | 6,60     | 3,30     | 4,30     | 4,60     |
| <b>Hg (ng/g)</b> | 25  | Hg-Analyzer<br>Altec Ama 254<br>P7-22 | 55,60    | 13,60    | 66,20    | 47,70    |
|                  | 46  | AMA Leco                              | 53,17    | 13,57    | 65,01    | 47,57    |
| <b>Mo (µg/g)</b> | 16  | P5.5-D31                              | 0,17     | 0,23     | <0,15    | 0,19     |
|                  | 40  | P5.8-D31                              | 0,16     | 0,08     | 0,13     | 0,09     |
|                  | 50  | P4.1-D31                              | 0,32     | < 0,25   | < 0,25   | < 0,25   |
| <b>Ni (µg/g)</b> | 4a  | P9.1-D41                              | 1,30     | 4,40     | 4,20     | 5,20     |
|                  | 18  | P3.11-D31                             | 1,61     | 3,71     | 3,47     | 4,59     |
|                  | 44  | P4.1-D32                              | 1,70     | 4,36     | 3,97     | 5,33     |
|                  | 44  | P4.1-D32                              | 2,20     | 5,10     | 4,30     | 5,30     |
|                  | 45  | P5.2-D31                              | 1,67     | 4,58     | 3,79     | 5,05     |
|                  | 50  | P4.1-D31                              | 1,45     | 4,31     | 3,67     | 4,76     |
| <b>Rb (µg/g)</b> | 4a  | P9.1-D41                              | 1,60     | 33,90    | 21,70    | 13,40    |
| <b>Si (mg/g)</b> | 4a  | P9.1-D41                              | 6,27     | 0,48     | 3,04     | 0,88     |
|                  | 40  | P5.8-D31                              | 1,61     | 0,21     | 1,65     | 0,68     |
|                  | 55a | P9.1-D42                              | 5,27     | 0,42     | 2,82     | 0,81     |

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| <b>Sr (µg/g)</b> | 4a  | P9.1-D41 | 74,10 | 4,70 | 4,30 | 4,00 |
|                  | 38a | P9.1-D42 | 76,70 | 5,70 | 5,30 | 4,60 |
|                  | 44  | P4.1-D32 | 76,70 | 4,70 | 4,10 | 3,60 |

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| <b>Ti (µg/g)</b> | 44 | P4.1-D32 | 4,70 | 2,20 | 3,10 | 2,60 |
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| <b>Dry mass</b>   |    |     |       |       |       |       |
| <b>105° C (%)</b> | 39 | D81 | 93,80 | 94,40 | 94,30 | 93,80 |
|                   | 45 | D81 | 94,23 | 93,90 | 94,68 | 94,05 |