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Brazilian Fellow Tours Georgia with IEI Alumni

Mariane Bueno de Camargo (Brazil) traveled to Georgia for 12 days of conference and forestry meetings. She started her trip down south in Atlanta, where she participated in the Panel and Engineered Lumber International Conference. Hot topics included green building, California's new emission regulations, and impacts of changing forest ownership.

Mari then traveled to coastal Savannah to meet Gail Lutowski, whom she met at the 2007 International Educators Institute. Gail arranged several forest field tours and visits with manufacturers, including Claude Lumber and Weyerhaeuser. "It was wonderful to see companies working with native species and all the associated wildlife such as woodpeckers, salamanders, and snakes," said Mari.

Gail also arranged for Mari to speak to the Society of

American Foresters and a group of young women interested in science professions. Mari sends her appreciation to Gail for the warm welcome into southern hospitality. "I enjoyed everything...the different style of people, and food, especially barbecue and grits for breakfast," she said.

The trip ended in Athens, home of the University of Georgia. Professor Bob Izlar hosted Mari in his home, and meetings with faculty led to discussions on biofuels technologies and business operations. Also in Athens, Drew Marczak of Plum Creek Timber toured Mari around Loblolly and Slash pine plantations, the native Georgian species that are the primary plantation species where Mari works in southern Brazil. "We have more favorable conditions for growing these species, with much higher growth rates," explained Mari. "But



Gail and Mari in Savannah. Gail works at UGA's Warnell Forest Education Center conducting forest educational programs.

we have many of the same forest health concerns."

Mari was amazed at the similar issues in the two countries. "From legislation concerns to forest health issues, our two countries face the same problems," she said. "My experience in the Pacific Northwest and the South was so different but so important for understanding the US. Comparing these with Brazil, I found that in all places we have problems and successes—we just speak differently!"



Left: Bill Mathis (Claude Howard Lumber), Mari, and Todd Mullis (Weyerhaeuser). Center: A Plum Creek plantation with Joelle and Drew Marczak. Right Bob Izlar in a hardwood stand at the University of Georgia.

Recent Events



Namgon (Korea) and Linsen (China) examine the finished product at Georgia-Pacific's Philomath sawmill.



Wilsonville city planners toured Fellows around Villebois, a development which will house 7,000 new residents. Plans include creating new urban forest cover and preserving existing trees.



Fellows visited Starker Forests during the University Educators in Natural Resources conference at Oregon State.



Mari (Brazil) and Min (China) tried out this forklift and many other new machines at the Wood Technology Clinic.

WFI Welcomes First Fellow from Shanghai, Min Zhao

In February WFI welcomed Dr. Min Zhao from China for a twelve month Fellowship. Min is sponsored by her employer, Shanghai Normal University, where she teaches and researches.

During her Fellowship Min will be exploring how to evaluate urban forest functions. "Urban forests play an important role in building a beautiful environment for



Min's husband is also a professor who studies climate change issues at the East China Sea Monitoring Centre. Here they traveled up the Yangtze river in Yunnan Province.

people, and urban trees contribute significantly to environmental quality and human health," says Min. "Unfortunately, little is known about the urban forest resource and what it contributes to the local and regional society and economy, especially in Chinese cities." Min will spend her Fellowship examining the feasibility of using US-developed models to quantify urban forest effects. She hopes that these models will allow her to estimate urban forest carbon sequestration and impacts on air quality.

Besides learning to run the available models, Min will broaden her knowledge about US urban forest management during her Fellowship. She will spend time interviewing professional urban foresters, visiting urban forests and research sites, and attending conferences.



Min completed her Ph.D. thesis on Chinese forest carbon storage and carbon balance, which required fieldwork in a variety of ecosystems. Here Min stands at one study site on Shanghai Chongming island.

This is Min's first time outside of China, and she is excitedly experiencing all that Oregon has to offer. "Oregon is a good place, with many green trees and many natural forests," says Min. "I especially like that American people are very nice and they like to communicate with me."

International Builders' Show Presents New Home Products

Korean Fellow Namgon Kwag traveled to Orlando, Florida, to attend the International Builders show along with 92,000 other industry professionals and colleagues from Eagon's Seattle office. The show is so large that it took three days to see, even though this year's show was smaller due to the slow housing market.

Exhibitors represented all sectors of the building industry, from lumber to appliances to tools. Textiles such as carpet and rugs were the largest exhibitors. Namgon was searching for new products to introduce to the Korean market, and found several items with

potential. He was impressed by spray foam insulation, radiant heating systems using electric wires, and outdoor composite decking. He noticed that the trend this year is for all products to be marketed as "green," and the show even designated one day "green day."

Taking advantage of Orlando's location, Namgon's wife and two children joined him after the event for a quick vacation to Seaworld, Disney World, Miami Beach, and Key West. The kids loved Snow White and Cinderella, while Namgon and Eunkyoung were enchanted with the beautiful ocean drive to Key West.



Namgon, Eunkyoung, Donghyun, and Dongjun at the Magic Kingdom.

Fellows Collaborate with University of Washington

Fellows Linzen Zhao and Min Zhao, both urban forestry professionals from China, visited with Dr. Kathy Wolf at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Wolf is known for her social science research on the human dimensions of urban forestry and urban greening.

Dr. Wolf graciously hosted the Fellows for three days, during which they discussed research, teaching, and projects. They met with graduate students and professors, as well as community members involved in urban planning. One of the most interesting events was meeting with landscape architects working on centennial planning for Seattle's green spaces.

"Seattle is a very beautiful city with well designed and tended urban forest," says Linsen. Heartfelt thanks go to Dr. Wolf for her collaboration.



With twice the population of Portland, Seattle has more of a "big city" feel.



Min and Kathy on the University of Washington campus.

Australians Depart for Warmer Weather Down Under

After one year in Portland, the time arrived for Australian Matthew Pope and his family to return to Tumut, New South Wales.

Matthew's project examined field technologies used to streamline the management of information between the office and field. Matthew visited forest organizations, hardware and software developers, and had the dubious distinction of driving the entire length of the I-5 corridor from Canada to San Diego in the process. "The scale of the forest industry in the US and Canada is hard to fathom for an Australian," said Matt. "Rest assured you do not need to worry about Australia flooding the US market."

Matt has returned to Forests New South Wales to work with radiata pine plantations. "My day-to-day job is so focused that I often don't have time to look around at broader issues in forestry," said Matt. "I think the experiences from this year really



Matthew and Ainsley Pope with sons Will (2) and Keegan (4). The family traveled around the Pacific Northwest in style in a Volkswagen camper van to far reaching places such as Alberta, Canada.

broadened my professional understanding of forestry. I am looking forward to implementing some of the knowledge I gained and sharing my experiences with other forestry colleagues far and wide."

Matt's wife Ainsley is looking forward to beginning

teaching, as she recently completed her education degree. The family is excited to be back in the land of sunshine. Four year old Keegan summed it up best as the family went through customs at the Sydney airport. Upon hearing familiar accents, Keegan exclaimed "these people speak our language!"

Portland State University Intern Joins WFI for Spring

In March WFI welcomed Emily Rabin for a ten week internship. Emily is a senior at Portland State University and will graduate in one year with degrees in marketing and advertising, a minor in Spanish, and an international business certificate. She is originally from Prior Lake, Minnesota, but left seeking a west coast experience and lived in southern California before moving to Portland two years ago.

Emily will be assisting WFI on a variety of projects, including working with the International Educators Institute. She has traveled throughout Europe, Mexico, and Canada and is looking forward to learning from the Fellows about issues in their home countries.

WFI offers internships to college students seeking experience in a non-profit environment, and we are pleased to welcome Emily.



International Educators Alumni will soon hear from Emily as she works

Updates from our Alumni Around the Globe

Jes Munk Hansen (Denmark 1994) recently relocated from Switzerland to Olathe, Kansas, with his American wife Margaret and their three boys, Alexander (10) and twins, Andreas and Nicolas (8). Jes Munk Hansen is the Regional Managing Director of Grundfos' North American sales region. Grundfos is a Danish industrial pump manufacturer with operations around the world, and an annual production of 16 million pumps.
<http://www.grundfos.com/>

Mikko Jääskeläinen (Finland 2001) has just accepted a position as manager of business intelligence at Dynea Oy, in Finland. Dynea Oy is a world-leading supplier of adhesion and surfacing solutions, with operations in more than twenty countries. www.dynea.com

Finnish Alumnus Returns to Visit Pacific Northwest

In February, Jaakko Rantanen (Finland 1997), and his wife Minna, visited the Pacific Northwest during the traditional "Finnish ski vacation" week—apparently snow in Finland was more elusive than in Portland!

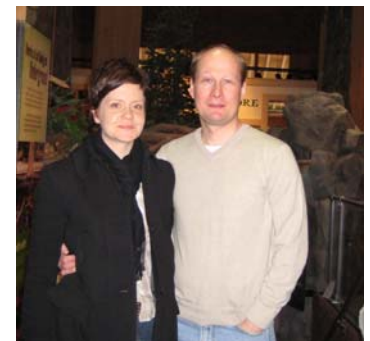
Jaakko is currently an Export Sales Manager at forestry firm UPM-Kymmene, and Minna is a veterinarian. After a visit with relatives in Washington State, Jaakko and Minna headed to Portland for a one week visit, staying at WFI Director Sara Wu's home. Their visit included a stop to see the new World Forestry Center Museum, a delightful

trip to Timberline lodge to remind themselves what snow looked like, and a tepanyaki dinner with Runar Gareyev (Russia 1996), and the Wu family.

Jaakko and Minna then drove south to Lincoln city and Newport and enjoyed the Oregon Coast for two days, blessed with dry, sunny weather. On their way back home, they stopped in Vancouver B.C., where they enjoyed a meal with Guangyu "Jason" Wang (China 1996) and his family. It was a brief, but wonderful opportunity to reunite with old friends from years past.



Minna, Jaakko, and Runar catching up in Portland (above) and at the WFC Discovery Museum (below).



Winter Leaves Familiar Field Sites Covered in Heavy Snow



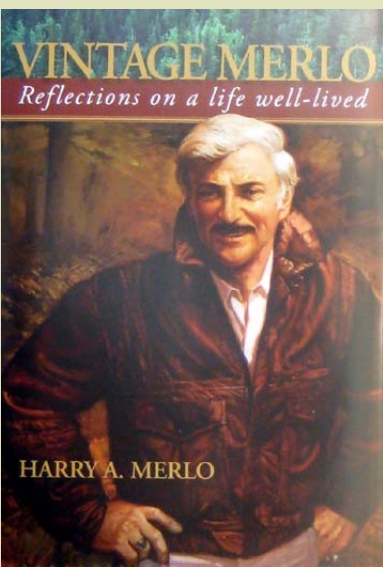
Above: Seol Woong Lee (Korea) in July 2006 at Trillium Lake. Right: Angie stands next to the same dock with the same view, with a bit more snow!



Many alumni traveled to beautiful Trillium Lake on Mount Hood during their time at WFI. Mount Hood towers above the beautiful blue lake, and the cool water are hard to resist on a hot summer day. Program Manager Angie DiSalvo has "lost" many an Australian on tours on sunny days.

Angie snowshoed out to Trillium lake in March for a winter view. This year the Cascade Range has seen an above average snowpack, and Mount Hood is no exception. With nearly ten feet of snow on the ground, the frozen lake is hard to recognize and appears to be a beautiful meadow.

The road into the lake is too difficult to clear in the winter, so it is closed to cars and becomes a perfect travel route for snowshoers, cross country skiers, sledgers, and the occasional overnight snow camper.



WFI alumni should have received their autographed copy of Harry Merlo's autobiography now. If you haven't received yours, please contact Program Manager Angie DiSalvo.

Send us your updates and photos for the next issue!