

From the Executive Director

The Discovery Museum at the World Forestry Center features stories about the resources and industry that literally built Oregon. Oregonians today are blessed with a more diversified economy than in 1905 when the original forestry building was built, and forestry continues to play a crucial role in our lives. Today we manage our forests for outcomes far beyond wood production. Habitat, water security, carbon sequestration, recreation...each has its place in the mix of current management objectives.

There is much more going on within the forestry sector than many people realize. With the help of WFC's Fellowship program, we help spread the word about Oregon's leadership in sustainable forest practices beyond our region. Now entering its third decade, this program brings foresters and natural resource professionals from around the world to Portland for six months to learn how a multi-tiered forest economy is managed. These professionals return to their home countries and share their knowledge and experiences with colleagues and peers. To date, we've worked with Fellows from more than 40 countries, and the popularity of this program keeps growing with 70 applications for eight spots this year. We also host the best-known timberland investment conference in the world. Yes, right here at the World Forestry Center in Portland!

We hope the next time you pass by the Discovery Museum you come in and see a piece of Oregon's heritage. Our museum will be open every day from March 21 to April 10 in honor of the International Day of Forests (not to mention Spring Break). *Hint: admission is free on March 21st.* We look forward to showing you what's going on in our forests.

One final note: our Gala on April 8 to celebrate our 210 leadership Hall inductees will be spectacular. More information and tickets at: <http://www.worldforestry.org/events/>