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International Educators Institute

In July, the World Forestry Center hosted 20 educators from around world for the 2014 International Educators Institute.

Leaders in education and research from Ireland, China, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, Brazil, Taiwan, and seven different US states gathered for a week to learn best practices in environmental education and to experience the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest.

"I can't put into words how much I got out of the week - you have given me so much inspiration and provided a week that was unforgettable," wrote one of the participants after the week was over.

This is always such a rewarding week for both participants and the World Forestry Center. Not only do they get so much out of their time here, but they also give so much back by sharing and expanding our

knowledge here of nature around the world.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors; Sally McCracken, The Hampton Family Foundation, and the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

Make sure to tell your friends to become part of the experience in 2015. Visit our [website](#) for updated information about next years program soon.



The 2014 International Educators Institute crew gathers in the World Forestry Center's Discovery Museum.

Columbia Land Trust in Hood River

Alumni Updates

Elikia Amani, 2010 alumnus from the DR Congo, sent some pictures of a recent workshop he coordinated in May on sustainable forestry development in the eastern DR Congo. He was the first WFI Fellow to receive a scholarship from the International Tropical Timber Organization and continues to work on sustainable forestry issues.



Elikia arrived in Beni, DRC where the conference was held at the local university.

Chilean alumnus Andres Alarcon (2013) got to tour some sites in southeastern US, where he recently relocated for his job with Chilean-based company WoodTech Measurement Solutions.



Andres visited parts of Florida and Charleston, SC, where he was excited to finally see an aircraft carrier.

The Vancouver, Washington based nonprofit Columbia Land Trust (CLT) hosted WFI for a day out in Hood River, Oregon.

CLT recently acquired some land from the energy company that ran the Powerdale Dam on the Hood River. The dam was decommissioned in 2010 and almost four miles of the river corridor area are now managed by the Columbia Land Trust and Hood River County.

CLT Executive Director Glenn Lamb led the group up several miles of corridor and discussed the

business of property transfer and future plans for the corridor.

A 10-year management plan for the area has been drafted to guide the management and conservation of the corridor. The plan consists of four main goals: 1. protect existing fish and wildlife habitat, 2. retain existing recreation, 3. expand recreation opportunities if possible, and 4. preserve tribal fishing rights.

We were joined during the day by our Danish alumnus and current World Forestry Center Board

member Jes Munk Hansen. Jes and his family frequently visit Hood River, and were eager to learn about the activity happening on the land around one of their favorite western spots.

Many thanks go to Glenn Lamb for spending the day out in the field explaining the nuances of land transfers and conservation easements in the US, and for showing us some great scenery. If you're ever in the area, make sure to take a walk up the river. It's absolutely gorgeous and now protected!



Top left: Glenn Lamb (center) talks with the WFI Fellows and alumnus Jes Hansen (left) out along the Powerdale Corridor.



Top right: The Hood River has the blue steel color of glacier melt. It's one cold river!

Bottom right: World Forestry Center staff and Fellows were hosted for a fun evening dinner by alumnus Jes Hansen and his family.



Current Events

Fellows were rewarded with some amazing sites on a recent visit to Olympic National Park in August.



Lots of people came out for the Board of Forestry tour that focused on watershed health research occurring in the Oregon coast range.



Fellows visited The Hoh Rain Forest (top), the Quinault big cedar tree (middle), Hurricane Ridge and other sites. They saw plenty of old growth forests throughout! Bottom, from left: Vincent, Sadiyah, Zoe, and Krystina.

Board of Forestry Trask River Tour

WFI Fellows and staff attended a study tour of the Trask River Watershed hosted by the Oregon Dept. of Forestry. The tour was a showcase of the research sites in the region for the Oregon Board of Forestry and interested members of the public.

Paired watershed studies were visited, which had research components focused on watershed health during and after silviculture treatments as

compared to control sites in the same areas. The research can be accessed on the Oregon Department of Forestry website [here](#).



Essential Oils Production

Non timber forest products (NTFP) can be anything from pine cone decorations, boughs for Christmas wreaths, to food we put on our tables. WFI recently explored another type of NTFP: essential oils produced from forest trees. Fellows visited with Oregon Woodlands Cooperative President Neil Schroeder, who shared how his group is working with local forestland owners throughout Oregon to collectively produce and sell various NTFPs, including essential oils. Pine, fir, and other tree-based oils are being produced under the brand name Canopy with the help of The Essential Oils Company, based in Portland.

The Essential Oils Company has been around since 1977 and company president Robert Seidel walked us through the distillation process in his production facility. The company is an importer, distributor and producer of essential oils.

The idea of value-added forest products is not new, but learning about essential oil production was a great reminder that our forests can provide diverse products and goods that can help connect and sustain communities.



Fellows gathered with Robert Seidel, President of The Essential Oils Company, around his distillation machinery. During the visit, oregano was being distilled and the place smelled like an Italian pizza kitchen!



A Visit to the Eastside Forests

Current Events

Fellows met with Oregon State University professor Dr. Sam Chan in July. Sam is the Watershed Health and Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist with Oregon Sea Grant. He provided the group with an overview of Sea Grant research and answered all our questions around river and watershed management.



Add another National Park to the list! WFI visited Crater Lake on a very stormy day August. Despite the weather, the lake was breathtaking, as always!



The Deschutes National Forest sits on the east side of the Cascades in central Oregon. WFI was hosted by three USFS staff at the Sisters Ranger Station: Ecologist Maret Pajutee, Silviculturalist Brian Tandy, and District Supervisor Bill Munro to discuss collaborative forest projects on the Deschutes.

One of the most successful examples of collaborative restoration has been the Glaze Forest Restoration Project, a project 1,200 acres in size. In collaboration with Oregon Wild and Warm Springs Biomass, the USFS worked with the community to develop a plan to restore the area. It was a very successful exercise in achieving common goals with persons of competing and diverse interests .

“Collaboration is an enigma” says Maret in talking about how collaborations are more about the relationships and trust of the community and partners, and less about the project itself.

Thanks a million to the USFS staff for taking us out and teaching us about their work!



Top: Deschutes NF Ecologist Maret Pajutee show Indonesia Fellow Sadiyah the ‘catface’, and old fire scar in the Ponderosa Pine.

Middle: Fire is being reintroduced to the landscape as part of the restoration goals and this part of forest was underburned within the last year.

Bottom: Within the 1,200 acres of the Glaze project area sits about 400 acres of wet meadows and aspen stands. These aspen are a gem on the landscape that will continue to be conserved and restored.

