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## Three Fellows Complete Their Programs

The fall season brings to a close the programs for three of our research Fellows.

Branislav Cvjetkovic came to WFI supported by the WFI Friends and Alumni Fund and studied technology transfer of forest genetics in light of climate change. He visited the science of assisted migration and developed ideas on how Bosnia could implement this science to conserve several at-risk forest tree species. Branislav returned home to begin his PhD work and continues to serve as a research assistant at the University of Banja Luka.



Branislav was the second WFI Fellow from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Xiaoqiong Liang spent six months at WFI studying export markets of certified forest products. With China in the process of developing and implementing its own certification system, Xiaoqiong came to WFI to study how the implementation of this new scheme would affect US trade of forest products with China. Specifically, she looked at FSC-certified companies in the US and how much they export to China and assessed their level of knowledge regarding China's new forest certification and what it might mean for them and their business.



Xiaoqiong Liang came to us from the Chinese Academy of Forestry in Beijing where she helped develop policy for China's new forest certification scheme.

Li-Wan Chang is a research assistant at Taiwan Forestry Research Institute in Taipei. She primarily studies forest stand dynamics, with a focus on how forests come back after major disturbances. While at WFI, Li-Wan looked at how the national forests in the US manage their land after disturbances, as compared to other types of landowners. To her surprise, she found that Taiwan and the US have many similarities when it comes to federal management of forests. She takes home with her new ideas about forest management and how important it is to educate the public about forestry issues.



Li-Wan Chang follows in the footsteps of several of her other colleagues who have been at WFI in the past. She says that she learned so many new and unexpected things at WFI, that even her greatest expectations were exceeded.

## Who Will Own the Forest? 9 Conference

### Alumni Updates

It's baby time! Several of our alumni have welcomed new additions to their families recently.

In May, our 2011 Pakistani alumnus Ghazala Yasmeeen had a baby girl whom they named Hooriyah Rahman.

Our 2009 Australian alumnus Roslyn Henricks gave birth to a baby boy, Henry James, in June of this year.

In September our 2010 alumnus from Portugal, Vera Ser-rao, had a baby boy whom they named Diogo.

Congratulations to all the new parents in the WFI family!



The World Forest Institute hosted another successful timberland investment conference this year. The annual Who Will Own the Forest? conference brought in over 400 attendees for the three day event. Session topics ranged from global economics and international investments to the regulatory landscape and emerging markets.

As one of the premier timberland investments conferences in the nation, attendees routinely comment on the great networking opportunities this event provides as well as the exceptional content of the presentations.

The event kicked off with an evening reception held in the Discovery Museum of the World Forestry Center. A separate but related event, the Forest Products Forum (FPF), preceded the opening reception. FPF is a full-day conference geared towards the forest products industry and attracted nearly 100 participants this year. This event is organized by Forest Economic Advisors. More information can be found on their [web-site](#).

If you missed Who Will Own the Forest? this year, or want to re-visit some of the presentations you saw, the digital proceedings can be ordered from our [website](#).



Over 400 people filled Miller Hall on the World Forestry Center campus to listen to presentations from leaders in timberland investment and related fields.



Attendees network, making new connections and renewing old ones, during the lunches and receptions throughout the conference.

Mark your calendar for next year's event, **Who Will Own the Forest? 10**, scheduled for **September 16-18, 2014**.

Hope to see you there!



The Who Will Own the Forest? conference was preceded by the Forest Products Forum, a one-day conference hosted by Forest Economic Advisors.

## Recent Events

WFI had a lovely evening with Oregon State Forester Doug Decker and his family at their home in Portland. Having an intimate dinner with the State Forester gave Fellows a unique opportunity to talk one-on-one about forestry in their countries and share and exchange ideas about forestry issues with each other.



From left: Rick Zenn (WFI), Branislav Cvjetkovic (Bosnia), Marie Decker, Doug Decker, Xiaoqiong Liang (China), and Li-Wan Chang (Taiwan).

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Li-Wan Chang recently attended a tour sponsored by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. The tour was focused on silviculture options of mixed-species forests.

## Ellsworth Creek Preserve

On September 4, WFI fellows Aigar Kallas and Branislav Cvjetkovic, along with Senior Fellow Rick Zenn, joined a team from Oregon State Parks to inspect recent forest restoration projects on the Ellsworth Creek Preserve on Willapa Bay, north of

Astoria, Oregon. Ellsworth is a 7,600 acre reserve managed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Washington State.

The tour was led by TNC Foresters Kyle Smith and Bill Lecture and featured road removal,

thinning, and mixed species planting.

Many thanks to super foresters Kyle Smith and Bill Lecture for hosting our visit - and to the Oregon State Parks forester Craig Leech for inviting us!



Branislav explores a restoration site in Ellsworth Creek Preserve.



The crew for the day was a mixture of professionals from government, private, and non-profit organizations interested in the restoration projects happening in the bay.

## An American Tradition Comes to Life

I am reminded every year as one of my favorite holidays approaches, that not everyone in the world celebrates Halloween as we do in the U.S.

As an introduction to the holiday, I took our Taiwanese Fellow out to get a pumpkin (I encouraged her to choose a big one!) and then back to the office for a carving session.

Several hours later we had completed our task. Li-Wan said she felt exhausted afterwards, it being much more work than she expected! But, she was very happy with the results and glad to learn about and be part of this uniquely American tradition.



Li-Wan Chang carved her first ever pumpkin and became acquainted with the tradition that most kids in the US grow with.



## World Forestry Center Education Programs

### Recent Events

Bosnian Fellow Branislav Cvjetkovic visited one of the largest and oldest nurseries in the region, J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co. in Boring, Oregon. With an interest in seedling technology, Branislav got to see the processes the nursery employs in seedling development, growth, and care.



*Branislav explores the nursery with Helen Kunkle, manager of the High Forest Farm.*

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Irish alumnus Richard O'Hanlon will return to Portland in November! On November 5 he will give a special presentation at WFI on Sudden Oak Death in Ireland. The talk will be at 4 pm in the Theatre of the Discovery Museum. A detailed description of the presentation can be found on our [website](#).



*Richard O'Hanlon was a Fellow in 2012. While here he studied the macrofungal communities of Sitka spruce forests in the coastal PNW as compared to those of Ireland.*

Those reading this newsletter will know that the World Forest Institute is a program of the larger World Forestry Center (WFC) organization. What you may not know is that WFC does offer a number of educational programs for kids from elementary through high school. While WFI focuses on professional adult education globally, WFC focuses on the education of children and teenagers regionally.

One of the unique programs that WFC has started up this year is field studies with high school students from the Washington State School for the Blind.

Education Director Rob Pierce and Education Assistant Nathan Boles took 19 blind students out to the WFC tree farm Magness to learn about silviculture and forestry practices.

Along with Magness Tree Farm manger Bill Wood, they led the students on a hike teaching different aspects of forest manage-

ment. The kids camped overnight at the rustic cabins at tree farm. They had the students help prepare their own dinners and sat around the campfire sharing stories and talking over the day. The next day they got to observe 'hands-on' various logging equipment and continue their forestry education.

All agreed that it was a unique and excellent learning experience for the students and a partnership that will continue in the future.

WFC does numerous educational activities throughout the year including:

- Spring Break day-camps
- Hosting interns from Mt. Hood Community College at Magness
- Blind School Camp for Life Skills (different than the field studies!)
- Forests Inside Out! 500 underserved students participate in 2-

- day long day camps
- Guided tours of the Discovery Museum and of Magness Memorial Tree Farm
- GPS classes
- Presentations at various venues, including: Children's Clean Water Festival, Warm Springs field day, and Columbia River Water Festival
- Oregon Wood Magic - sponsored by Oregon State University

If you are interested in learning more about the education programs and opportunities at WFC, please contact Rob Pierce, [rpierce@worldforestry.org](mailto:rpierce@worldforestry.org), or visit the WFC website <http://worldforestry.org/>.



*Magness Tree Farm manager Bill Wood has the blind students feel the tree rings to try to determine the age of the tree.*



*High school students from the WA State School for the Blind gathered at the Magness Memorial Tree Farm with tree cookies that they helped make.*



*High school students were the mentors for kids aged 6-13 in WFC's summer camp program Forest Inside Out!*