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“Who Will Own the Forest? 3” Attracts Diverse Audience

WFI's Third "Who Will Own the Forest?" Summit ran from September 11-13, 2006, attracting over 310 registrants and 12 corporate sponsors. Led by the efforts of Kate Robie of Timber-Link, and WFC directors Rick Smith and Bill Bradley, the Summit focused on shifting timberlands and its consequences for the forestry, investment and conservation sectors.

The large turnout indicates that the trend of shifting forest ownership remains a hot topic. A substantial portion of the registrants were from outside the traditional forest industrial sector, a reflection of the fact that so much timberland has been divested by the timber industry. It was the first time at the bi-annual summit for many of the attendees, who largely hailed from the investment community, timberland investment management organizations, and environmental organizations.



Summit participants enjoyed networking outside on a beautiful autumn day at WFC's Magness Memorial Tree Farm in Wilsonville.

This year's event included a discussion of the environmental issues that matter most to potential investors in forestland. As more pension fund and endowment managers explore alternative asset classes such as timber, there is also growing concern about the environmental impact on forests and forest management. A major emergent theme from the event was the concept of keeping "forests as for-

est," as concerns for forest ownership fragmentation and conversion loomed large. Aside from the conference sessions, the event was popular for its networking opportunities. An opening reception in the Museum, two outdoor lunches on the plaza and a BBQ at Magness Tree Farm provided ample time for socializing. The Magness BBQ picnic was sponsored by Stimson Lumber Company.

Become world renowned...be a Fellowship host!

Every year Portland locals befriend WFI's international Fellows. These hosts provide a chance to experience life and work in the U.S. The cultural exchanges and discussions they provide are often cited as favorite experiences by Fellows.

If you are interested in sharing a part of your life with our Fellows, whether it be a family or cultural event, forestry experiences, language practice, or housing, contact Program Manager Angie DiSalvo. We look forward to your involvement!



Xiaoli Wang (China) with her housemate Michele Docy (a WFC and SAF employee) enjoy the snow.

Southern, Eastern Forests Offer New Perspectives

Recent Events



Fellows explored wood product uses at the Street of Dreams, a luxury home showcase in Clackamas county.



Seol Woong Lee (Korea) is making the rounds visiting wooden construction housing for seniors. Here he visits with Canfield Place, an assisted living community in Beaverton, Oregon.



Seol Woong Lee presented on Korean culture, forests, and his project at WFC in September. Look for more Fellow presentations to be featured this winter in a speaker's series.



Fellows explored public and private forestlands with OFRI in a tour that examined forest ownerships and owners' diverse management objectives.

Australian Fellow, John Turland, traveled to the eastern states of the US for three weeks to gain a better understanding of hardwood and southern pine forest silvicultural management and forest modeling systems being used in the US forestry sector.

In the southeast John met with forestry professionals at the Georgia and Tennessee universities, the USDA Forest Service Experimental Station in North Carolina, and Plum Creek Timber Company. The journey took him through the southern Appalachian ranges with oak dominant forests, including the Smoky Mountain National Park and the Cheyenne reservation. In South Carolina he visited Congaree National Park that contains the largest remaining tract of old growth bottomland hardwood forest in the US; plantations being managed by the National Audubon Society; and various cultural sites including a historic cotton plantation estate mansion.

John then attended a 3 day forestry conference held in Vermont, that focused on latest developments in forestry modeling approaches.

John traveled through Vermont with its quaint village chapels, red barns, and maple syrup farms, and into neighboring New Hampshire to view fall colors in the Maple-Birch-Beech forests of the White Mountains and to hike a section of the 2100 mile Appalachian trail. John finished with a scenic trip through the northern mixed and Spruce-Fir forests bordering Quebec.

The trip was very productive professionally and personally, and was full of enjoyable meetings with people from a wide range of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, plus exposure to some of the rich and diverse rural cultures of the southern and northeastern United States.



John taking in the view from the Greek revival mansion built in 1859 for Governor Hammond, situated on Redcliffe Plantation state historic site in South Carolina. Extensive areas of land in the south formerly used to grow cotton have now been converted into pine plantations.



Sunset over the oak-pine forests in Smokey Mountain National Park in the Southern Appalachians range, Tennessee.



International Educators Institute alumnus Anne Bohnet gave John an insider's tour of the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary in South Carolina where she is the Director of the Science and Technology Enrichment Program. They also visited Congaree National Park (above) where Bald Cypress and its distinctive buttressed roots can be seen.

