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Australian Arrives to Research Forest Yield Modeling

In March, WFI welcomed John Turland, from Australia. John is a senior forestry analyst/modeler at Forests New South Wales in the Forest Resources Division based in Sydney.

Forests NSW is a Public Trading Enterprise responsible for sustainably managing more than 2 million hectares of public native forests and an expanding estate of hardwood and softwood planted forests. John's primary responsibilities are growth and yield simulation model development, strategic wood supply forecasting and harvest scheduling in the native *Eucalyptus* forests throughout NSW.

John will spend 12 months at the WFI studying North American approaches to growth and yield modeling, and harvest scheduling approaches in uneven-aged mixed species forest. John will conduct research into techniques used for modeling the complex stand dynamics and silvicultural systems applicable to native Eucalypt forests. In addition, he will examine approaches used to address a range of spatial planning issues and multiple-use objectives of forest management. This information will be used to enhance strategic level wood supply forecasts and provide more effective tactical level harvest schedules.



Originally from New Zealand, John is adjusting well to Oregon's temperate climate.

The project is aimed at enabling Australian foresters to develop more effective, lower risk, and more profitable approaches to managing a resource facing multiple competing demands.

Korean Fellow Kyungtae Park to Speak on Green Building

Kyungtae Park, Korean Fellow, will give an introductory presentation on his home country and issues surrounding green building. Mr. Park is sponsored by his company, Eagon Industrial, where he is a researcher.

Since the 1960s South Korea has developed very rapidly. Korea is one of the most densely populated countries in the world and 20 million of the country's 48 million citizens live around the capital city of Seoul. Recently, the market for green building materials has begun to develop, with an emphasis on products



Left: The Gang-Nam area in Seoul in the 1960s. Right: Today, Gang-Nam is one of the most popular and expensive neighborhoods in the capital city.



that promote a healthy, energy efficient environment.

The presentation is scheduled for 4-5 pm on Wednesday, April 19 in the Mt. Hood room in the Forest Discovery Museum.

There is no cost with an RSVP to Angie DiSalvo at adisalvo@worldforestry.org. WFI Fellows regularly provide public presentations at the World Forestry Center: look for Australian John Turland to speak on May 17.

Recent Events



John Shelk, WFC Board Member and Director of Ochoco Lumber, met with Fellows to discuss his experience in the lumber business.



John Turland perused the Wood Technology Clinic & Show, a trade event exclusively dedicated to primary wood processing and technology.



Kyungtae Park and Jasjit Walia at a Weyerhaeuser recycling sort facility. In addition to recycling paper, the facility also sorts plastics as seen above.



WFI had a surprise visit from Australian alumnus Tony Scherl, who visited during an international fire conference held in Portland.

WFI Director Visits Alums in Taiwan and Japan

In February, following the end of Chinese New Year festivities, WFI Director Sara Wu took a 5-day trip to Taipei, Taiwan, and a 4-day trip to Tokyo, Japan. It was an opportunity to meet up with WFI alumni and WFC directors.

On February 11, Director Wu invited the Taiwanese alumni to a dinner. In attendance were Galy Yang and girlfriend Jennifer, David and Nancy Lin and son Yo-Yo, Yen-Chang Chen, his wife and their sons Archer and Matthew, I-Shang Chen, and Sara's father Jeff Wu. It was the first time that so many Taiwanese alumni were able to gather in one spot. Over a lavish buffet they reminisced about their time in Oregon, and shared updates on careers and family life.

The Taiwan Forest Research Institute—the agency where most of the Taiwanese fellows work—also hosted Director Wu for a day, beginning with an informal alumni luncheon hosted by Yen-Chang Chen. The lunch was an opportunity to meet Pei-jung Wang, a researcher at TFRI who will be coming to WFI in May for 6 months. Dr. Wang will be examining public participation in forest issues, a topic in which Portland has much experience.

WFI alumnus, Chiung-Pin “Bonnie” Liu, formerly of TFRI and now a professor, gave Sara a fun tour of the local outdoor produce market and Botanical Garden. The afternoon included another presentation on the WFI Fellowship to TFRI and Taiwan Forestry Bureau staff. TFRI Director King encouraged his research



Taiwanese alums gather in Taipei. From left: I-Shan Chen, Yen-Chang Chen, Chiung-Ping Liu, Sara Wu, Pei-jung Wang, and David Lin.

staff at TFRI to take up these opportunities to do exchanges overseas, and expressed his hope that WFI and TFRI can continue to cooperate.

Leaving Taipei, Director Wu moved on to Japan, where she was able to meet with Sumitomo officers and Japanese alumnus Nobutaka Isoda. On Mr. Ryu Yano's (Sumitomo Forestry CEO and a WFC Director) referral, Director Wu met with members of the Sumitomo Environmental Management Division. The Division is tasked with overseeing all environmental issues pertaining to the company's operations, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions per the Kyoto Protocol. The meeting was an opportunity to exchange information on many topics, including certification, green building, LEED standards, working with NGOs, and wood products trade.

Although a Japanese alumni get-together was not possible as so many fellows live outside of Tokyo, Director Wu spent time with Nobutaka Isoda, a Sumitomo ar-



Japanese alumnus Nobutaka Isoda.

chitect based in Tsukuba. Nobutaka actually works in the same office as another WFI alumnus, Kenji Kariya—both design prototype houses. Last year they completed the first prototype of a Universal-designed home, which provides greater access and utility for multi-user groups, such as the elderly, children and others with varying abilities.

Reconnecting with alumni and directors is always a great way to travel the world. Later this year, WFI Program Manager Angie DiSalvo will travel to China on the invitation of recent alumnus Yanping Zhang, who will host Angie in Yunnan Province.