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## WFI Fellows Featured in the Oregonian Newspaper

Portland residents may have seen the Oregonian newspaper's recent article highlighting the WFI Fellowship program in its Sustainability section's front page. The article was entitled "World Forestry Program Sends a Global Message: Overseas experts come to Oregon to learn the latest about sustainably growing and harvesting forests." Following the WFI Fellows on a field trip excursion to Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Victor Kawanga (Zambia), Milan Mataruga (Bosnia), Roslyn Henricks (Australia), and Shouxin Xie, Min Zhao, and Lanhui Wang (China) were interviewed about why they came to Oregon and how they will apply their learning back at home.

Victor discussed the need to expand educational outreach in Zambia to increase public awareness, and ultimately impact policy. Victor just completed his six months in Oregon studying forestry education extension services, and he hopes to be able to build upon his experience at WFI to create a network of forestry museums and learning centers throughout Zambia.

Milan spoke of the "breathtaking" scale of commercial forestry in the US, compared to his home



*Min Zhao and Victor Kawanga discussed lessons they learned at WFI with the Oregonian. Min and Victor recently returned to their home countries.*

country. Just one nursery in Oregon produces as many seedlings as the entire national seedling output of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Milan is compiling a new university textbook on seedling growth and management for his university.

Shouxin, from China's State Forestry Administration, discussed the need for China's forestry sector to balance population pressures, wood demand and conservation. He noted the importance of raising public awareness, especially amongst China's youth. Chiming in, Lanhui agreed that there is a lack of outdoor learning experiences for Chinese students, and that this was perhaps the most notable difference

between forestry education in China and the US.

Roslyn, WFI's newest arrival and only a week into her program when interviewed, explained how she hopes to learn how US forest managers deal with the visual impact of plantation forestry, and the public's reaction.

Min Zhao was also pictured in the article, and she recently returned to China after a year at WFI to resume teaching and researching at Shanghai National University. Her project focused on urban forestry modeling, and she also learned a lot about environmental education. Min even extended her stay to attend a Project Learning Tree training in hopes of applying the new teaching methods back home.

## Recent Events



Milan Mataruga helps students plant trees at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.



Min Zhao tries a classroom exercise from *Global Connections: Forests of the World* curriculum during a seminar.



Milan Mataruga presented a seminar on forestry in Bosnia and Herzegovina at Oregon State University.



Fellows explored Mt. Hood National Forest on snowshoes for a first-hand experience in winter forest recreation.

## WFI Welcomes New Fellows from Taipei and Beijing

This spring WFI welcomes two new Fellows from Asia. Mr. Gui Shen is a professor and deputy secretary-general of the Chinese Society of Forestry. The Society organizes several conferences each year on issues relevant to China's forestry sector. Shen's background is in wood processing, and he spent a number of years working for the China National Forestry Product Industry Association and the China Furniture Association. His current work is focused on forestry education. During his six month Fellowship, he will research how to improve forestry professionals' scientific literacy and how to educate the public on forest and forestry issues. Shen became familiar with WFI after hosting WFC President Gary Hartshorn last year in Beijing.



WFI welcomes the addition of Gui Shen and Yu-jen Lin into the Fellowship Program. Their first weeks have been a flurry of field tours and orientation.

Also joining WFI this spring is Dr. Yu-jen Lin, a forestry researcher at the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute (TFRI) since 1998. Yu-jen is the fifth WFI Fellow to come from TFRI. His recent research projects focus on climate change mitigation, including the potential for

charcoal production from bamboo and forest biomass residues. During his ten-month Fellowship, Yu-jen will research current technologies for the utilization of woody biomass in the United States, and their applicability for use in Taiwan.

## From Tree to Product: Stimson Lumber Delivers SFI Products

Stimson Lumber hosted Fellows at their Forest Grove forestland and mill. Stimson, a privately-held forest products and natural resource company, is based in Portland and has its roots dating back to the 1850s. Fellows visited with managers to learn more about the business of one of the oldest, continuously operating forest products companies in the United States.

Stimson's Resource Group manages 500,000 acres of company-owned timberland, which are certified through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. The company primarily sells lumber to Home Depot, a retail outlet catering to the home remodeling and construction industry and "do-it-yourselfers."

Fellows traveled through the snowy hills with forest managers Scott Gray and Dave Sweeney to visit a harvest site and learn about forest operations. They watched as a local contractor, Cross and Crown, felled trees and loaded them with ease onto log trucks. Fellows were impressed with the 40 to 45 year rotation age and the efficiency of harvesting.

The group followed the logs to the nearby Forest Grove mill, which employs 220 people. Mill manager Bob Banchemo walked the group through the manufacturing process, where Fellows watched as logs were converted into dimensional lumber. Waste from the sawmill is then used to cre-



Roslyn Henricks (Australia) and Christy Meyer (intern) overlooking management units at Stimson.

ate hardboard on site, which has a variety of uses, including home siding. Fellow Shouxin Xie was particularly impressed with the operations and technology used. "This kind of scene is entirely different from China's factories," he said. "Its high level of automation really surprised me."



## Recent Events



Victor Kawanga traveled the Olympic Peninsula examining interpretive centers.



Determined to learn some American cooking before returning to China, Min Zhao (right) tries her hand at baking and decorating sugar cookies with Shouxin Xie.



Lanhui Wang (China) and Milan Mataruga (Bosnia and Herzegovina) take a break from forestry to learn about wine from one of Oregon's 400 vineyards.



Shouxin Xie (China) teaches children how to write a few "simple" Chinese characters during "Spring Break Around the World" at WFC's Discovery Museum.

## Brazilian Alumnus Joins WFC Board of Directors

In 1996, Claudio Ortolan completed a one-year Fellowship at WFI as the Brazilian representative, and WFI is proud to announce his election to the Board of Directors at the World Forestry Center. Claudio joins Jes Munk Hansen as the second WFI alumnus to sit on the board.

"I am very flattered and I hope to be able to collaborate," says Claudio. "The time I spent in WFI was a continental divide in my career and was a very enjoyable time in my personal life too.

"I see room for experience exchange between the North and South. In the South you have the

intensively managed plantation forestry; everyone gets amazed seeing mature forest for harvest only 7 years old," he explains. "The North is still the source of capital. And WFI has proved to be the meeting point of choice for the forest investment community.

"The northern hemisphere companies also have the experience of dealing with environmental concerns. The environmental pressure may have changed sides. Forest companies are well positioned to supply sustainable and carbon neutral products and clean energy, and at the same time protect water and wildlife. WFI has been conveying this message for a long time."



Since 1997 Claudio has worked for Klabin, the largest paper company in Brazil. He holds a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and an MBA in Economic Engineering. His work focuses on forest planning and economic assessment of plantations, and he is recently involved in attracting venture capital for forest expansion with Klabin.

## Trappist Abbey Manages for both Stewardship and Livelihoods

For the past fifty years, Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey has managed 900 acres in the Willamette Valley, a short 30 miles from Portland. The religious community of 29 monks operate several cottage industries, and "express religion through work." In addition to forestry, their businesses provide income for the community, and include a bookbindery, bakery, and wine warehouse.

The Abbey forest is an important element of the monastic community. The mixed conifer and oak stands provide a spiritual setting and a sense of retreat from the outside world.

With the help of a private forest manager, Scott Ferguson of Trout Mountain



Left: Scott Ferguson explains management techniques to Milan Mataruga. Right: The Abbott proudly showcases their newly built church, which has an amazing view of the forested landscape and features wood from the site.



Forestry, the monks manage for long term forest productivity. Their land is certified through the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Although operating costs are higher for FSC managed forests, the management philosophy fits well with the monks' ownership goals, and certified logs ensure market access, which last year saw a

20% market premium.

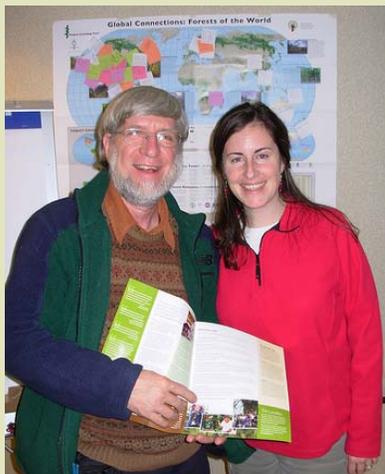
The Abbey forest gave Fellows an experience with private landowners, and a sense of the diverse objectives that they manage for. Private forestland owners are difficult to classify, as there are ten million in the US and their importance to land stewardship can not be underestimated.



## Updates from our Alumni Around the Globe



**Claudio Ortolan** (Brazil, 1996) sent in these photos from a recent trip to Chile, Argentina, and Bolivia.



**Jim Chandler** (2007 International Educators Institute alumnus from Maine) and **Erin Hollingsworth** (2008 IIE alumnus from New Hampshire) met during a Project Learning tree training in Maine. Jim was surprised to find a photo of himself in the new IIE marketing brochure.

**Send us your updates and photos for the next issue!**

## Australian Phil Lacy Moves to PF Olsen

Phil Lacy (Australia 2004) recently began working for PF Olsen Australia after many years at Forests New South Wales. PF Olsen is based in New Zealand, and they manage native and plantation forests for investors. They recently expanded their operations into Australia, and Phil will be working out of Emerald Beach, New South Wales. Phil can be reached at [phil.lacy@pfolsen.com](mailto:phil.lacy@pfolsen.com). Phil is also nearing completing of his Ph.D. in Forestry, focusing on prescribed fire in eucalyptus plantations.

Phil's wife Janice is working as a physical education teacher at a local high school. Daughter Skye is now in 4th grade, and daughter Tiana is in 1st grade. The family spends time at their nearby tree farm growing eucalypts, and they recently bought a portable sawmill and tractor to begin milling their own wood. The first batch of lumber will be put to good use creating a deck for their home, which is a few short blocks from the beach.



*Phil with a Tarawera Trout catch during a recent trip to his company's*

## German Alumnus Returns to Freiburg with Family

Andreas Schuck (Germany, 1997) recently moved back to Freiburg, Germany in his work for the European Forest Institute (EFI). Previously Andreas split his time between Joensuu, Finland, and Freiburg. He now heads EFI's Central European Regional Office—called EFICENT—which works to regionalize forestry issues. Andreas has been busy setting up the new office, and is working hard to make it a successful model. EFI will soon have regional offices in Spain, France, Austria, and Croatia. Andreas can be reached at [andreas.schuck@efi.int](mailto:andreas.schuck@efi.int).

Andreas' wife Annette recently finished her certification to become a high school teacher and is working in a Freiburg suburb as a substitute teacher. She is also nearing completion of her Ph.D. thesis, and the family is quite pleased to soon have a doctor in the household. Son Lukas is 17 and started 12th grade, the



*The Schuck family (Annette, Finn, Lukas, Judith, and Andreas) are now settled back into life in Germany. They have been hosting many Finnish friends and hope to keep up their Finnish language skills.*

second to last school year in Germany, and recently started driving. Daughter Judith is 14 and in 8th grade, and is busy with school, violin, and ballet. The youngest son Finn, is now 11 and

in 6th grade, and enjoys soccer and playing bass. And Andreas reports that the dogs are both doing fine, "bringing happiness to the family especially during those times when things are tough."