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Taiwanese Fellow to Research Public Participation

In May, WFI welcomed Dr. Pei-jung Wang from Taiwan. Pei-jung is an assistant researcher in the Division of Forest Management at the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute. Her primary research interests and specialties include forest sociology, community forestry, and forest policy.

Community forestry (also called participatory management) has recently emerged as a new forest management paradigm, by integrating local knowledge and public participation into forest management. In Taiwan, Pei-jung's research involves working along side

local communities—often in rural areas—to learn how they manage forests and how modern scientific knowledge can be applied to local traditional management systems. She is particularly interested in power structures—which voices get heard in forest policy, and how to empower those who typically do not get heard. This research also requires a review of the role that forest professionals play. This is quite a challenging task, as Taiwan has traditionally managed natural resources in a centralized, top-down way, without significant input from the public.



Pei-jung is the fifth Taiwanese Fellow to work at WFI, and the fourth Fellow from TFRI in Taipei.

During her Fellowship, Pei-jung will examine how public participation techniques are used in the management of public forests in the Pacific Northwest.

Forest Law Specialist Xiaoli Wang Returns to Beijing

WFI bids farewell to another Fellow from China—Ms. Xiaoli Wang. A staff officer at the State Forestry Administration's permitting department, Xiaoli reviews permit requests for harvesting, planting and land titles. As an attorney by training, Xiaoli's knowledge of technical forestry was slim and she took the opportunity at WFI to gain a better understanding of forestry issues to assist her work. Xiaoli traveled to nearly every corner of Oregon, meeting with and interviewing Oregon's diverse forestry stakeholders.



During her last week, Xiaoli hosted a fantastic party to teach her international colleagues how to prepare her specialty dumplings and spring rolls.

Of primary interest to Xiaoli were forestland tenure issues. Much of her time was spent writing and making recommendations on land tenure reforms for her sponsor, the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan.

WFI wishes Xiaoli the best as she returns to her work and life in Beijing. Her positive attitude, unique perspective, and fabulous cooking contributed greatly to life at WFI. We will certainly miss her and wish Xiaoli the best.

Recent Events



Fellows learned about national forest management and policy from USFS Mt. Hood Natural Resources Staff Officer Lisa Norris (third from left).



WFI benefactor Harry Merlo hosted Fellows for dinner and a lively discussion on the WFI program. Above: Jasjit Walia and Harry Merlo.



John Turland and Jasjit Walia at the newly opened Tillamook Forest Center. The new interpretive facility explores the story of the Tillamook Burn and current Oregon Department of Forestry practices.



Jim Brown, former State Forester for Oregon, discussed his extensive experience in the forestry sector with Fellows (third from right).

PNW Offers Diverse Opportunities in Forestry

In spring Fellows visited two diverse companies on the WFC Board of Directors: Longview Fibre and Greenwood Resources. Although very different in focus, both companies use innovative methods to manage their forests for the best returns.

In addition to multiple manufacturing operations, Longview Fibre owns nearly 600,000 acres of timberland in the Pacific Northwest. Tree farm manager Jay Holland exposed Fellows to a wide variety of activities on Longview land, from cable logging to salmon habitat restoration. One of the most interesting elements of the tour was viewing the transportation of cedar (for shakes and shingles) via helicopter. Considered a minor product, this cedar was harvested from remnants of old stumps and downed wood, some over 50 years old from the Tillamook burn.

Greenwood Resources specializes in hybrid poplar research and production. Richard Shuran, Brian Stanton, and Rick Stonex toured Fellows around GWR's internationally recognized plantations and tree improvement and nursery facilities near the Columbia river. GWR also is involved in resource management, product sales and trading, and international operations.



Top: Dr. Brian Stanton shows one year of growth from GWR's hybrid poplars. Below: Jay Holland explains his work with local watershed councils and the importance of stream restoration efforts for salmon habitat.



Korean Alumnus In Chul Jung visits WFI

WFI had a welcome visitor from Chile, Mr. In Chul Jung, who was the WFI Korea Fellow back in 1996. In Chul now heads Eagon's Chilean manufacturing operation, which produces veneer and plywood for export. He was on a short business trip to the U.S., accompanied by Danny D.H. Lee, from Eagon's Seattle trading office.

The visit offered current Eagon employee and WFI Fellow Mr. Kyungtae Park, and WFI Director Sara Wu, an opportunity to catch up on news and old friendships. In Chul expressed interest in possibly sending a Chilean Eagon employee to

WFI late this year. He also mentioned that he had recently met with three other WFI alumni, Claudio Ortolan and Alex Battistella

in Brazil, and Rainer Hummel in Europe at a trade show. It just shows that you can run into WFI alumni almost anywhere!



An Eagon gathering at WFI: from left, Eagon's Seattle office staffer Danny D.H. Lee, current Korean Fellow Kyungtae Park, WFI Director Sara Wu, and WFI alumnus In Chul Jung.