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WFI Welcomes European, South American and Asian

Following the recent arrivals of three new WFI International Fellows to Portland, Oregon, WFI can happily say that for the first time in its history, the Fellowship boasts more women in the program than men. Each woman brings a different background and project, but all are firsts in their own way.

Kati Brueckner is a student at the University of Applied Sciences in Eberswalde, Germany. Her six month research project will examine the adoption and implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. She is focusing on the contexts and underlying interests of policy and science that influenced the debate around the plan, in order to assess their contributions to the discourse as well as the ecopolitical responses. Kati is our first female German Fellow, and she actually won her sponsorship funding by winning \$33,000 Euros in Germany's "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Now that's a first!

Dr. Ke Dong is a Senior Forest Program Officer at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) China Liaison Office, based in Beijing. During her 12 month Fellowship, Ke will examine Payment for Ecological Services (PES) as



Ke Dong, Aline Guerrieri Moreira, and Kati Brueckner joined the WFI Fellowship program in May. They bring diverse experiences in conservation, social science, and research to the program.

a way to balance development with conservation objectives, and she will conduct a comparative study between China and the US to evaluate increasing international practices in PES. Dr. Ke is our first Fellow from China who comes through an NGO rather than state government, which shows how much the role of NGOs has grown in China in recent years.

Aline Moreira from Brazil is our first American Forest Foundation-sponsored Fellow. She completed her Masters in Sustainable Re-

source Management in the School of Forest Science and Resource Management at the Technical University in Munich, Germany, and has a background in social work. She will be spending her 12 month Fellowship to update and improve AFF's Project Learning Tree's "Global Connections: Forests of the World" curriculum. This is a guide and activity set for educators to help students gain an increased understanding and appreciation of the world forest environment, with emphasis on the human interaction with, and dependence on, those environments.

Recent Events



Angie DiSalvo and Shouxin Xie visit Herbert Lumber in Riddle, Oregon, where large diameter logs are processed.



Fellows visited the Oregon State Capital in Salem to learn about the legislature.



John Garland, OSU professor, introduced Fellows to visual management of forest plantations along scenic byways.



Yu-Jen Lin and Roslyn Henricks take a tour of Board Member Harry Merlo's home and vineyard.

GreenWood Breeds Success in Poplar Plantations

A worldwide leader in the hybridization of fast-growing, high-yield poplar trees, GreenWood Resources (GWR) develops genetic material and manages plantation resources in strategic regions in the US, Asia, and South America. Fellows visited with GWR's managers and toured their breeding facilities and hybrid poplar plantations in western Oregon.

Developing high quality poplar genotypes is key to the company's success. GWR breeds improved parent material and hybrid offspring, and have created over 40,000 varieties of hybrid poplar. Only the best varieties are used for clonal propagation, after field testing for disease resistance, yields, growth form, and other characteristics.



Above: Hybrid poplar plantations are grown on flat, ex-agricultural and dairy land, which makes for a fast and efficient mechanized harvest. Right: Lanhui Wang holds a cross section from a 12 year old poplar. In addition to providing lumber and pulp, these high yield, short rotation plantations may become important for supplying fiber for biomass operations.



GreenWood Resources manages 2,500 hectares of hybrid poplars in western Oregon near Clatskanie, plus an additional 12,500 hectares in eastern Oregon. The west-side poplars are grown on an 8-year rotation for pulp and 12-year rota-

tion for sawlogs. Although the current markets are depressed, harvest was ongoing for shipment of logs by container to Korea. The logs are shipped via the Columbia river, and will be at their final destination in less than two weeks from harvest.

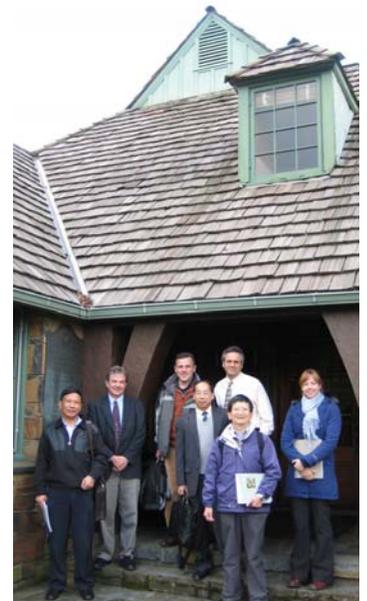
Oregon Department of Forestry Shares Forest Management Vision

In addition to managing state forest lands, the Oregon Department of Forestry manages fire protection, oversees the Forest Practices Act, and develops forest policy and planning. The agency employs 800 people year round, and during fire season adds another 400 employees. Managers Dave Mormon and Dan Postrel introduced Fellows to the many functions and duties of the state agency, and discussed their experiences working for ODF.

Essentially, as a state agency ODF is governed by the people of Oregon. The Board of Forestry, the governor, advisory groups, and the state's citizens direct the agency's function and budget. This was of great

interest to the Fellows, particularly those from countries where public land management agencies are organized in a much different fashion.

After visiting with ODF in Salem, Fellows toured the nearby State Capital to learn how state law is made. Many Fellows are unfamiliar with the importance of the fifty different state governments within the United States. Although the US has federal laws, much power and autonomy is given to individual states to make policy at the state level. This is particularly true for forestry policy for private and state lands, which in Oregon make up about 37% of all forestland.



The State Forester's office in Salem is located in a historic wooden building. The headquarters was a Works Progress Administration project, and was constructed in a similar manner as Timberline Lodge.

Recent Events



Gui Shen and Yu-Jen Lin explored the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Byway.



The Oregon Society of American Foresters annual meeting included a field tour visit to Roseburg Forest Products stud mill.



Program Manager Angie DiSalvo teaches Lanhui Wang's son how to color Easter eggs. It seems this activity can be done without any shared language!



WFC Tree Farm Manager Bill Wood and Kati Brueckner discuss a harvest operation at Johnson Swanson Tree Farm.

Early Registration Now Open for “Who Will Own the Forest? 5”



Even with the current economic turmoil and decline in forest products consumption, forestland values have been affected much less than other asset classes. Interest in the class thus remains strong. But for how long? WFI's popular forestland investment series will ask this and other questions during the event, which begins with an evening reception on September 14, and shifts to a full two-day agenda on September 15-16.

The conference will examine the current and emerging issues impacting the forestland investment community. Valuations remain a big question mark. How will valuations

trend, and when will the economic recovery begin? What's happening to the credit markets and what does this mean for future transactions? What will the next generation of forestland investing bring, as the current funds mature, and investors expect to liquidate their portfolios? How will these regulatory changes impact carbon projects for landowners and investors? Where in the world are investors exploring new investment opportunities, and what due diligence is needed? These and many other questions will be posed and discussed at the event.

In recognition of the economic environment, WFI has worked to offer in-

creased value for attendees. Registration fees remain much lower than competing events. Sponsorship fees remain unchanged for the fifth straight year, and WFI is offering additional benefits such as extra guest passes to the receptions and greater sponsor recognition. Room discounts have also been arranged with several local hotels, and pension plan administrators may register at a significant discount. Despite the weak economy, sponsorship for the event is strong, with over 20 corporate sponsors from the investment, legal, consulting and financial sectors. We thank all of our sponsors and speakers for donating their funding and time. This has been key to our ability to offer an educational agenda rather than a mere promotional event. For more information, visit: <http://wfi.worldforestrycenter.org/wwotf5/>

Internship Program Benefits Both Fellows and Interns

Providing a top notch Fellowship experience for participants from around the world is challenging, given the limited staff and budgets that NGOs always face. In 2009, WFI was fortunate enough to have help from three interns.

Ross Killion will be attending Reed College in Portland in the fall. Ross' language skills are a valuable asset to WFI, as he speaks fluent Mandarin after having spent many summers in Taiwan, where his mother is from. During his internship he practiced English with the Fellows, led tours around Portland, and created a directory of WFI alumni.

Elena Lien recently joined WFI in partnership with the Americorp LINKS program, which provides an educational award to volunteers. Elena is a sophomore at Georgetown University, where she is minoring in Arabic and Environmental Studies. Elena is assisting in organizing WFI's upcoming conference and International Educators Institute.

In May, Christy Meyer completed a six-month internship in public relations. With her help several articles on the Fellowship were published in local papers. An experienced project manager, Christy came to WFI to expand her exposure to environmental issues. "I had

project management experience before joining WFI," she said, "but I had limited experience in natural resources." WFI thanks all of our interns for the many hours of help that they have provided us!



Christy Meyer is now doing a consultancy in Africa for a local NGO, and will enroll in graduate classes at OSU in the fall. "Exposure to forestry through field visits, conversations with fellows and staff, and participation in lectures were all very beneficial for my career," she says.

Updates from our Alumni Around the Globe



Xiaoli Wang (China 2007) is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter **Guyu** on April 20. The name **Guyu** is a Chinese Lunar calendar name, and the arrival of **Guyu** signals that there is enough rainfall to plant the grain. **Xiaoli** and her husband named their daughter **Guyu** in hopes that she will live a life of plenty, with always enough grain to eat and water to drink.



Rick Zenn was keynote speaker at the Maine Tree Foundation annual conference just outside the "other Portland" on the Atlantic coast. Rick also led two training sessions with the new "Global Connections: Forests of the World" curriculum. **Olivia Griset** (left) of Lisbon, Maine, one of Project Learning Tree's 2009 National Outstanding Educators, takes a break with IEI alumni **Jim Chandler** (center) of Bryant Pond, Maine, **Rick Zenn**, and **Anita Smith** (right) of China, Maine.

Kiwi John Turland Working for GreenWood

John Turland (Australia/New Zealand 2007) returned to Portland and is working as a financial analyst for **GreenWood Resources (GWR)**. John is responsible for resource assessments, growth and yield modeling, wood supply forecasting, valuations and financial analyses. He works closely with **GWR China** staff and has been recently working in forest resource assessments in China.

Jon reports the job has its challenges, such as time zone differences and jet lag, and conducting site visits during freezing winter conditions. "But this is more than offset," **John** says, "by the interesting work, great



Frequent China trips come with great photo opportunities. **John** climbs the Great Wall (left) and in a more jetlagged pose at a dinner in Mongolia (right).

co-workers, the sensational food and the amazing hospitality and friendliness of people I have met in Beijing and small rural villages." He enjoys being part of an enthusiastic team developing a

resource for economic, environmental and social benefits. The development of long term partnerships and friendships with people in China has also provided him much unexpected job satisfaction.

Nepali Alumnus Connects with Extended WFI Family

Rosemary Jeffrey, mother-in-law to World Forestry Center staff member **Maria Jeffrey**, recently visited with **Deepak Tamang** (Nepal 2008) during her travels in Nepal. This is the second visit for **Rosemary**, and we asked her to share her thoughts on her travels and trekking. She wrote the following:

"The day after my arrival in Kathmandu, **Deepak** and his wife **Indira** whisked me off to experience the flavor of their culture, the beauty of their surroundings and the daily difficulties they encounter. After visiting **Indira's 'Gender Space,'** we went to her house for a hearty Nepali lunch of **Dahl Batt** and vegetables. I then followed **Deepak** to two local Buddhist Monasteries; the beauty of the paintings took my breath away.

"**Deepak's** office is a warm peaceful place that strives to blend work space with relaxation areas.

"Although the city is intriguing, the electrical blackouts, the garbage and water problems, and the bandhs that hold up traffic for hours, illustrate the daily challenges that send **Deepak** seeking the solitude of his farm house. **Deepak** built this house in 1978 and surrounded it with plants, trees and a garden. After Nepali tea, we hiked up the hill talk to his neighbors who are losing their houses and land because the Maoists are confiscating them to build an army compound. **Deepak** indicated that he would see if he could help the families get some compensation.

"I really enjoyed seeing **Deepak** working and living in his



Deepak in the countryside outside of Kathmandu. **Deepak** will be returning to Portland in July to assist WFI with the International Educators Institute (IEI). His many years of experience as a trainer and educator will be welcomed in his role as Senior Advisor to IEI.

own country; moreover, I appreciated his stories and hospitality. As I was leaving, he ask me to give all of you his best wishes."