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and photos for the
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Three Fellows and Fall Intern Depart WFI

With the change in season comes changes at WFI. Three research Fellows completed their projects in the past few months and have headed back to their home countries.

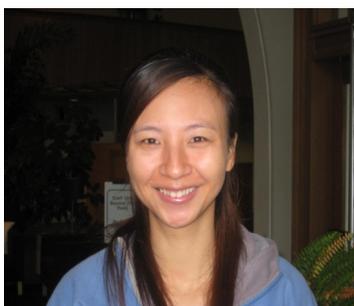
Daisuke Tajima of Japan completed his research on the business side of family-operated forests in Oregon. He returned to Japan to finish his last year of studies at Keio University. After he graduates, Daisuke plans to pursue forest management work to gain enough experience to take over the operation of his family-owned forestland in Kyushu, Japan.



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Not long after Daisuke returned home, Taiwanese Fellow I-Chun-Lu returned home to Taipei. I-Chun had a very successful study of environmental education methods in the Pacific Northwest. She

will to begin implementing some of the methodologies she learned here into her new position at Fu-Shan Garden of the Taiwan Forest Research Institute. However, before she starts working again, she will welcome a new baby boy into the world—due in late November!



I-Chun Lu will continue to strengthen Taiwan's environmental education programs with her work at Taiwan Forest Research Institute.

And last, but certainly not least, our Chinese Fellow Ke Dong returned to China at the end of October. Ke was at WFI for a year and a half. She completed a year-long project about payment for ecosystem services and spent her remaining six months consulting for the Portland-based company GreenWood Resources about FSC certification in China. Ke taught us all so much about China during her time here, which we are so thankful for. Ke returns to China to pursue new opportunities in the forestry and conservation sectors.



Ke Dong returned to China to put her considerable knowledge to work in the forestry sector.

We wish all of our Fellows the best of luck in their future endeavors. Copies of their research posters and presentations can be found on our website at:
<https://wfi.worldforestry.org>

In addition to the three Fellows, our fall intern Mark Hurlburt completed his internship program at WFI at the end of October. Mark, a recent graduate of PSU, hopes to put his new skills to work soon as he pursues jobs in the Portland area.



Mark Hurlburt completed over 200 volunteer hours for WFI!



Updates from WFI Alumni

Fellows reunite! Bosnian alumnus Milan Mataruga recently had the opportunity to visit Taiwan. During this time he was reunited with Taiwanese alumnus Yu-jen Lin.



Milan (right), Yu-jen (left) with wife Ling-Chuan (center) visit sites throughout Taiwan.

The World Forestry Center makes the front page of the Taiwan Forest Research Institute newsletter thanks to WFI alumnus Yu-jen Lin. Yu-jen published an article about his experiences in the WFI Fellowship program.



WWOTF6 Conference a Great Success

The World Forest Institute hosted the 6th annual “Who Will Own the Forest?” timberland investment conference on September 20-22, 2010 at the World Forestry Center. The conference was once again a huge success with over 400 attendees from across the U.S. and international representatives from more than ten different countries. WFI Fellows and alumni Rainer Hummel (Germany) and Nerijus Miskinis (Lithuania) attended as well.

Session topics hit on all points of timberland investment including finance, economic outlook and forestland values, lending and tax issues, forestland appraisals, futures, overseas investing, emerging forestland values, and analyzing forestland investments. The success of the conference proves that interest in timberland investing remains strong despite poor wood markets.

Many of the attendees commented on how important it was for them to attend this conference. With all the major players under one roof, not only were there networking opportunities, but everyone had the chance to get abreast on the latest global issues.

We are of course very grateful for the generosity of our sponsors who supported this event: Brookfield Asset Management, The Campbell Group, Cascade Hardwood, Equator / TTG Brasil, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, First American Financial Corporation, Forest Investment Associates, The Forestland Group, Forestweb, Global Forest Partners, Green Diamond Resource Company, Greenwood Resources, Hancock Timber Resource Group, the Harry A. Merlo Founda-

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We hope to see everyone back for next year’s conference, which is set for Sept. 19-21, 2011.



Conference attendees mingle at the Tuesday night reception in Merlo Hall.

WWOTF6 Conference Proceedings Now Available

Didn’t make it to the conference, but want to know what was presented? Or, did you attend the conference, but want to review all the talks you heard?

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Updates from WFI Alumni cont'd...



Senior Fellow Rick Zenn visits with IEI alums Vanessa Bullwinkle (2008) and Wanda Barrs (1996) near Madison, Wisconsin. The trio were reunited at the American Forest Foundation Project Learning Tree and Tree Farm national advisory committee meeting.



WFI alumnus Lanhui Wang had the opportunity to visit Seoul, Korea with her family and take in many of the sites.



WFI China alumnus, Zengwang Ma, stopped in Portland during a US trip and met up with ex-WFI program manager Angie DiSalvo, WFI Director Sara Wu and Lithuania alumnus Nerijus Miskinis. Ma was accompanied by two colleagues from the Hebei Forestry Bureau to look at US methods of water saving techniques in landscaping.

Fellows Tour Columbia Land Trust Project Site

In early October WFI Fellows and staff visited the non-profit organization Columbia Land Trust at its location in one of the restored houses of Fort Vancouver, Washington. Cherie Kearney, who serves the forestry initiative of CLT, provided an overview of the land trust and talked about their goals to conserve land and habitat in cooperation with private and public land owners

throughout the Columbia River basin. CLT serves an area of 200 miles up the Columbia River, covering five eco-regions.

Cherie's presentation was followed by a visit to one of CLT's current project sites. Fellows got a tour of the timberland around the Swift Reservoir, along the Lewis River near Mt. St. Helens. CLT is in the process of purchasing the

development rights on large parcels of land to keep it in permanent conservation. CLT began raising money with the intent to purchase the forestland two years ago and is nearing completion of the purchase. Fellows were interested to learn about all the details involved with this process, from the fundraising aspect to the public outreach and on-the-ground work. Fellows also learned that much of the legal work for these transactions is provided pro bono, which is the only way CLT could accomplish this project. "So much depends on partnerships in the US", remarked Chinese Fellow Ke Dong.



WFI Fellows, intern, and staff enjoy one of the great view points of Mt. St. Helens with CLT staff and guests. From left: Vijay Kolinjivadi, Ke Dong, Gretchen Starkey, Rick Zenn, Mark Hurlburt, Jagdish Poudel, Stephan Cook, (front) Vera Serrão, Cherie Kearney.

The tour concluded with a hike into an old growth cedar grove, which was a perfect end for this early fall tour. The WFI Fellows and staff were extremely grateful for the opportunity to learn about the great conservation work the CLT is accomplishing in the Pacific Northwest.

Promote the Fellowship Program in Your Neck of the Woods!

Pass the word on about the great benefits of the World Forest Institute's Fellowship Program.

The WFI Fellowship brings professionals in natural resources—such as foresters, environmental educators, land managers, NGO practitioners, and researchers—to conduct a practical research project at the World Forestry Center. In addition to their specific projects, Fellows participate in weekly field

trips, interviews and site visits to Northwest forestry organizations, parks, universities, public and private timberlands, trade associations, mills, and corporations. The Fellowship is a unique opportunity to learn about sustainable forestry from the Pacific Northwest forestry sector, and to work with colleagues from around the world. Fellowships are open to any country, and there is a matching grant from the Harry A. Merlo Foundation. Over 75 Fellows from 24

countries have participated to date.

For details, including application instructions, please visit <http://wfi.worldforestry.org>.

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Redwoods and Biscuit Fire Sites Visited

Recent Events

Fellows Vera (Portugal) and Jagdish (Nepal) join Rick Zenn in a celebration tour of Port Blakely tree farms Molalla, OR with students from nearby Canby, OR.



The WFI Speaker Series continues throughout the fall. The latest speaker, Vijay Kolinjivadi, presented in late October on the business perspectives of buyers in watershed service markets in Oregon.



Vijay Kolinjivadi (USA/India) presents his research in the Mt. Hood room of the World Forestry Center.

UPCOMING SPEAKER SERIES SEMINARS

- Nov. 10 Vera Serrão, Portugal
- Dec. 8 Sue Baker, Australia
- Jan. 12 Ghazala Yasmeen, Pakistan
- Feb. 9 Jagdish Poudel, Nepal

Mid-October was the perfect time of the year for Fellows to visit sites throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California.

The week-long trip started with a visit to the National Park Service headquarters for the Redwoods National Park in Orick, California. NPS staff hosted WFI Fellows and staff for a day. The history and current perspectives of forest management in the park were presented by the Chief of Vegetation Management Leonel Arguello and NPS forester Jason Teraoka. Following the interesting presentation was a guided tour of the different management sites throughout the park. Innovative in their practices, Redwoods National Park is actively managing their forests for various objectives. One goal is to shift species composition back to more historical makeup and create healthier forests. Prior to the NPS acquiring the land, many areas were clearcut and then aerially seeded with Douglas-fir. The species composition has since been comprised

mostly of Douglas-fir and the NPS is working to return the forest to a more balanced mix of redwoods and Douglas-fir.



WFI Fellows take a break with NPS staff at the site of a current thinning and restoration project in Redwoods National Park.

Active in public outreach, the NPS staff receives great public support and encouragement for their work in the park and Fellows were impressed with the quality and amount of management occurring in such an amazing forest. Along with learning about management and silvicultural practices, everyone got to enjoy the amazing beauty of the large (and small) trees and see why people from all over world come here to see these forests.



Fellows Ke (China) and Jagdish (Nepal) provide perspective for the size of the redwoods!

treated to a unique site visit to two separate, but side-by-side fires in Southern Oregon. At a single spot on a hillside, Fellows viewed landscape from the Biscuit fire of 8 years ago and then simply turned around to view the landscape from the Oak Flat fire of only 8 weeks ago. This contrast sparked good conversation about fire-fighting and logistics, post-fire forest management, and long-term goals for each. The contrast between the sites was clear and gave the Fellows a chance to see

the natural vegetation regeneration in 8 years versus 8 weeks. USFS staff, including fire personnel, hydrologist, and forest ecologists shared their experiences on these fires. They provided a complete picture of how their agency handles all aspects of wildland fires, from the natural resources and long-term recovery of the land, to working with the people whose lives are affected by them.

Other highlights of the week included an underground tour at Oregon Caves National Monument and a stop at Crater Lake National Park – a must see for anyone who visits Oregon!



Fellows Ghazala (Pakistan) and Vera (Portugal) talk with USFS forest ecologist Tom Sensenig about the Biscuit fire seen in the background.

