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September conferences attract a diverse audience to WFI

September was a busy time at the World Forest Institute as it hosted two conferences on timberland and wood products.

Over 400 registrants from more than a dozen countries attended the **Who Will Own the Forest? 7** conference on timberland investing. Organized by WFI, the event attracted professionals from the investment, timberland management, conservation, forestry, legal and conservation sectors. 36 speakers covered a range of topics, including discussions about the economy, wood demand, the forest products sector, leveraging, the discount rate, the NCREIF index, investor sentiments, foreign timberlands and carbon. If you missed the event or want a digital copy of the presentations in color, the proceedings are now available for purchase on our **website**

<http://wfi.worldforestry.org>. 2012's conference is slated for **September 18-21, 2012** with the opening reception on the evening of September 18, and sessions on September 19-20.

Immediately following WWOTF7, **Forest Economic Advisors** (link to <http://www.getfea.com/>), in partnership with the World Forest Institute, premiered a single-day event examining the leading trends and drivers affecting the North American markets for housing, lumber, wood panels, timber, engineered lumber, and wood biomass. **The Forest Products Forum** attracted over 80 attendees from the forest products sector. Next year the Forum will precede Who Will Own the Forest? 8 on **September 18, 2012**.



The conference also provided the opportunity for WFI Director Sara Wu (left) to catch up with two WFI alumni, Claudio Ortolan (center) from Brazil, who also sits on the WFC Board of Directors, and Claire Huxtable (right) from Canada.

WFI thanks all of its speakers and sponsors for their continuing support in making these events such a success, especially our Title Sponsor, **Timberland Investment Resources** <http://www.tirlc.com/index.php>.



Miller Hall housed the more than 400 WWOTF7 conference participants. Engaging speakers provided content-rich presentations that people return for year after year.

Alumni Updates

As you may already know, former WFI Program Manager Angie DiSalvo recently had a baby girl! Proud parents Angie and Jon are doing well and happily shared a few pictures of themselves with adorable Cecilia—lovingly called ‘Ceci’.



Two new Fellows join WFI as we say goodbye to others

The one thing that never changes at WFI is change itself. We continually must say goodbye to Fellows as they finish their projects and head home to embark on the next phase in their journey. Thankfully, these sad events are always tempered by the welcoming of new researchers to the program, which is something we always look forward to.

Over the past two months we have welcomed two new Fellows; Huancheng Ma from SW China and Elvis Tata from Cameroon.

Huancheng Ma is from Southwest Forestry University where he is a professor of silviculture. He came to WFI to study the federal forest management system in the US, and specially how policy changes have affected forest management decisions over the past few decades. He will be here for only four short months and plans to make the best of his time here by touring as many sites as possible as well as



Huancheng Ma from China visits the converted rail tunnels in the Columbia River Gorge.

getting out to see some of the great national parks of the West.

Elvis Tata is a high school geography teacher from Cameroon. He comes to the WFI to learn about the use of GIS technology in forestry. The use of GIS in the US is fairly advanced compared to what is available and widely used in Cameroon. Elvis will spend his time here learning about how GIS can inform management and policy changes in forestry. He wants to determine if increasing the use of GIS back home will help solve some of their more serious issues around deforestation and resource conservation.

We are pleased to have Ma and Elvis in the program and look forward to hearing about the findings from their studies.



Elvis Tata from Cameroon arrived in September. This is the first time Elvis has been out of his country!

Alas, we must move on to the business of saying farewell to one of our Fellows. Tim Sanders from Australia finished his 6 month Fellowship in October. Tim came here to study what forest

management agencies were doing in preparation or in response to climate change. He completed a thorough synthesis of the adaptive management strategies and schools of thought in the Pacific Northwest, complete with site visits and interviews of public and private agencies. A copy of his report can be found on our website [here](#). A copy of his final presentation can also be found on our website [here](#).

Tim returned home to resume his work with VicForests in Melbourne where he hopes to implement some of the findings from his study here into their future management plans.



Tim Sanders returned home to Melbourne after spending 6 months at WFI.

Don't forget to pass the word on at home about the WFI Fellowship Program and all the great experiences and benefits that come from it! We depend on you to get the word out!

<http://wfi.worldforestry.org/index/international-fellowship.html>

Recent Events

WFI Fellows and staff were present at recent World Forestry Center fundraisers and events. The motorcycle poker run *Treesy Rider* was held in September, attended by a roaring crowd of motorcyclists from the Portland area. Then, in October, WFC held its annual *Doggie Palooza* event which allows dog owners to bring their pooches to WFC and explore the tables of vendors and participate in contests such as 'Best in Show'. It was a fun day for dogs and owners alike!



Korean Fellow Kwangho and Taiwanese Fellow Chia-Chen worked alongside program manager Chandalin at the 'Las Vegas' stop of *Treesy Rider*.



Australian Fellow Tim Sanders and his wife Bronwyn and their two kids, Alyssa and Callum, helped out at *Doggie Palooza*.

Fellows give presentations at OSU and WFI

As WFI Fellows near the completion of the research projects, and thus the completion of their Fellowship program, it is customary for them to give presentations on their findings at both WFI and Oregon State University's College of Forestry.

The Speaker Series at WFI recently featured three Fellows who are near, or have now, completed their research projects.

Gabriel Salako of Nigeria presented the results of his exploratory study on the adaption of PNW conifers to a region in Nigeria that may be suitable for softwood plantations.

Tim Sanders of Australia presented his synthesis of research regarding adaptive management strategies for forestry agencies in response to climate change.

Chia-Chen Wu of Taiwan presented his body of research around the use of marker-assisted technology in plant breeding programs.



Gabriel Salako (Nigeria) wore his native dress during his WFI presentation (left).



Left: OSU staff attended Gabriel's talk, many of whom mentored him during his Fellowship. **Right:** Tim, Gabriel, and Kwangho enjoy the outdoor sports complex on the OSU campus.

A copy of their presentations can be found on our website <http://wfi.worldforestry.org/>

All Fellows gave the same talk at OSU. Different audiences provide feedback that both helps and encourages critical thinking of their topics. The importance of shar-

ing is obvious when both the speaker and the audience can learn something new at each presentation. Copies of presentations can also be found on the OSU International Programs website [here](#).



The OSU campus displays beautiful fall foliage at every turn this time of year.



A large audience was receptive to Tim's talk at WFI on climate change adaptation in forestry.

WFI Director Sara Wu chats with Taiwanese Fellow Chia-Chen Wu before his presentation.

Fellows visit Magness Memorial Tree Farm

Recent Events

WFI visited the historic Camp 18 logging museum and restaurant near Elsie, OR. Wooden sculptures adorn the grounds and relics of the old logging camp are both in and outside of the restaurant. Fellows spent time walking the grounds and learning some of the history of the area. This was followed by a visit to the coast to see the famous Octopus Tree, the multi-limbed Sitka spruce at Cape Mears.



Fellows visited the World Forestry Center's Magness Tree Farm for a day in October.

School groups of all ages and size tour the farm throughout the year and Fellows were happy to get out and experience it for themselves. Bill Wood, tree farm manager and educator, says they use virtually every acre on the property for some educational purpose. Fellows got to see some of this in action during their tour, stopping at every spot that Bill might stop at with kids to show something interesting about the forest.

An introduction to the history of the farm and how it is used was followed by a demonstra-



Top: Magness Tree farm manager Bill Wood guides Fellows through the tree farm detailing all the educational opportunities the property has to offer. **Bottom:** Fellows stand at the tree farm entrance.

tion of some of the 'tools' that Bill uses to educate kids about the forest. One such tool was a clinometer made of straws and paper - "improvisational learning" is what Nigerian Fellow Gabriel called it, commenting that those are the types of techniques that must be used for education back home because of the lack of other resources.

Fellows took home many lessons from the day including the fact that many educational practices are global - a child in Africa may learn just the same as a child in the US. The group also got to see an important part of the World Forestry Center and how it promotes the mission and goals of the organization that they have all traveled from around the world to join!



Top: WFI Fellows relax in the rustic ambiance of the Camp 18 restaurant.

Center: Wooden sculptures were abundant on the grounds. Fellows Ning (China) and Chia-Chen (Taiwan) found them interesting!

Bottom: The Octopus Tree was fascinating to see, even on a very blustery, cold day in October.

Shumaker Tree Farm hosted WFI

Bob and Bonnie Shumaker hosted WFI for a day on their tree farm out near Banks, OR.

The 80 acre property was once used primarily as a sheep farm, but has been a dedicated tree farm since the early 1980's. In the past 15 years, the Shumakers have

planted approximately 30,000 trees across their property and it has become a real passion of theirs. Their goals are to raise trees for harvest and then to ultimately pass the property on to their children to manage.

The Shumakers are part of the Oregon Small Wood-

lands Association and won the Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year award in 1997. Fellows also got some insight into the American Tree Farm System, whom they are also certified with, and learned a bit about what it takes to own and manage trees as a 'family' business in the US.



Left: Bonnie and Bob Shumaker stand on the property line of their family forestland and talk about management strategies and the value of working with neighbors. **Right:** The field tour ended with a rest on the green lawn under some fruit trees in the Shumaker's back yard.