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– ERIC VINES



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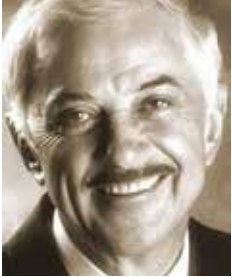
TO OUR SUPPORTERS, FUNDERS AND PATRONS

This past year has been a time of significant transition for our organization. We dedicated a sizeable portion of our collective time and energy formulating a new strategic direction centered on the importance of conferences and gatherings that are focused on today’s forestry issues. Our newly defined mission, *to create and inspire champions of sustainable forestry*, calls for us to bring diverse groups and individuals together around topics crucial to sustainable forest management. In doing so, we will provide a much-needed nexus for networking and knowledge exchange vital to the advancement of research and best practices.

Driving our mission is the proposition that humanity needs thriving world forests. Indeed, forests provide us with food, clean water, clean air, soil stabilization, recreation, better mental health, habitat for innumerable species, and wood products for human survival and enjoyment. Every person on this planet is affected in some way by forests. Likewise, forests on this planet are impacted by people. Today we must cultivate champions to carry our vision of sustainable forestry forward to the next generation. We hope you will continue to be part of this valuable work.

Eric Vines
Executive Director

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JANUARY 2016 – OCTOBER 2016



MEMORIAM

Harry A. Merlo, long-time World Forestry Center Board Director and past Chair of the Executive Board, passed away October 24, 2016, at his home in Portland, Oregon. Harry's legacy lives on through the World Forest Institute International Fellowship Program. Harry saw the globalization trend in forestry long before most and he understood the challenges facing foresters here were not dissimilar from the challenges facing foresters elsewhere. His efforts to bring people together to solve common problems in natural resources made a real impact on lives throughout the world.

If you would like to make a gift in honor of Harry Merlo, please contact Wendy Mitchell, Development Director, at 503-488-2111 or wmitchell@worldforestry.org.

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I'm so honored to be taking the reins of the World Forestry Center board, building on the great leadership provided by David Hampton and other past board chairs. In 2016, the World Forestry Center launched a reorganized board and pivoted our mission toward an expanded role to create and support champions of sustainable forestry. These changes further enable us to envision innovative solutions, bridge differences, effectively engage diverse thought leaders, and forge powerful partnerships. We look forward to working and engaging with you to develop and implement strategies and programs to realize this exciting future.

— JENNIFER ALLEN
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The World Forestry Center Celebrates 50 Years



The 50th Anniversary Gala, *Eat Dessert First*, was an evening that delighted the senses. Thank you to our supporters, sponsors and guests for making the February 6, 2016 Gala a magical celebration. A very special thanks to Honorary Chairs Prue Miller, Joanne Lilley and Bobsy Graham and to our Presenting Sponsor – ESCO Foundation.

ABOVE CAPTIONS:

Left: Executive Director Eric Vines

Center Top: Special performances by BodyVox and the Brothers Jam

Center Bottom: WFI International Alumni Fellows with WFI Staff

Right: Harry Merlo and Antoinette Hatfield

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We also want to thank these distinguished World Forestry Center Leadership Hall Inductees who attended the 50th Anniversary Gala celebration. We gave a special tribute to Harold Miller for his contribution to Miller Hall where we held the Gala. ❁



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1941–



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1936–



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1930–



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1933–



HENRY T. SWIGERT
1930–

World Forest Institute 2016 Conferences

The year 2016 was busy and successful at the World Forest Institute in terms of its Fellowship program and conferences, but it was hard to celebrate the year after the October passing of our Founder and Mentor-in-Chief Harry A. Merlo. The 2017 cohort of International Fellows will be the first that Harry will not be here to personally greet and have coffee with in Merlo Hall. With the support and guidance of Harry's staff at the Harry A. Merlo Foundation and MC Ranch, we will honor Harry Merlo's legacy by continuing his vision of helping other countries gain insight into the benefits of productive, sustainable forestry. In 2016, he recommitted another 10-year \$1.25 million matching grant to the Fellowship Program. As always, he remains an inspiration to the over 140 fellows from 40 countries who have participated in the Fellowship, which showcases the Pacific Northwest's leadership in sustainable forestry.

Sara W. Wu



Changing Dynamics of the Asia-Pacific Wood Trade—March 1–2, 2016

Organized jointly by Dana Ltd. and the World Forest Institute, this two-day event attracted 58 attendees and 19 speakers from 13 countries, including a presentation from WFI alumnus Jaakko Rantanen (Finland, 1998) on the softwood trade from Europe to Asia. A follow-up conference will be held in spring 2018. ❖

Northwest Community Forest Forum—May 9–10, 2016

The Third Annual Northwest Community Forest Forum featured presentations, panels, small group discussions, and networking opportunities to address common challenges to expanding community forests throughout the Pacific Northwest. The event was co-organized with Sustainable Northwest. ❖

2016 Forest Products Forum and Who Will Own the Forest?—September 20–22, 2016

These two annual conferences ran back to back for three days, featuring speakers covering a range of issues on forestland investing and wood products markets. The events attracted a combined audience of over 460 professionals from 17 countries and 31 states. Forest Economic Advisors partnered with the World Forest Institute to organize the Forum. ❖



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The 2016 World Forest Institute Fellows

In 2016, the World Forest Institute (WFI) hosted eight exceptional professionals in its International Fellowship Program. To date, WFI has hosted over 140 Fellows from 40 countries.

ABIODUN SOLANKE – *Nigeria*

Abi started his own architectural firm in Lagos “Litehaus Architecture + Developments,” offering his expertise as a Sustainability & Appropriate Technology Expert.

ADAM WASIAK – *Poland*

Adam was recently appointed Deputy Director at the Bureau for Forest Management and Geodesy in Poland.

ANA DE MIGUEL MUÑOZ – *Spain*

Ana is currently getting her Ph.D. in forestry at Waterford Institute of Technology in Ireland.

ANDREA CORNEJO – *Nicaragua*

Andrea recently accepted a job as a Research Associate at the Faculty of Science, Technology and Environmental at Universidad Centroamericana in Managua.

KARISHMAA PAI – *India*

Following up with connections that Karishmaa made during her WFI Fellowship, she has been helping an NGO called PM Haze in Singapore to research palm oil certification for a position paper. Her diverse interests and skills are also leading her towards work in corporate social responsibility.

REBECCA HSU – *Taiwan*

Rebecca is back working for the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute (TFRI) as one of their associate researchers conducting canopy science.

SAMANTHA KWAN – *Malaysia*

Samantha returned to working for the Sarawak Forestry Corporation at Piasau Nature Reserves managing an urban forest in Miri.

LEI YU – *China*

Lei is back to working for the Chinese Academy of Forestry in Beijing, managing two of their research centers.



PREMIER EVENT SPACES

Over 200 groups rented our premier event spaces in 2016. Some of those groups included:

- Conservation Finance Network
- Grantmakers of Oregon and SW Washington
- Hampton Affiliates
- Jeld -Wen
- Northwest Community Forest Forum
- Oregon Community Trees
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute
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- The Intertwine Alliance
- The Society of American Foresters
- West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Western Forestry and Conservation Association
- Western Hardwood Association

Forests ~ Water ~ Health

In December, nearly 90 professionals from the healthcare, natural resources, nonprofit, and water management sectors attended the World Forestry Center and Carpe Diem West’s *Forests ~ Water ~ Health* luncheon.

“There are so many different places where forests intersect—with human health, water security, access to energy, reducing inequality—it makes the World Forestry Center a wonderful place to host these types of gatherings,” said Eric Vines, executive director of the World Forestry Center, in his welcoming remarks.

Guest speakers Howard Frumkin, Todd Gartner, and Bobby Cochran emphasized the role that nature plays in promoting health and the need for integrating systems to enable everyone to access green spaces, as well as sharing the nature message outside of the natural resources and healthcare community.

The luncheon concluded with participants describing projects they’re working on and soliciting help for obstacles they are facing. One member in the urban forestry sector asked for advice on how to connect with the business community to support urban forestry, while another asked how to reach under-served communities and communicate the value of trees.

“I’ve been managing forests and forestlands, thousands of acres, for decades and today was the first time I heard much, if anything, about the public health benefits of forestry and the scientific evidence that was talked about here today,” John Wilkinson commented.

Luncheon sponsors were the Irwin Foundation, with support also provided by the Kelley Family Foundation, Oregon Zoo, PacificSource Medicare, Portland Parks & Recreation, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, and World Forestry Center Board Member John Wilkinson. ❖

The Hagenstein Lectures

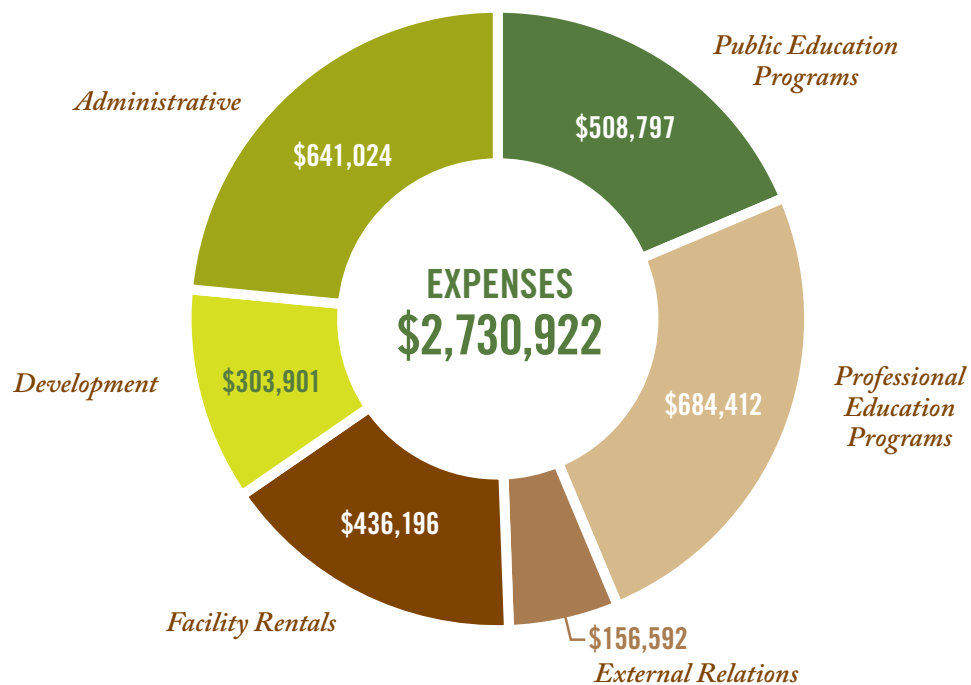
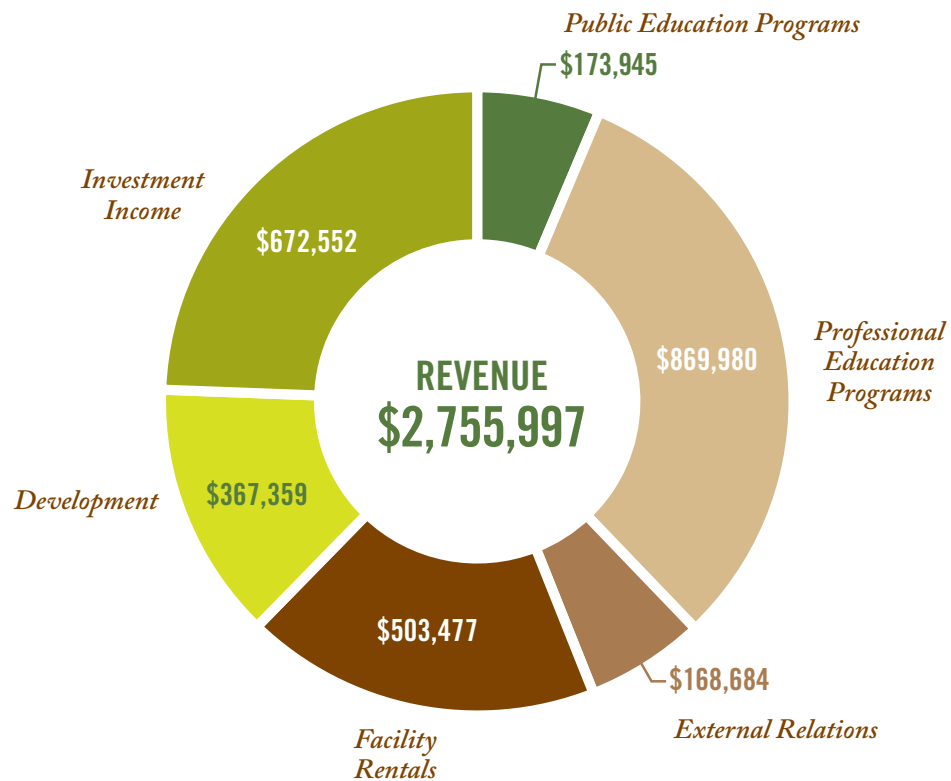
In October, the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the World Forestry Center fulfilled the late forester Bill Hagenstein’s wishes by inaugurating the Hagenstein Lectures, a series of public talks designed to create a robust and ongoing local-global conversation about real opportunities to advance sustainable forestry in the 21st century. The October 9 event, entitled “*Emerging Voices in Forestry*,” featured five leaders in the field of forestry under the age of 45; about 150 people turned out on a rainy Sunday to hear them. A Hagenstein Lecture focusing on forest policy is in the works for 2017 in Washington, DC, and will be led by SAF. ❖



Sue Baker, WFI International Fellow Alumna speaks at Hagenstein Lecture

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