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INSIDE VT WOOD

Reminder...

Remember to submit department news items by Friday 3 p.m. of each week to Will Pfeil at wpfeil@vt.edu for inclusion in Inside VT WOOD each Monday morning. All past issues of Inside VT Wood reside on our department website under the [publications link](#).

Inside VT Wood Summer Publication Schedule

June 30 | **July 14** | **July 28** | **August 11**

We will resume weekly publication on Monday, August 18.

News From Paul Winistorfer

- The department will be well represented at the 62nd International Convention of the Forest Products Society in St. Louis, Missouri June 22-24. We will host an alumni reception on Monday June 23 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Many faculty and graduate students are attending the meeting and presenting oral and poster research presentations.
- On Friday June 27th we will host a group of gifted students from Southside at the Brooks Center. Judy Araman from the College is coordinating and hosting the overall visit.

Wood Week 2008 Career Fair Registration is Now Live

Wood Week 2008 is set for the week of September 15, 2008. Our Career Fair is Thursday September 18, on the Drillfield of the Virginia Tech campus. We have increased our capacity this year to 75 companies. Registration is now live and linked from the Wood Week 2008 link on our homepage. Please help spread the word on the career fair and help us reach our goal of 75 participating firms this year. A press release is now available on our website announcing the career fair.



Look Who's Already 'In' for Our Career Fair

- Mann And Parker Lumber Company
- Universal Forest Products Inc
- Georgia-Pacific LLC
- Blair Dumond, Inc.
- American Woodmark Corporation
- Roy O. Martin Lumber Co. , LLC
- Columbia Forest Products
- Huber Engineered Woods, LLC

Hindman Travels to Japan

On May 31st, Dr. Daniel Hindman traveled to Japan to attend the 10th Annual World Conference on Timber Engineering (WCTE) held in Miyazaki, Japan. The conference was attended by about 300 engineers representing at least 37 countries. The conference included almost 300 presentations on various topics in timber engineering from education to fire to seismic forces to connections. Miyazaki is located on the southern island of Kyushu with a rather tropical climate. Dr. Hindman presented two presentations, “Lateral Buckling of I-joists” and “Structural Composite Lumber Loaded Perpendicular to Grain”.



▲ Conference attendees Hideki Aoi, researcher at Forest Products Research Institute in Tsukuba, Dr. Hindman and Dr. Javier Sotomayor from the University of Michoacan.

◀ Classic Japanese architecture visible on the streets of Miyazaki



Buehlmann Receives Funding from the Wood Education and Resource Center

Congratulations to Dr. Urs. Buehlmann and his partners for funding received from the Wood Education and Resource Center for the following projects:

Title: **Small and medium sized enterprises (SME): the future of the U.S. hardwood lumber industry**
Investigator(s): Urs Buehlmann, Tod Riggio, Earl Kline, Shawn Grushecky, Scott Bowe, Daniel Saloni, Adam Taylor, Matthew Bumgardner, Al Schuler

Sponsor: Wood Education Resource Center (WERC); USDA Forest Service

Amount: \$197,572 with \$98,786 requested from WERC

Duration: August 15, 2008 – August 14, 2010

Title: **Integrating the Least-Cost-Grade-Mix Solver into ROMI**

Investigator(s): Urs Buehlmann and Ed Thomas

Sponsor: Wood Education Resource Center (WERC); USDA Forest Service

Amount: \$47,368 with \$32,050 requested from WERC

Duration: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Title: Adaptations of the sawmill distributor link in the evolving hardwood supply chain

Investigator(s): Urs Buehlmann, Robert Smith and Matthew Bumgardner
Sponsor: Wood Education Resource Center (WERC); USDA Forest Service
Amount: \$91,857 with \$45,928 requested from WERC
Duration: July 1, 2008 - October 30, 2009

Title: Workshop for remaining competitive in hardwood components production

Investigator(s): Urs Buehlmann, Brian Bond, Thomas Walthousen, Steve Lawser, Earl Kline, Steve Ehle, Jan Wiedenbeck and Ed Thomas
Sponsor: Wood Education Resource Center (WERC); USDA Forest Service
Amount: \$44,955 with \$27,750 requested from WERC and
Duration: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

State Foresters Visit Virginia Tech

The 2008 meeting of the Utilization and Marketing Group of the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters was hosted by the Virginia Department of Forestry and the Department of Wood Science and Forest Products at Virginia Tech the first week of June. The group toured the Wood Education Research Center in Princeton, were taught by wood science faculty on issues ranging from biomass to nanotechnology, visited the Brooks Forest Products Lab, toured numerous Virginia wood products manufacturing facilities and listened to the latest forestry issues being conducted at the Department of Forestry in Charlottesville.



Wood Enterprise Institute 2008 Schedules Open House for July 8

Mark your calendars! The students for this year's Wood Enterprise Institute invite you to join them to come see their business, their product, and their production system. The open house is scheduled for 1-5 PM, Tuesday July 8 at the Brooks Forest Products Center. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.