

Future Meetings

IAWA Symposium on Wood Identification during IUFRO Division 5 Conference in Cairns, Australia on June 4th - 8th, 2023

The upcoming All-Division Conference of IUFRO Division 5 - Forest Products will be held in tropical Cairns, Australia on June 4th - 8th, 2023. The IAWA-IUFRO Symposium titled "S21 Promoting Data-driven Methods for Species and Origin Identification of Forest Products" can be found at www.iufro-div5-2023.com/. The program of this IAWA-IUFRO Symposium will encourage open dialogue around the following topics: Can a xylarium network and an integrated wood identification system guarantee a legal timber trade? Can the development of integrated wood identification technology enhance the regional and/or international timber and wood products export and import activities among countries? Do different regulations in each country complicate the development of a xylarium network?

During this conference, IAWA will also co-sponsor a session "S22&23 Application and Prospects of Interdisciplinary Forest Product Identification and Traceability Approaches".

Lichao Jiao, China

IAWA Fossil Wood Symposium in Prague, Czech Republic, Postponed to May 25th – 31st, 2024

The IAWA Fossil Wood Symposium, dedicated to the memories of Prof. Dr. Herbert Süß (1920-2017) and Prof. Dr. Alfred Selmeier (1923-2018), will be organized on May 25th -31st, 2024, during the XIth IOPC (International Organization of Palaeobotany Conference) held conjunctly with the XVth International Palynological Congress. The IAWA Symposium will be organizing an IAWA Social Hour and supper in the famous Carthusian Monastery (1628) in Melnik, where IAWA has been previously hosted at a European Palaeo-botanical Conference.

Detailed information is available by clicking <https://www.prague2020.cz/news.php>.

Jakub Sakala, Czech Republic

IAWA Symposium of XXVI IUFRO World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden on June 23rd - 29th, 2024

The XXVI IUFRO World Congress will be held in Stockholm, Sweden on June 23rd - 29th, 2024. The IAWA-IUFRO Symposium titled "T5.16 IAWA-IUFRO Symposium: Advancing Methods and Applications of Wood Identification" is organized during the Congress. This IAWA-IUFRO symposium aims to present the most recent advances in methods and applications of wood identification for promoting a sustainable supply chain of forest products. Specifically, this session will focus on improving the research capacity of wood identification methods, establishing databases and integrating networks for wood identification, and providing applications adopted with effective technologies and tools for various scenes of wood identification.

The call for abstracts for IUFRO 2024 is now open at www.iufro2024.com/ and will remain until June 2nd, 2023.

XX IBC in Madrid, Spain on July 21st - 27th, 2024

The XX International Botanical Congress (IBC) will be held in Madrid, Spain, July 21st - 27th, 2024. Several relevant scientific sessions including "IAWA Symposium - The contribution of wood in forest: from wood dynamics to trait diversity and carbon gains" proposed by Yafang Yin et al., "Morphological, anatomical, and evolutionary basis of habit transitions in plants" by Marcelo R. Pace et al., "Xylem

anatomy as a central hub linking fluid transport processes from the individual plant level to ecosystems” by Steven Jansen et al., and “Bark structure: evolutionary, functional and ecological implications” by Alexei Oskolski et al., have been accepted. Welcome to submit the session abstracts and actively follow them. As a long-term tradition, IAWA social hour will be organized during the congress.

Please get updated information via <https://ibcmadrid2024.com/>.

Lichao Jiao, China

The 10th PRWAC in Hokkaido, Japan on September, 2024

The 10th Pacific Regional Wood Anatomy Conference (10th PRWAC) will be held in Hokkaido, Japan, in September 2024. Japanese wood anatomists are now planning to hold this conference physically. The first announcement of the conference is expected to be launched soon.

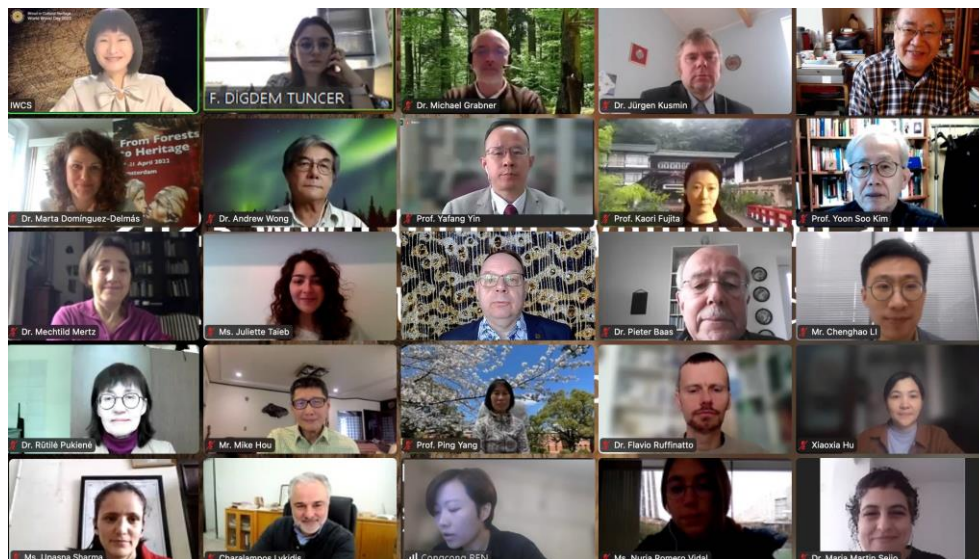
Yuzou Sano and Hisashi Abe, Japan

Miscellaneous News

IAWA co-sponsored 2023 World Wood Day Symposium and the Fifth IUFRO Forest Products Culture Colloquium, March 21st - 22nd, 2023

The Online 2023 WWD symposium and the Fifth IUFRO Forest Products Culture Colloquium co-sponsored by IAWA were held on March 21th-22nd. Please visit the web page

<http://www.worldwoodday.org/2023/symposium> for more information.



IAWA plays role of the Executive Committee of IUBS since 2023

In the 34th General Assembly (GA) of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) (<https://iubs.org/>) held in Tokyo, Japan, on March 10th -12th, 2023, IAWA Executive Secretary Yafang Yin from Chinese Academy of Forestry, was elected as Executive Committee Member (2023-2026) of IUBS.

IUBS, established in 1919, is a non-governmental and non-profit organization comprising national academies and international scientific associations and societies. The Executive Committee acts on the decisions made by the GA to fulfill the objectives of the IUBS.

IAWA officially became an IUBS affiliate member in July, 2021. In further, IAWA will strengthen its collaboration with IUBS, and play an important leading role in the scientific development and technology innovation of global wood, forestry and botany research.

Lichao Jiao, China

Compiling of IAWA list of microscopic features for softwood identification in Serbian

With the authorization and help of IAWA, the IAWA list of microscopic features for softwood identification in Serbian is compiled by Pedja Janačković and Milan Gavrilović from the Department of Morphology and Systematics, Plants Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, Serbia. IAWA has already authorized the copyright to IAWA list of microscopic features in Japanese and Chinese. IAWA encourages members to compile the IAWA publications in different languages for non-profit purposes, which may obviously propagate the knowledge distribution of wood anatomy and wood science.

Friends of Fossil Forests (FFF) on fossil wood was founded in March, 2023

Friends of Fossil Forests, Corp (FFF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing petrified wood through research, education, and conservation on an international scale. The mission is to support efforts to understand fossil wood deposits through the perspectives of cultural heritage and science by fostering collaboration among diverse individuals and organizations, regardless of geographical boundaries. FFF seeks partnerships and collaboration with relevant organizations, including IAWA, International Organization of Palaeobotany (IOP), museums and parks.

Founded in March 2023, FFF brings together a diverse group of professionals and enthusiasts, who share a common passion for petrified wood. FFF strives to bridge the gap between professional researchers and citizen scientists, promoting inclusivity and welcoming members from all backgrounds. The aim of FFF is to support and assist individuals and organizations, catering to local needs associated with fossil wood deposits while fostering interest in educational outreach focused on paleobotany. The inaugural project, "Rediscovering North America's Forgotten Fossil Forests and Inspiring the Next Generation of Paleobotanists," is set to launch this May. Supported by the National Geographic Society's Committee, the project brings together a team of members from Thailand, the US, the UK, Indonesia, and Latin America, and opens to diversified organizations.

For more information, please contact at info@fossilforests.org.



Founder and co-founders: Nareerat Boonchai, Mike Viney, Indah Huegele and Sam Allen

Nareerat Boonchai, Thailand

I.W. Bailey Award 2023 - Call for Nominations

I.W. Bailey Award 2023 is calling for Nominations. From 2014 onwards, the I.W. Bailey Award is presented annually for the best original or review paper submitted to the IAWA Journal by graduate and undergraduate students or postdocs up to five years after their PhD defense. Candidates may nominate their submissions directly to the editors of IAWA Journal: Lloyd Donaldson (lloyd.donaldson@scionresearch.com) and Marcelo Pace (marcelo.pace@ib.unam.mx), together with a one-page cv, and one supporting statement from a senior IAWA Member before September 1st, 2023. The Award Committee will be formed by the Editors and Associate Editors of the IAWA Journal. Please visit <http://www.editorialmanager.com/iawa/> for instructions to authors.

Call for Newsletter Items

The IAWA Newsletter keeps the IAWA community actively informed and stimulates members to visit the IAWA website for the latest and detailed news. Please send any news items you wish to share with the whole IAWA community to the newsletter editors Dr. Shan Li (lishan.ecology@hotmail.com) or Dr. Lichao Jiao (jjaoic@caf.ac.cn) of the IAWA Office, Beijing.

Call for Manuscripts of IAWA Journal 2024

The editors of the IAWA Journal would like to encourage new manuscript submissions for volume 45, 2024. A reminder that subscribers/IAWA members can register for 'table of contents alerts on the IAWA Journal homepage.

*Lloyd Donaldson & Marcelo R Pace
Editors in Chief – IAWA Journal*