

THE 58TH SWST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN JACKSON - WYOMING, JUNE 2015

The 58th Society of Wood Science and Technology (SWST) International Convention was held June 7-12, 2015 at the Jackson Lake Lodge, in the Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming (USA). The overall theme was "Renewable materials and the bio-economy". There were 171 participants from 23 countries, and 5 continents. The five-day event provided technical sessions on biomass energy; biomass chemistry; green fuels, and chemicals; timber physics (from 1µm to 10m); wood quality and improvement; treatments and durability; fiber properties chain; nano to macro scale wooden composites; novel techniques for the new era of wood construction; use of renewable materials; and a poster session. There were two unique features of this convention that had not been held before: early stage researcher day for the presentation of only student and recent graduates works for 1 day, and two mini-workshops about the paper publishing in specialized journals. The scientific sponsors of this convention were: IUFRO Division 5, Transilvania University of Brasov - Faculty of Wood Engineering, Oregon State University, Surface Measurement Systems, Institute Pertanian Bogor, USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Station.

During these days 109 speakers gave their talks and 69 poster presenters displayed the works. 16 of the poster presenters competed in the Student Poster Competition.

There was not a formal tour during the Convention, but one day was set up for attendees to tour and enjoy the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

The 59th SWST International Convention will be held March 6-10, 2016 in Curitiba, Brazil, at the Salão de Atos in Parque Barigui. This future Convention will be held in conjunction with Association Paranesa de Empresas de base Forestal (APRE) and Encontro Brasileiro em Madeiras em Estruturas de Madeira (EBRAMEM). The theme of it is "Forest resource and products: moving towards a sustainable future".

More information about next year's convention will be available soon at www.swst.org



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