EDITORIAL

PRO LIGNO celebrates in 2013 nine years of uninterrupted appearance. By coincidence, in the same year, the International Conference “Wood Science and Engineering in the Third Millennium” - a scientific event which reunites every two years in Braşov-Romania researchers, teachers and industrials involved in the wood sector from all over the world - reached its 9th edition. It became clear that the two events should be linked together, and a special PRO LIGNO issue, fully dedicated to this special event, came as the perfect answer.

The conference organized by the Faculty of Wood Engineering in Braşov- Romania is unique within the landscape of forest products-related scientific events, because it focuses on a great diversity of subjects, starting from wood anatomy and reaching up to the design and marketing of the most complex wood products. Each field that deals with wood, each link of the wood processing chain is well represented, thus giving the opportunity to all attendees not only to face novelties in their own field of competence, but also to see, beyond the “enclosure”, novel preoccupations in other fields like chemistry, restoration, design, automation, management, presented by people who may have not studied wood science or wood technology, but who became enthralled by this beautiful material and intrigued by the fact that it still keeps undiscovered secrets, even after more than 10 millenniums of use.

This special PRO LIGNO edition is proud to present a selection of the most relevant and original contributions registered at the ICWSE 2013, all having undergone a strict peer-review process. I hereby wish to acknowledge and express my deepest gratitude to all members of the Scientific Committee. Due to their effort and highly professional involvement, it was possible to improve the quality of the scientific papers and, hopefully, to create a valuable reference work expected to collect in time a significant number of citations.

On behalf of the Editorial Team of PRO LIGNO Journal I kindly wish to all our readers many scientifically pleasurable moments!

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