

IAWA Greetings in Corona time

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting us all. Wherever we live, we have to observe social distancing or self-isolation, and most of us cannot go to our offices or laboratories. All scientific meetings are cancelled or delayed.

In these difficult times we send greetings and best wishes to all IAWA members. Please take great care of yourself and your families during this difficult period. We are all united in fighting the virus.

Yafang Yin and Shan Li

Future Meeting

IAWA Fossil Wood Symposium in Prague, Czech Republic, postponed to May 1-7, 2021

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 postponed to May 1-7, 2021, organized during the XIth IOPC (International Organization of Palaeobotany Conference) held conjunctly with the XVth International Palynological Congress. The IAWA Symposium will be convened by Dr. Jakub Sakala. Jakub will also be organizing an IAWA Social Hour and supper in the famous Carthusian Monastery (1628) in Melnik, just outside Prague, where IAWA has been previously hosted at a European Palaeobotanical Conference. Detailed information is available by clicking <https://www.prague2020.cz/news.php>

Jakub Sakala, Czech Republic

Miscellaneous News

Update of New Editors-in-Chief and Associate Editors of IAWA Journal, March 1st, 2020

Please welcome our new editorial team of IAWA Journal. New Editors-in-Chief of IAWA Journal are Lloyd A. Donaldson (New Zealand) and Marcelo R. Pace (Mexico). Associate Editors are Susan A. Anagnost (USA), Pieter Baas (The Netherlands), Anne-Laure Decombeix (France), Arno Fritz Brandes das Neves (Brazil), Keiko Kuroda (Japan), Carmen Marcati (Brazil), Veronica De Micco (Italy), Bernadette Nanayakkara (New Zealand), Shuichi Noshiro (Japan), Alexei Oskolski (South Africa), Elisabeth M.R. Robert (Spain), Laurie R. Schimleck (USA), Teresa Terrazas (Mexico), Elisabeth A. Wheeler (USA), Alex C. Wiedenhoefft (USA), and Yafang Yin (China).

New Desk Editor of the journal is Marc Jarmuszewski at Brill Publishing. Joyce Chery will be promoting the journal on Twitter and Elisabeth Wheeler continues to look after the FaceBook page.

Lloyd Donaldson, New Zealand

Marcelo Pace, Mexico

World Wood Day 2020 Online Celebration in China, March 21st, 2020

As an eco-friendly and renewable biomaterial, wood plays a key role in our lives and sustainable world future. The International Wood Culture Society (IWCS) celebrates World Wood Day annually on March 21st to spread the concept Wood is Good, and to remind people of the importance and the value of wood and its responsible usage. Due to COVID-19, the participants could not gather on this special day this year, but they commemorated, celebrated, and marked the anniversary in their own way. Many people related to wood culture in China convey the concept of "Wood is Good" in the form of wood-carving, wood turning, folk art, literature, or poetry. Previous World Wood Day participants posted photos on their social media accounts to share their cherished memories. Celebrating this special World Wood Day online is touching and impressive.

IAWA Global Xylaria Survey

The IAWA sincerely invites you to participate in the Global Xylaria Survey, which is available under “wood collections” on the IAWA website (http://www.iawa-website.org/global_xylaria-survey/), sharing information of your xylarium with the international wood anatomy community. This official survey is a follow-up to the IAWA Index Xylariorum 4.1, which was released in 2016 by IAWA. The webpage on the IAWA website has been recently updated. In the future, every curator may continuously update information for his/her xylarium at any time. All information will be used for research purposes and shared by all xylaria/IAWA members for better communication within the wood anatomy research community. Please visit the IAWA website to submit the information of your xylarium, and also refer to IAWA Index Xylariorum 4.1: <http://www.iawa-website.org/uploads/soft/Abstracts/Index%20Xylariorum%204.1.pdf>.

You are cordially requested to submit the survey before May 31, 2020. Please contact Dr. HE Tuo (tuohe@caf.ac.cn) if you have any questions.

Tuo He, China

CITES Questionnaire on Timber ID

At its 18th meeting (CoP18, 2019), the CITES Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.140 to 18.143 and 16.58 (Rev. CoP18) on Identification of timber and other wood products.

Decision 18.142 instructs the CITES Secretariat to, *inter alia*, liaise with the IAWA and other organizations having relevant expertise on timber identification, to identify shared priorities, including priority species, emerging techniques, standardized procedures, and collection and sharing of wood samples applicable to timber tracking tools.

For this, the Secretariat has developed a questionnaire. Please complete this questionnaire and submit this before 29 May 2020 to Isabel Camarena at isabel.camarena@un.org. We encourage IAWA members to participate in this process.

Please find the questionnaire at

<http://www.iawa-website.org/uploads/soft/200506/2-200506120457.docx>.

IAWA Special Issue 2020 on Updating Wood Identification

The submission deadline of April 30th, 2020 to the IAWA Journal Special Issue “Challenges and Opportunities for Advancing Wood Identification: from Wood Anatomy to Innovative Technologies” has passed, but submissions will be considered until June 1st as we are still receiving enquiries about manuscript submission. The journal already has received 10 submissions: original research articles, and viewpoint papers relating to wood identification and wood forensics with a special emphasis on recent advances in wood anatomy and multidisciplinary approaches. We expect to publish this Special Issue as IAWA Journal Volume 41, issue 4 (2020).

Please contact the editors of this Special Issue Yafang Yin (yafang@caf.ac.cn), Alex Wiedenhoef (acwieden@wisc.edu), or Lloyd Donaldson (lloyd.donaldson@scionresearch.com) if you have any questions or suggestions.

I.W. Bailey Award 2020 - Call 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 a PhD candidate or postdoc who has completed her/his PhD no longer than five years since the submission of her/his manuscript. All subject matters published in the IAWA Journal are eligible: wood, bark, palm, bamboo, and rattan anatomy and ultrastructure, preferably linked to other fields such as, for instance, plant physiology, ecology, tree biology, pathology and decay, plant systematics and phylogeny, palaeobotany, climatology, archaeobotany, wood properties, biomechanics and wood culture. The Award consists of a certificate and 1000 Euro, sponsored by Brill Publishers.

Candidates may nominate their own submissions directly to the editors 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 of the current year. 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).

The I.W. Bailey Committee is looking forward to receiving nominations for 2020 before September 15th, 2020.

Open Access to Abstracts of the 6th IAWA-China Group Annual Meeting held in 2019

We developed an English version of abstracts of the 6th IAWA-China Group Annual Meeting held at Heifei, China in November 2019 is now available in the IAWA website under the link

http://www.iawa-website.org/uploads/soft/download/IAWA_en_abstract_0428_2020.pdf

Min Yu, China

A New Educational Card Game about Wood was Developed

We developed an educational card game about wood. The game, called “Wood Suey!”, can be played by anyone and is aimed at making people appreciate the diversity of wood and think about its sustainability, as well as helping students to learn wood species nomenclature, anatomy and end-uses. At this link: http://tiny.cc/wood_suey it is possible to download the game and freely print the cards.

Alternatively, it is possible to buy the game at: <https://www.makeplayingcards.com/sell/wood-suey>

Flavio Ruffinatto, Italy

Printed versions of Volume 41(1) and (2) of IAWA Journal are delayed

Due to the COVID pandemic, many of us are working from home. The printed versions of Volume 41(1) and (2) of IAWA Journal are therefore somewhat delayed. Issue 41(1) was distributed on 1 May 2020.

Lloyd Donaldson, New Zealand

Call for Newsletter Items

The IAWA Newsletter will keep the IAWA community actively informed and stimulate 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 Yafang Yin (yafang@caf.ac.cn), or Dr. Shan Li (lishan@caf.ac.cn) of the IAWA Office, Beijing.

Call for manuscripts of IAWA Journal 2020

The editors of IAWA Journal would like to encourage new manuscript submissions. Issue 2 of Volume 41 is about to be published with the following table of contents.

Christof et al.	Pit and pit aperture dimensions in plantation-grown Douglas fir as affected by local growth conditions and height in stem
Luo et al.	Comparative culm anatomy of metaxylem vessel pits in three different types of bamboo rhizome
Fajstavr et al.	The cambial response of Scots pine trees to girdling and water stress
Malik et al.	Cambial phenology in <i>Abies pindrow</i> (Pinaceae) along an altitudinal gradient in northwestern Himalaya
Seo et al.	Changes in wood anatomical traits in Scots pine under different climate-change scenarios
Balzano et al.	Intra-seasonal trends in phloem traits in <i>Pinus</i> spp. from drought-prone environments
Camarero and Hevia	Links between climate, drought and minimum wood density in conifers

Lloyd Donaldson, New Zealand

Marcelo Pace, Mexico