

Future Meetings

IAWA Fossil Wood Symposium in Prague, Czech Republic, Postponed to May 25-31, 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 postponed to May 25-31, 2024, organized during the XIth IOPC (International Organization of Palaeobotany Conference) held conjunctly with the XVth International Palynological Congress, due to reviewing the various levels of Coronavirus infections and processes implemented by various European countries. The IAWA Symposium will 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 Palaeo-botanical Conference. Detailed information is available by clicking <https://www.prague2020.cz/news.php>.

Jakub Sakala, Czech Republic

Next International Botanical Congress (IBC) in Madrid, Spain, 2024

We learned from the International Association of Botanical and Mycological Societies (IABMS), that due to the serious COVID situation in Brazil, the Botanical Society of Brazil has had to cancel its plans to organize the next International Botanical Congress (IBC) in 2023. In its place the Botanical Society of Spain and the Royal Botanical Garden of Madrid have offered to organize the next IBC in 2024. From its formation onwards IAWA has always organized wood anatomical symposia in the IBC framework, and we look forward to some good wood anatomical sessions.

Pieter Baas, the Netherlands

Meeting Reports

2021 WWD Symposium and Third IUFRO Forest Products Culture Colloquium, Themed CO₂ & Wood, March, 21-22, Online

The 2021 World Wood Day (WWD) Virtual Symposium and the Third IUFRO Forest Products Culture Colloquium, themed *CO₂ & Wood: Carbon Capture and Storage in Forests, Harvested Wood and Non-Wood Products* was held on March 21-22, 2021. Approximately 850 participants and audiences from 51 countries and regions joined on Zoom, YouTube and bilibili (Mainland China) from March 21-22. Overall 39 presentations including 9 keynote speeches delivered by 41 speakers and moderated by 7 session chairs have well explored the six topics covering a wide range of research fields including carbon storage and the climate change mitigation, constructions and protection needs, furniture and musical instruments, education on sustainability and wood culture, challenges for sustainability in forest-wood chain, and wood biotechnology. IAWA was invited to sponsor the 2021 World Wood Day event as in the past WWD symposiums. For more information, please see: <http://www.worldwoodday.org/2021/symposium>.

Charlotte CH Lee, International Wood Culture Society



Photo of the 2021 WWD Symposium and Third IUFRO Forest Products Culture Colloquium, Themed CO2 & Wood, Online

EGU General Assembly 2021: Gather Online, April 19-30, 2021

EGU General Assembly 2021 was held from April 19-30, 2021 fully virtually. IAWA members were co-organizing a session of “Forests under pressure: causes and consequences of climate-induced forest dieback across biomes” during this EGU meeting. This session aims at promoting a lively discussion on the issue of forest vulnerability caused by climate changes, with integrated multi-scale, multi-temporal and interdisciplinary approaches. Please visit: <https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/index.php?trg=sessionmodification&cotree=784&tpl=co&> for further details.

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Jesus Julio Camarero, Spain*

Miscellaneous News

Dr. Ella Werker passed away earlier this year

With great sadness we regret to inform that Dr. Ella Werker, formerly of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel passed away earlier this year. Ella had been a longstanding IAWA member. She co-authored the well-known book on the wood anatomy of trees and shrubs from Israel and adjacent regions (Fahn et al. 1985) and published extensively on archeological wood, wood development and fruit anatomy. We all mourn her passing. Her decease is a loss for our research community.

IAWA is now an IAWS Affiliate Member

On April 6, 2021, IAWA officially joined IAWS (International Academy of Wood Science) as an Affiliate Member, thereby formalising decades of close cooperation. There will be a number of following benefits for IAWA, including support of the wood science community on an international level, enhancing the visibility of IAWA in the area of wood science, gaining international recognition for the activities in wood science, opportunities to directly participate and host technical symposia with IAWS, to attend IAWS international meetings and symposia, and to nominate a PhD Student for the “PhD Thesis Award,” which provides recognition to an outstanding wood science thesis/dissertation research at the PhD level by students throughout the world, listing as an Affiliate Member on the IAWS website, and opportunity for news of IAWA in the IAWS Newsletter published twice a year. IAWA has kept a very close cooperative relationship with IAWS for a long time. Furthermore, IAWA will strengthen its collaboration with IAWS to play an important leading role in the research development of global wood science.

Lichao Jiao, China

IAWS Call for PhD Dissertation Award of IAWS to June 30, 2021

The International Academy of Wood Science (IAWS) wishes to provide recognition to outstanding dissertation research at the PhD level by students throughout the world. IAWS Doctoral Award and Medal for 2021 is open to receive a nomination and/or application. The deadline is June 30, 2021. Nomination can be made by anyone not limited to IAWS Fellow. The competition is limited to students receiving their degrees in other than their native country. The submission shall be no more than 2 pages of an extended abstract (in English) of the dissertation, a one-page CV of the student, and a recommendation letter from the student's advisor. The submission can be by the student and/or the student's advisor. The thesis/dissertation must have been completed within one year before the yearly announcement. Please contact: swang@utk.edu.

Siqun Wang, U.S.A

Field Identification Manual for Ghanaian Timbers

The *Field Identification Manual for Ghanaian Timbers*, edited by Rafael Arévalo, Emmanuel Ebanyenle, Alberta Asi Ebeheakey, Kofi Abban Bonsu, Ophilious Lambog, Richard Soares, Alex C. Wiedenhoft, was published in 2020. It is one outcome of the Improving Sustainable Value Chains for Exports from Ghana program sponsored by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

This manual provides a field reference suitable for timber inspectors to conduct routine field screening of more than 100 common commercial timber species from Ghana, using macroscopic and physical identification features. Further details will be available by visiting:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/treearch/pubs/60264>.

Emmanuel Ebanyenle, Ghana

Identification Atlas of Oceanian Timber

The *Identification Atlas of Oceanian Timber*, edited by Feipin Yuan, Ruoling Yao, Shudong Sun and Xin Luo, was published in January 2021. It is one outcome of a project of the State Administration for Market Regulation, based on the Wood Collection of Beijing Products Quality Supervision and Inspection Institute, National Center for Quality Supervision and Inspection of Furniture and Indoor Environment in China. This book contains wood macroscopic and microscopic pictures of 427 species, belonging to 208 genera and 69 families, from the Oceania region.

Feipin Yuan, China

Mississippi State University Now Hosts the David A. Kribs Wood Collection, Formerly Housed in North Carolina State University

The Department of Sustainable Bioproducts in the College of Forest Resources at Mississippi State University (MSU) has recently acquired the David A. Kribs wood collection. Formerly housed at North Carolina State University under the care of Drs. Elisabeth Wheeler and Ilona Peszlen, it is one of the largest xylaria in North America with approximately 32,000 specimens. For more details, please visit: <https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2020/09/nations-fourth-largest-wood-collection-acquisition-makes-msu-home-souths?fbclid=IwAR3ykaDZB8FbKw0qEFxtTnBc79UbtSy53Gkcg3WzR7t7u70JUNW7xfM26k>.

Frank Owens, USA

International Summer School on Wood and Charcoals Will Be Held on June 21-25 2021

The Summer School "Wood and charcoals in Mediterranean Forest ecology: anatomical identification and functional traits to interpret past and current climate changes" will be held on June 21-25, 2021, in a

hybrid in-presence/on-line formula. Please
see: http://www.iawa-website.org/uploads/allimg/pdf/Flyer_summer_school_first%20annoucement_2021.pdf for more information.

Veronica De Micco, Italy

I.W. Bailey Award 2021 - Call for Nominations

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, 2021. 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 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 Dr. Shan Li (lishan.ecology@hotmail.com) or Dr. Lichao Jiao (jiaolc@caf.ac.cn) of the IAWA Office, Beijing.

Call for Manuscripts of IAWA Journal 2021

The editors of the IAWA Journal would like to encourage new manuscript submissions for Volume 42, 2021. A reminder that subscribers/IAWA members can register for 'Table of Contents' (ToC) alerts on the IAWA Journal homepage.

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