

Succession Executive Secretary IAWA

Frederic Lens will discontinue his Executive Secretary (ES) activities from January 1st, 2017 onwards, after six years in office. He has contacted several potential candidates with enthusiasm and commitment to give new incentives to IAWA in the next five years, with a possible extension of another term. The IAWA Council will select and appoint the new ES. Two candidates have accepted the nomination: Veronica De Micco (Italy) and Yafang Yin (China). With these two persons – both belonging to the current Council – IAWA will either have its first female ES, or its first ES from Asia. Veronica De Micco and Yafang Yin have provided Frederic Lens with a CV and vision document on how they would boost IAWA in the near future. These documents will be sent to the Council at the beginning of September, and it is expected that by the end of September the selection of the new ES will be finalised.

Cees Lut, Pieter Baas and Emmy van Nieuwkoop have offered both Yafang and Veronica their support to continue the logistics of the IAWA Office and IAWA Journal from Leiden for a limited number of years, which the two nominees gladly accepted, in order to smoothen the transition period.

IAWA website

We would like to draw your attention to some recently added pages to the IAWA website. The [Newsletter Archive](http://www.iawa-website.org/archive.html) page (<http://www.iawa-website.org/archive.html>) where all the IAWA Newsletters will be posted, and the [Downloads page](http://www.iawa-website.org/downloads.html) (<http://www.iawa-website.org/downloads.html>) where you can freely download the *IAWA List of Microscopic Features for Hardwood Identification*, the updated version of *Index Xylariorum*, and a list of wood anatomical experts around the world. More items will be posted as soon as they are available, and you are free to suggest additional items to Frederic Lens (frederic.lens@naturalis.nl) until the end of this year.

Belated IAWA Membership Dues

In the course of September Cees Lut will send reminders to all IAWA Members whose dues are still in arrears. Please help him with your prompt payment.

Future Meetings

Scion-IAWS Cell Wall Symposium in Rotorua, New Zealand

In conjunction with the IAWS Executive Committee meeting, Scion in Rotorua, New Zealand will be hosting a full-day symposium on Tuesday 21 February 2017 on a broad range of aspects of primary and secondary cell walls in plants. Please contact IAWA Member Dr. Lloyd Donaldson for further information and registration (lloyd.donaldson@scionresearch.com).

IUFRO All Division 5 Vancouver 2017, call for abstracts

Abstracts are invited by 31 October 2016 for the IUFRO All Division 5 Conference to be held in Vancouver, Canada from June 12–16, 2017 with as theme “Forest Sector Innovations for a Greener Future”.

A special session will be convened by Michael Grabner on behalf of the IAWA, the International Wood Culture Society, and the IUFRO Wood Culture group 5.10.01: “Learning from the Past: Wood quality, species selection and properties in former times vs. today”. If you want to contribute or attend please contact Dr. Grabner (michael.grabner@boku.ac.at).

IAWA Symposium at XIX IBC 2017, Shenzhen, China

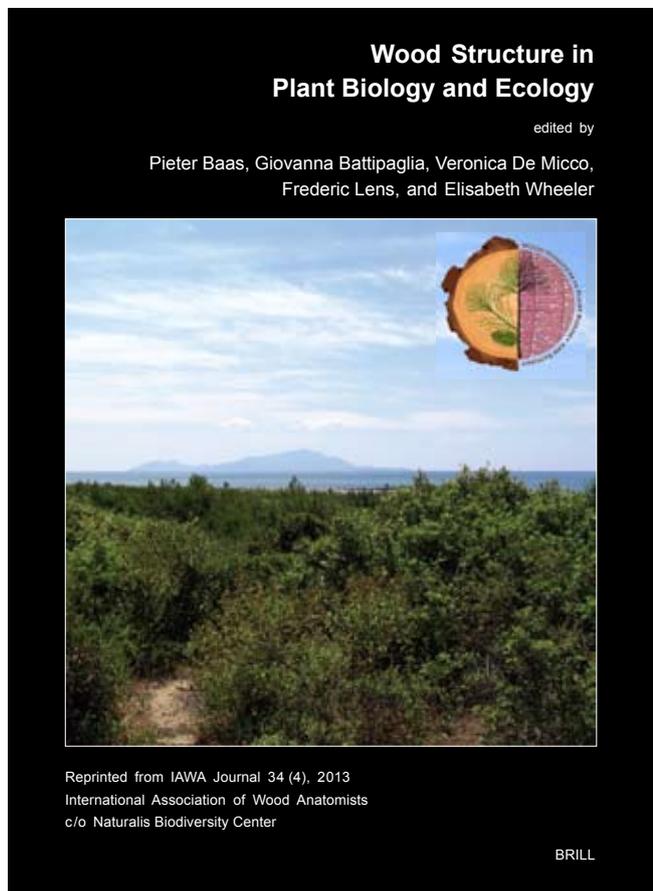
On behalf of IAWA, Frederic Lens, Hisashi Abe, and Yafang Yin have proposed a 2-session symposium during the XIX International Botanical Congress in Shenzhen, China, from 23–29 July 2017. The symposium will cover a broad range of cutting edge topics in wood anatomy research. In the first session, we invite contributions from modern wood identification techniques based on wood anatomy, DNA barcoding and chemical profiling that provide us with a good overview about current techniques in the fight against illegal logging. In addition to wood identification, we welcome oral presentations dealing with evolutionary and ecological signals in the wood anatomy of angiosperms and gymno-sperms. Finally, contributions about developmental wood genetics focusing on candidate genes involved in cambium or wood formation are offered. The second session will focus on various aspects of functional wood anatomical traits, which is a vibrant discipline at the boundary between xylem anatomy and physiology. State-of-the-art topics in functional plant hydraulics are for instance the role of long-vesseled species in estimating the resistance to embolism formation, the ability of refilling embolised vessels by living parenchyma cells, and the role of bark capacitance in drought stress resistance.

IXth PRWAC in Bali 2017

Dr. Nugroho Marsoem from Yogyakarta, Indonesia informed us of the advanced planning stages of the IXth PRWAC (Pacific Regional Wood Anatomy Conference). The Conference will be held in Bali from 26–29 September 2017 at the Harris Hotel & Residences, Sunset Road, Kuta, Bali, Indonesia. Just like the highly successful VIIIth PRWAC in Nanjing 2013, this meeting will be cosponsored by IAWS (International Academy of Wood Science), and some working parties of IUFRO Division 5. Currently the website for the 9th PRWAC is being constructed. Bali is arguably one of the most beautiful places in the world, and the organisers hope that many IAWA Members and IAWS Fellows from outside the Indo-Pacific Region will also attend this important meeting.

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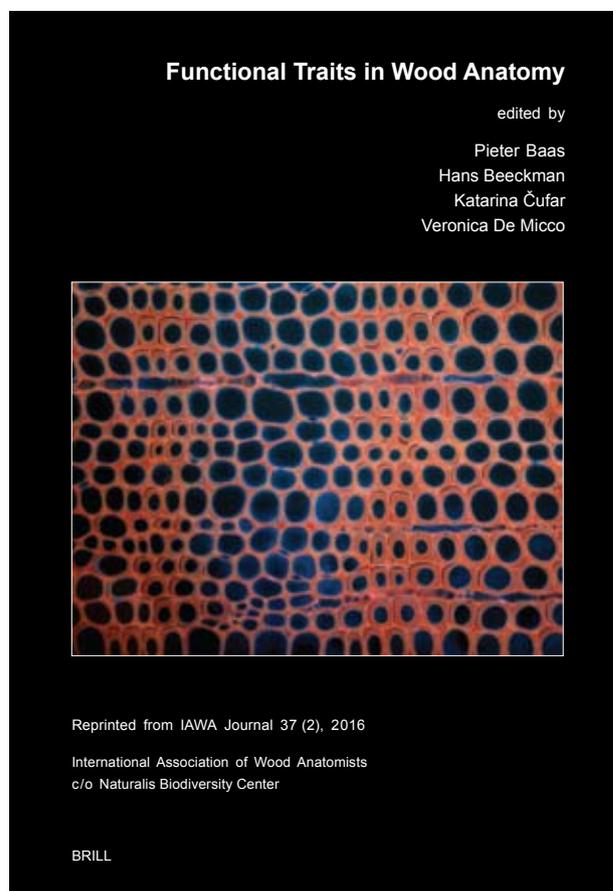
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