

College of Forestry International Programs News

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As part of an effort to link people with one another and with programs and opportunities and to communicate with you about international activities, the International Programs office is initiating an International Programs Newsletter on a trial basis. Please drop me a line (John.Hayes@oregonstate.edu) with your thoughts on the value of this newsletter, suggestions for improvement, or items for inclusion in the next newsletter.

International Coffee Break – March 9, 2005 (10:00AM)

Second Floor Knuckle – Richardson Hall

EVERYONE IS INVITED! To help facilitate greater communication among people interested in international activities, the International Programs office will be sponsoring a morning coffee break. If successful, this may become a regular event. The purpose of the Coffee Break will be to introduce international visitors to the College faculty, students, and staff; to enhance communication within the College about international activities and opportunities; and to help foster an international institutional culture in the College. The coffee will begin at 10:00, and after an appropriate length of time for people to get a cup of coffee and engage in a bit of conversation, there will be three scheduled activities: 1) Introduction of international visitors (5 minutes or so), 2) Update from the Associate Dean (5 minutes or so), and 3) Featured Activity Overview (10 minutes or so). The Featured Activity Overview will be a very brief update on international work led by someone in the College; the first of these will be an overview of international activities being pursued by Jeff McDonnell of the Department of Forest Engineering. See you there!

International funding opportunities

College of Forestry International Programs Small Grant Program – deadline February 28, 2005

The College invites proposals for \$500 to \$3,000 that contribute to enhancing international dimensions of forest research, teaching, and outreach in the College and/or that provide professional development of College students, faculty, and staff with a focus in international activities. Proposals will be evaluated for synergy with the College vision, anticipated benefits to the College and the College's faculty, students, and staff, the potential contribution to the long term development of COF international programs, and the likelihood that the funds will stimulate long-term involvement of faculty, students, and staff in international activities. Proposals for any activities consistent with these goals are welcome, including international travel, hosting international visitors, development of international proposals and collaborations, or other activities. Proposals should be no more than 1 page in length (single-spaced), and should be submitted to Cheryl Alex (Cheryll.Alex@oregonstate.edu) no later than February 28, 2005.

Proposals should indicate the intended use of the funds, the degree to which the funds are consistent with the criteria for evaluation noted above, the time period for which funds are requested, the availability of matching or alternative funding, and the amount of funds requested.

Japan travel grant – deadline March 1, 2005

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership has announced a Request for Proposals for travel to Japan in order to build networks between the Japanese and US nonprofit sectors. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. For more information see: <http://www.cgp.org/>, or contact 212-489-1255 ext. 118 or eva_heintzeman@cgp.org.

Mexico funding opportunity – deadline April 15, 2005

ALO, in cooperation with USAID/Mexico, is issuing this RFA for the United States – Mexico Training, Internships, Exchanges, and Scholarships (TIES) Initiative. For this TIES Phase II RFA, ALO anticipates recommending approximately ten (10) applications for awards of up to \$500,000 each, 1.) Rural and Micro-finance; 2.) Democracy; 3.) Environment; 4.) Rural Prosperity for Small-Scale Producers; and 5.) Health. For more information on this RFA or on other ALO activities, see The RFA may be downloaded from: <http://www.aascu.org/ALO/RFPs/RFPMain.htm> or contact Jennifer Sisane at sisanej@aascu.org or (202) 478-4700.

Graduate fellowship opportunity – deadline April 15, 2005

Several fellowships of up to \$12,000 each for full-time pursuit of graduate work for one year are being offered with a focus on graduate students that have high potential for leadership in international affairs in the fields of social and behavioral sciences, arts, humanities, and closely related professional fields. For further information and application materials, please see: http://gradschool.uoregon.edu/forms/sylff_fellowship-app.pdf

COF and OSU International Surveys

The College of Forestry and OSU are compiling complementary databases on the international experiences and interests of faculty and staff. We estimate that each survey will take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete, depending on the level of experience you have had with international work.

Incentive Gifts Still Available! As an incentive to encourage you to complete both surveys, the College of Forestry is offering \$5 in scrip redeemable at Marketplace West to the first 25 professorial faculty (fixed-term or tenure track), professional faculty, instructors, or research associates in the College of Forestry that complete BOTH the University and College surveys. People in these categories that are not among the first 25, but that complete BOTH surveys before March 18 will have their names placed in a drawing, and \$5 in scrip will be given to the first 25 names drawn at random. IN ADDITION, everyone who has completed both surveys will have their name entered in a series of drawings for **\$25 in scrip** for Marketplace West. Drawings for the \$25 prizes will be held on February 18, March 4, March 18, and April 4. Congratulations to Heidi Albers for being our first \$25 award recipient!

To access the College survey, please go to:

https://surveys.bus.oregonstate.edu/BsgSurvey2_0/main.aspx?SurveyID=897

To access the University survey, please go to: http://oregonstate.edu/international/oie/faculty-data/OSU_Faculty_Staff_International_Expertise_Database_Form.htm

COF International Seminars in March

March 1, 12:00, Peavy 272 – Agroforestry in Argentina and Peru – Jose Dieguez.

March 2, 12:00, Peavy 104 – A forester's experience in the Peace Corps – David Zahler.

March 8, 12:00, Richardson 107 – Ecotourism: Environmental friend or foe? – Mark Reed.

March 9, 12:00, Peavy 104 – Impacts of exotic forest trees from North America on ecological processes in South America – Barbara Bond.

New International Agreements

At a signing ceremony in Mexico this week, Jeff Morell and Barb Gartner represented the College of Forestry in establishment of a new international agreement of cooperation with the University of Guadalajara.

On the road

To help keep you abreast of where your colleagues are going internationally...

Panama - J.C. Domec, Kate McCulloch, and Steve Voelker – March and April – research

Canada - Darrell Ross and Kimberly Wallin – end of March, early April – attending meeting on forest insects.

Scotland - Robin Rose and Diane Haase – April – attending an IUFRO conference.

The Netherlands - John Hayes and Ed Jensen – April – attending an IUFRO conference.

Germany – John Hayes – April – establishing links with University of Freiburg

India – Jeff Morrell – April – attending a conference on wood preservation.
