

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 distributes this International Programs Newsletter on an irregular basis. Please drop me a line (John.Hayes@oregonstate.edu) with your thoughts on suggestions for improvement or information about visiting colleagues, upcoming events, your travel plans, or other items for inclusion in the next newsletter.

International Coffee Break – Tuesday, April 19, 2005 (10:00AM)

Second Floor Knuckle – Richardson Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! EVERYONE IS INVITED! To help facilitate greater communication among people interested in international activities, the International Programs office is sponsoring a morning coffee break 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 some time for people to get a cup of coffee, enjoy some munchies, 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 of international work led by people in the College; this month's feature will be an overview of some of the international activities being pursued by **Barb Gartner** of the Department of Wood Science and Engineering. Special guests at the coffee break will be **Tony Scherl** from the New South Wales State Forests Program and **Jialu Xie** from the Chinese Academy of Forestry. Tony and Jialu are currently International Fellows at the World Forest Institute. See you there!

International funding opportunities

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

Fulbright Scholar Program Grants - deadline August 1, 2005

Fulbright Scholarships support lectureships, consulting opportunities, and research in various locations across the world. For information about the Fulbright Scholarships and application procedures, please see <http://www.cies.org>

COF International Programs Small Grants Update

Evaluation of proposals for funding from the COF International Programs Small Grants Funds has been completed. We received 19 proposals requesting \$38,273 to support a diversity of different activities and projects. The breadth of ideas, creativity, and number of proposals was impressive, and reflects a very high level of interest in international activities in the College. All of the proposals were excellent, and I only wish we could support all of them. The International Programs Interdepartmental Committee is currently reviewing the proposals, and decisions concerning funding will be announced in early April.

New Faces in the College

The College of Forestry regularly hosts international guests and visiting scholars... take the time to introduce yourselves and touch bases with these folks.



Angelo Nole is visiting the College from the University of Basilicata in Italy. His visit is being sponsored by Bev Law, in the Department of Forest Science. Angelo plans to be visiting until the end of June, working on a project examining the effects of wildfire on the carbon balance of the Metolius area, as determined from field data, remote sensing data, and spatial modeling. This work is being done as part of Angelo's dissertation research, as he is required to conduct dissertation research in another country as part of his Ph.D. at the University of Basilicata.



Mario Martina is a research fellow with the Department of Earth Sciences in the University of Bologna, Italy who is visiting the College from February through early May, 2005. His visit is being sponsored by Jeff McDonnell in the Department of Forest Engineering. Mario is a hydrologist and a modeler who is exploring ways to integrate experimental and modeling approaches to his research.

Some Spring and Fall Courses with an International Emphasis

FE/FOR 456 INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY – Spring quarter 2005 – 3 credits. Bob Buckman, John Sessions, and Badege Bishaw lead students in an introduction to the biological, physical, and sociological factors that shape the world's forests and the activities used to manage those forests, and what influence these factors have on forest policies, practices, and outcomes. The class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10:00 to 10:50.

WSE 470 – FORESTS, WOOD, AND CIVILIZATION – Spring quarter 2005 – 3 credits. Barbara Gartner presents a multidisciplinary examination of issues related to the roles of forests, trees, and wood in civilization, as providers of commodities, ecosystem services, and spiritual and artistic inspiration. Issues covered in the class include global supply and demand, wood ownership and political power, and perceptions and uses of forest resources in different societies. The class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 to 9:50.

FS505 – FORESTRY IN A CHANGING WORLD – Fall quarter 2005 – 2 credits. Hal Salwasser, Gary Hartshorn, and John Hayes will lead a course on global issues in forestry. The course will involve attendance at a conference on this theme featuring international scientists to be held September 12 and 13 at the World Forestry Center in Portland, participation in three discussion sessions to take place during Fall quarter, outside readings, and a short synthesis paper. The course will be restricted to a maximum of 12 graduate students. Details and additional information will be available in May.

COF International Seminars in April

April 7, 2005, 12:00, Richardson Hall 115 – Introduction to multifunctional forests of Switzerland – Michael Tobler.

April 7, 2005, 3:30, Richardson Hall 313 – A paleoperspective on the consequences of global change: Every place is special – Linda Brubaker.

April 19, 2005, 4:00, Richardson Hall 107 - Fire and fire management in Australian forests – Tony Scherl.

On the road (through June)

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

North and Central America

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

Canada – June – Eric Hansen, Christopher Knowles, and Pablo Crespell – attending the Forest Products Society annual meeting.

Costa Rica – John Hayes – June – conducting research on bats and participating in the Organization for Tropical Studies REU Program.

Guatemala – Dave Turner and Dan Hayes – June – conducting field research.

Mexico – John Hayes – May – conducting research on bats in the Baja.

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

Panama – Klaus Puettmann – March and April – collaborating on preparation of a book.

South America

Brazil – Jeff McDonnell – April – attending a conference

Europe

Austria – Steve Strauss – March – attending a conference and giving a presentation.

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

Lithuania – John Bliss and Peter Giampaoli – May and June – attending a conference.

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

Scotland - Robin Rose, Diane Haase, Norm Johnson, and Debbie Johnson – April – attending an IUFRO conference.

Asia

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

China – Olga Kankina – April – giving a presentation at a conference.

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. Providing information on your international activities will help facilitate better communication and the development of a strategic vision for the COF International Programs.

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
