

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 – Thursday, May 26, 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 is sponsoring a morning coffee break. 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, 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 (5 minutes or so). The Featured Activity Overview will be a very brief update on international work led by someone in the College; **this month's feature will be an overview of international activities, primarily in Russia, being pursued by Olga Krankina of the Department of Forest Science. Special guest will be Chris Farley of the USFS International Programs office in Washington, D.C.** See you there!

International funding opportunities

Aquaculture CRSP Graduate Fellowship – deadline June 20, 2005.

The Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program is offering a \$5,000 fellowship to encourage OSU graduate students to add international dimensions to their fieldwork in aquatic resources-related fields of study, with fields of specialization that might include social, economic, policy, ecosystems, or food production issues as they relate to aquatic resources or aquaculture. Priority will be given to fellowship applicants whose proposed international component focuses on low-income food-deficit countries. See <http://pdacrsp.oregonstate.edu/fellowship> for more detailed information.

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>

Fulbright U.S. Student Competition – deadline October 7, 2005

For graduate students interested in international activities. For additional information, see www.fulbrightonline.org and contact Marit Legler (marit.legler@oregonstate.edu) 444 Snell Hall. There will be a Fulbright Information Meeting on Monday, May 23, from 10:30-noon in the Van de Water Conference Room (448 Snell Hall).

COF Sponsored International Conferences and Workshops

The Fifth International Forest Vegetation Management Conference will be held June 20-24 at OSU. Robin Rose is the lead organizer for the event. For more information, see <http://outreach.cof.orst.edu/icfvm/>

The International Forest Engineering Institute at OSU is sponsoring **the Pacific Northwest USA Forest Harvesting Study Tour** from July 10-23. Loren Kellogg is the lead organizer for the event. For more information, see <http://ifei.cof.orst.edu/IFEIstudyTour.htm>

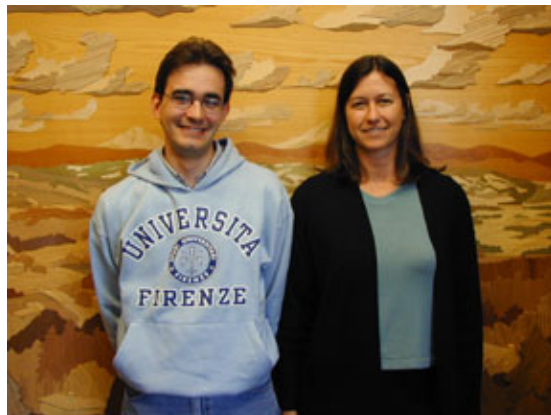
The Second International Conference on Mechanisms of Soil Organic Matter Stabilization will be held October 9-13, 2005 at the Asilomar Conference Center near Monterey, California. Phil Sollins is the lead organizer for the event. For more information, see <http://wwwdata.forestry.oregonstate.edu/soilconf/>

Upcoming COF International Seminars

May 26, 2005 – 1:00 – Richardson Hall 313– International Programs in the U.S. Forest Service – Chris Farley, Policy Analyst for the US Forest Service International Programs office.

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.

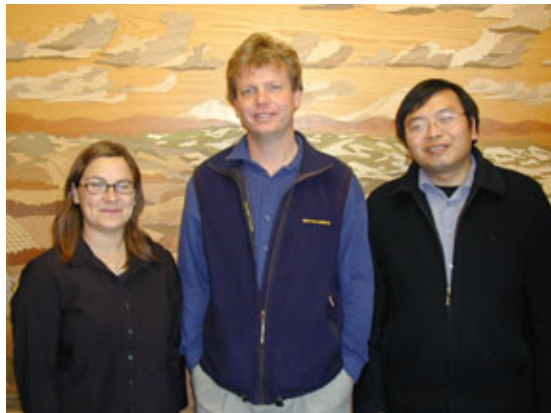


Giorgio Alberti, shown here with his host Bev Law, is visiting the Department of Forest Science from his home institution in Italy. Giorgio arrived at OSU early April and will be here until

November. Giorgio is here working on his Ph.D. dissertation research, looking at the effects of forest thinning on soil CO₂ efflux and soil carbon pools in northern California.



Ken Vance-Borland (left) is hosting Luca Moiana. Luca is visiting from the University of Milan, where he received degrees in biology and geographic information systems. He has been collaborating with Ken on USFS Aquatic and Land Interactions Team research. Luca arrived in November 2003 and is planning to leave this November.



As part of efforts to strengthen relationships with the World Forestry Center, last month Angie DiSalvo, Tony Scherl, and Jialu Xie visited campus, and Tony gave a seminar on fire in Australian forests.

Fall Forestry Courses with an International Emphasis

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 June.

On the road (May through July)

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

North and Central America

Canada – May – Aaron Wesiskittel – Participating in a workshop focused on individual tree process-based modeling of wood quality in Montreal.

Canada – June – Eric Hansen, Rakesh Gupta, Lech Muszynski, Jochen Czabke, Jim Reeb, Mike Milota, Rajat Paswar, Christopher Knowles, and Pablo Crespell – attending the Forest Products Society annual meeting in Quebec.

Canada – June – Hwan Kim Young – presenting a paper at the Canadian Operational Research Society meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Canada – June – Klaus Puettmann and Carrie Berger – presenting papers at the North American Forest Ecology workshop in Ottawa.

Canada – July – Diane Haase – attending “the Thin Green Line” conference in Ontario.

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

South America

Brazil – Ken Vance-Borland – July – Attending and moderating a session at the Society for Conservation Biology meeting.

Europe

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

Africa

South Africa, Malawi, Zambia – Robin Rose – May – working on the rural livelihoods project.

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 office was able to support 5 proposals for \$6,943 during this session. Assuming availability of funds, proposals will be solicited twice annually for these funds. Proposals funded were:

- Holly Barnard and Barbara Bond** - \$600 - Hosting a visit by Dr. Rolf Siegwolf's to OSU
- Charles Brunner** - \$1343 - Support for summer internship for Matthew Glen Peterson at the Institute of Material Research and Testing Lab in Berlin, Germany.
- Glenn Howe** - \$1750 – Start up costs for initiation of an international collaborative project to investigate the taxonomic status and conservation needs of Mexican Population of Douglas-fir.
- Kreg Lindberg** - \$1250 – Development of teaching and research activities in Sweden and Norway
- Steve Schoenholtz and Alicia Buerger** - \$2000 – Development of a sustainable forestry research partnership in New Zealand

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 only takes about 5 minutes to complete. Your input is still needed!

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
