

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.

Introducing new International Programs intern

Susan Morr , a Ph. D. student in Forest Resources, has joined the COF International Programs office as an intern and will be assisting Badege Bishaw and John Hayes with many aspects of the International Programs activities. She may be reached at Susan.Morre@oregonstate.edu or in her office in Richardson 109A.



COF International Programs Small Grants Program

Call for proposals—deadline November 18, 2005

The COF International Programs is once again seeking proposals for our Small Grants Fund. The College invites proposals for \$500 to \$2500 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. A total of \$5,000 will be allocated to this Fall's allocations. Proposals will be evaluated for 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 Susan Morr  (Susan.Morre@oregonstate.edu) no later than November 18, 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.

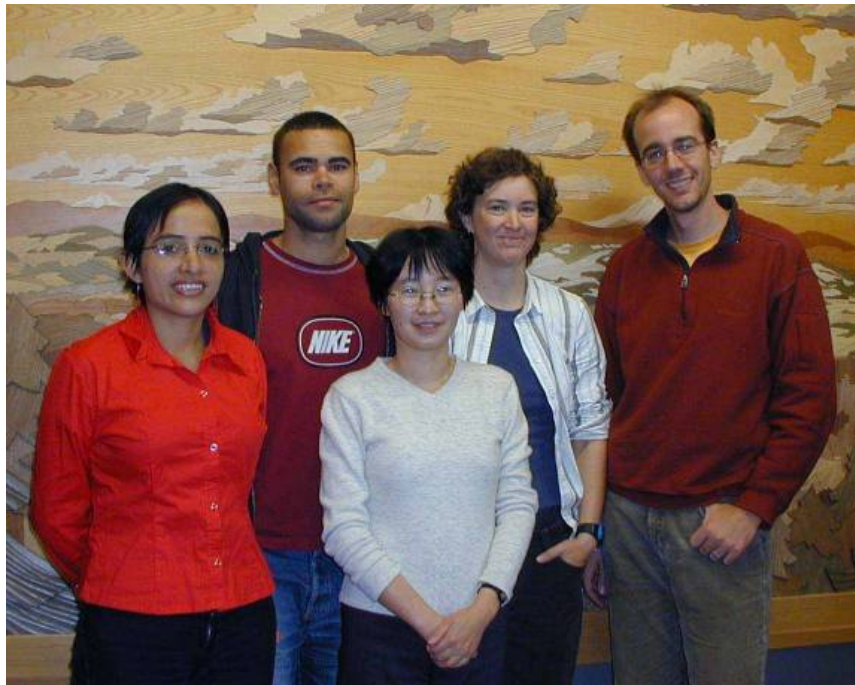
During the last round of grants, we received 19 proposals requesting \$38,273 to support a diversity of different activities and projects. The breadth of ideas, creativity, and number of proposals was impressive, and reflects a very high level of interest in international activities in the College. The International Programs office was able to support 6 proposals for \$6,943 during this session. Proposals funded were:

- Holly Barnard and Barbara Bond (FS)—Hosting Dr. Rolf Siegwolf from Switzerland to give a seminar on linking carbon and oxygen isotopes with forest gas exchange.
- Charles Brunner (WSE)—Summer internship support for student Matthew Peterson at the Institute of Material Research and Testing Lab in Berlin, Germany.

- Glenn Howe (FS)—Travel to initiate international collaborative project to investigate the taxonomic status and conservation needs of Mexican population of Douglas-fir.
 - Kreg Lindberg (FR)—Travel to 2005 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management.
 - Steve Schoenholtz (FE)—Travel support for grad student Alicia Buegler to participate in New Zealand Sustainable Forestry Research Partnership project.
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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.



Several international scholars recently arrived to work in the College. From left to right: Yohanna Cabrera Orozco, a new graduate student, originally from Colombia and most recently from the University of Göttingen, Germany, will be working with Jeff Morrell in the Department of Wood Science on methods of wood preservation. Christian Kuehne (second from left), also from the University of Göttingen, is studying the impact of thinning on forest structure and regeneration with Klaus Puettmann in the Department of Forest Science. Christian will be working in the College for through June 30, 2006. Among the visiting scholars in Bev Law's lab in the Department of Forest Science this year are Haizhen Sun (center), originally from China and now a Canadian citizen visiting from the Department of Earth and Ocean at University of British Columbia in Vancouver, who will be working with the Ameriflux network through August 2006; Julie Styles (second from right), from Australia, who is also working with the Ameriflux project; and Mathias Goeckede, from the Department of Micrometeorology at University of Bayreuth, Germany, who will be working with Bev Law on ORCA atmospheric modeling through August 2007.



Laurie Lewis (International Student Advisor) Mark Lusk (Director, International Education and Outreach) and Amy Nelson Green (Study Abroad and Internship Advisor) from the OSU International Programs Office, joined us at our October coffee to share information on international educational opportunities available through their offices in Snell Hall. For more information on services provided by the OSU International Programs office, contact intl.advisor@oregonstate.edu.

International Coffee Break – Monday, November 14, 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 special guest will be **Dr. Gary Hartshorn**, President and CEO of the World Forestry Center in Portland.

COF International Seminars

Oct. 24, 11 am to noon, Peavy 024: "Forest Engineering Education and Forest Operations in Northeast China" presented by Dr. Lihai Wang, Dean of College of Engineering and Technology, Northeast Forestry University, Harbin, China.

Nov. 14, noon to 1 pm, Richardson 313: "Costa Rica's Payments for Environmental Services Program" presented by Gary Hartshorn, President and CEO of the World Forestry Center in Portland.

International conferences and calls for papers

The International Young Scientists' Global Change Conference offers a prestigious platform for young scientists to present their research findings to leading scientists in the field. It is intended to stimulate competition, encourage excellence, reward outstanding performance and foster the development of personal and institutional networks. The conference precedes the Earth System Science Partnership's Open Science Conference, Global Environmental Change: Regional Challenges (November 9-12, 2006, Beijing International Conference Center) and it is expected that all the young scientists will participate in the Open Science Conference.

Submissions of papers are invited from young scientists (age 35 years or less) on physical, biological and human aspects of global change. For information on the conference and criteria for participation, please see www.start.org or contact ysc@agu.org

International internship opportunities

International Agricultural Internship Program (IAIP)

This program provides opportunities for a few exceptional senior and graduate-level students to work in the USDA overseas offices to promote U.S. agricultural interests (as broadly defined to include forestry) through the International Agricultural Internship Program. The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service needs about 10 students for each semester (spring, summer and fall) with excellent analysis, marketing, writing, language and organizational skills and experience to work on international agricultural trade policy issues, commodity and market analysis and organizing trade events during a 10-16 week paid internship. U.S. Citizen students who are majoring in a business or science related agricultural field are eligible. Online closes October 24. For more information, please see: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/newjobs/newjobs.html>.

New International Clubs

OSU International Forestry Students Association (OSU-IFSA)

The second United States chapter of the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA) has just been established at Oregon State University. The purposes of this organization are to enrich

the formal education of forestry students through extracurricular activities that lend a more global perspective on forestry; to contribute to a more complete professional preparation for forestry students; to promote networking among forestry students, the professional forestry sector, and related disciplines; and to encourage improvements in forestry and natural resources higher education internationally for the benefit of all students. Faculty advisors are John Hayes and Badege Bishaw. Membership is free and is open to all OSU graduate and undergraduate students. Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 5 pm in Richardson 115. For more information, contact chapter president Pablo Crespell (Pablo.Crespell@oregonstate.edu).

Engineers Without Borders – USA

Students at Oregon State University have recently established an OSU Chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA. (EWB-USA). EWB-USA is a member of Engineers Without Borders – International. Their goal is to help disadvantaged communities improve their quality of life through the implementation of environmentally and economically sustainable engineering solutions. The OSU chapter president is Beth McNair, a forest engineer/civil engineer major. Faculty advisors are John Sessions (FE), Kevin Boston (FE), and Ken Williamson (CE). Membership is open to all students. Their first project proposal, a water supply project in El Salvador, is being prepared, with a tentative site visit in December, followed by design Winter and Spring 2006 and implementation in Summer 2006. For more information, contact Beth at ewb_osu@yahoo.com.

Grants received for international research

Mark Harmon, Hua Chen & Steven Perakis – \$79,415 – National Science Foundation – U.S.-Taiwan Cooperative Research: decomposition of ¹⁵N-labeled fine roots and fate of N they release in western Oregon and Taiwanese LTER sites. Term: 3/15/2003 – 2/29/2008.

Jeff Morrell – \$34,977 – USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) – Pressure treatment as a tool for mitigating the risk of pest introduction on solid wood packing used in international trade. Term: 9/15/2005 – 9/14/2006.

On the road (September through July)

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

North and Central America

Canada — September — Keith Jayawickrama — review progeny test seedlings at Sylvan Vale Nursery in Black Creek, British Columbia; visit BC Ministry of Forests research program and Timber West Forests.

October — Darius Adams — deliver invited seminar at British Columbia Forum on Forest Economics & Policy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Costa Rica — November — John Hayes — attend Organization for Tropical Studies delegates meeting in San José.

Panama — October — Katherine McCulloh — research in Panama City.

South America

Chile — November — Loren Kellogg — develop International Forest Engineering Institute (IFEI) partnerships with Chile and participate in Expocorma forestry program in Concepción.

Europe

England — January through July — Stephen Mitchell — modeling and statistics research internship in Lancaster.

Germany — October — Fred Kamke — attend 2nd European Conference on Wood Modifications in Göttingen.

Poland — September — Lech Muszynski — presentation on methodological aspects in experimentation involving hygromechanical characteristics of wood at XI Polish Wood Drying Symposium in Poznan.

Switzerland — September — Eric Hansen — presentation on forest certification at meeting of Timber Committee of UN Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva.

Africa

South Africa — November — Amy Brunner — attend IUFRO Tree Biotechnology Conference in Pretoria.

Asia

China — December — Jeff Morrell — attend International Conference on Bio-based Materials at Nanning; serve as visiting professor at Guangxi University in Nanning and Northeast Forestry University in Harbin.

Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

New Zealand — April 2006 — Keith Jayawickrama — attend 13th Australasian Plant Breeding Conference in Christchurch.
