

# 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](mailto: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. You may also send your newsletter contributions to Susan Morré, the International Programs intern, at [Susan.Morre@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Susan.Morre@oregonstate.edu).

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## International Coffee Break – Monday, December 5, 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). This month's feature will be an overview of international collaboration on carbon cycle science being pursued by **Bev Law** of the Department of Forest Science. We will introduce Ms. **Xiaoli Wang**, World Forestry Center International Fellow, who will give a seminar at noon (see below). See you there!

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## COF International Seminars

December 5, noon to 1 pm, Richardson 115: “Who Owns China’s Forests? Exploring Alternatives in Forestland Tenure” presented by Ms. Xiaoli Wang, State Forestry Administration Attorney from Beijing and International Fellow at the World Forestry Center in Portland.



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## COF International Network Mapping Project

The International Programs Office has begun a project to create an interactive world map that shows the locations and topics of international research being conducted by OSU College of Forestry faculty, staff and students, and the home cities and research topics of our international faculty and students. If anyone has information to contribute to this project, please send it to [Susan.Morre@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Susan.Morre@oregonstate.edu). Please include your name, research topic, research location (city and country) and time period of the project. If you are international faculty or international students currently at OSU, please send your name, home city and country, research topic, and time period you will be at OSU. Thank you for helping create a network of international contacts.

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## International internship and study abroad opportunities

### Hessen Global Studies Internship Program – application deadline March 15, 2006

Hessen Networks offers two-month Sustainable Development internships at the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Rhoen, Germany for July & August 2006. Funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Hessen State Ministry of Higher Education, Research and the Arts, these internships offer students the opportunity to work on Sustainable Development issues as part of an international team. For more information, contact Katja Mruk at [mruk@hessennetworks.de](mailto:mruk@hessennetworks.de) or see [www.hessen-global.de](http://www.hessen-global.de).

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## Federal commission calls for more study abroad

A recent report released by the bipartisan Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program calls on Congress to allocate \$50 million annually for 1 million U.S. undergraduates to study abroad annually by 2017. They suggest offering one-year fellowships and grants of up to \$5000 per student to create more interest in study abroad by students and more participation by U.S. schools. Commission chairman Peter McPherson, former president of Michigan State University, says "Study abroad is not a frill. If you have a number of students go abroad and come back, it changes the way people can teach. It adds a global richness to a campus that just a few students abroad can't achieve." Study abroad was also cited as a great diplomatic tool to foster international friendships. To read the full report, go to <http://www.lincolncommission.org/LincolnReport.pdf>.

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## Winter Term International Forestry Seminar

Badege Bishaw will lead this 1-credit seminar course on International Forestry issues (FOR 407/507 section 5), which will meet on Wednesdays, 12 to 1 pm, in PVY 104. Everyone is welcome to attend this brown-bag series.

January 11: Dr. Badege Bishaw: Agroforestry and Community Forestry for Rehabilitation of Degraded Watersheds on the Ethiopian Highlands

January 18: Dr. Robert Buckman: Forest Plantations in a Global Setting

January 25: Dr. Duncan Thomas: Forests and People in Central Africa

February 1: Dr. Olga Krankina: Forests and Forest Management in Russia

February 8: Drs. Jeff Morrell & Eric Hansen: Global Trade in Forest Products, Assuring Sustainability

February 15: Dr. John Hayes: Ecological Monitoring and Forest Certification in Guatemala and the Neotropics

February 22: Dr. Klaus Puettmann: Forests and Forestry in Highly Industrialized Countries: the German Experience

March 1: David Zahler & Nicole Strong: A Forester's Experiences in the Peace Corps

March 8: Dr. Barbara Bond: Impacts of Exotic Forest Trees from North America on Ecological Processes in South America

15: Dr. Glen Murphy & Mark Reed: Native and Plantation Forests in New Zealand and their Management

## OSU International Programs Winter Term Seminar

Dr. Mark Lusk and Renee Stowell will lead a 1-credit International Environmental Issues seminar series on Tuesdays, 12 – 12:50, in Richardson 107 (INTL 407, CRN 25328). Speakers TBA.

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## Grants received for international research

**Warren Cohen & Daniel Hayes** – \$24,000 – National Aeronautics & Space Administration – Mapping Regional Carbon Stocks & Monitoring Carbon Emissions from Land Cover and Land Use Change Along the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. Term: 9/1/2003 – 8/31/2006.

**Bev Law** – \$133,809 – USDA Forest Service – Development of Dynamic Global Vegetation Models and Evaluation with AmeriFlux Data. Term: 9/2/2003 – 8/31/2008.

**Bev Law** – \$417,401 – Department of Energy – AmeriFlux Measurement Network: Science Team Research. Term: 9/15/2004 – 9/14/2006.

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## World Affairs Council of Oregon International Speakers 2005-2006 International Speaker Series



### Dan Rather

Anchorman, CBS News

*From Hanoi to Baghdad: Off the Record with Dan Rather*

*Monday, Jan. 23, 2006*



### Wangari Maathai

2004 Nobel Peace Laureate

*Environment and Democracy*

*Thursday, Mar. 16, 2006*



### Shirin Ebadi

2003 Nobel Peace Laureate

*Human Rights and Islam*

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

All events will take place at **7:00 pm** in Portland at the **Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall**, with the exception of Mr. Rather's presentation, which will take place at **6:30 pm** at the **Keller Auditorium**. To order tickets or for more information visit [www.worldoregon.org](http://www.worldoregon.org) or call 503.552.9888

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## International Club News

### OSU International Forestry Students Association (OSU-IFSA)

A chapter of the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA) has just been established at Oregon State University. While IFSA is very active in many parts of the world, the OSU chapter is currently the only active chapter in the United States. The purposes of this organization are to enrich the 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. 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](mailto:Pablo.Crespell@oregonstate.edu)). Recent presentations: Amy Nelson Green discussed

opportunities for study and internships abroad; Jeff Keck shared his internship experience with the Taiwan Forest Resources Institute; Matthew Petersen, Sonya Dunham and Michelle Delepine showed photos, traditional crafts, clothing and music from their work and study in Germany, India and Ghana.

## **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](mailto:ewb_osu@yahoo.com).

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## **On the road (November through January)**

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

### ***North and Central America***

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

### ***South America***

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

### ***Africa***

**South Africa** — November — Amy Brunner — attended 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***

**Australia** – November - Maureen Puettmann – keynote speaker at 4 workshops sponsored by Australian Forest Wood Products Research & Development Corporation and CSIRO to promote life-cycle assessment to the Australian timber industry.

**New Zealand** – November – Bill Galligan – attended International Standards Organization Meeting of TC 165 on Timber on Rotorua, NZ as a U.S. delegate; goal of TC 165 is to create common international manufacture & performance standards for structural wood products.