

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. You may also send your newsletter contributions to Susan Morré, the International Programs intern, at Susan.Morre@oregonstate.edu.

International Coffee Break – Tuesday, March 7, 2006 (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 Kreg Lindberg, Associate Professor of Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Tourism at the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend. See you there!

Upcoming COF International Seminars

Feb. 21, 2006— 3:30 Informal gathering with Steve Gretzinger (WWF Central America and Latin American Coordinator for the Global Forest Trade Network) – Richardson 115.

Feb. 21, 2006—4:00 Richardson 115 “Trends in Tropical Forest Management: A Practitioner’s Perspective from Latin America.” OSU International Forestry Students Association (OSU-IFSA) presents a discussion forum with Steve Gretzinger, Latin American Coordinator for the Global Forest Trade Network.

Feb. 22, 2006—4:00 Richardson 115 WSE Seminar: “The Work of the World Wildlife Fund and the GFTN in the Amazon.” Steve Gretzinger.

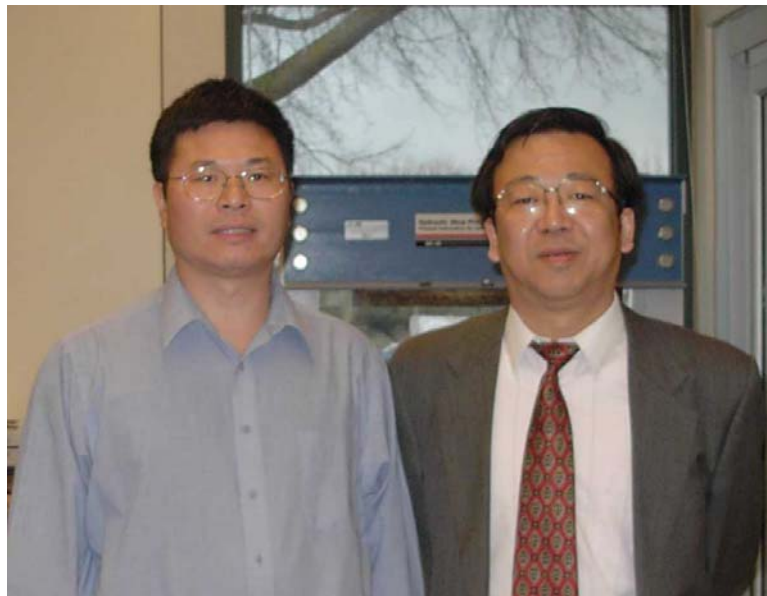
March 7, 2006—5:00 Richardson 115 “The Scandinavian Connection: Enhancing OSU Linkages in Ecotourism, Park Management, and Forestry.” Kreg Lindberg, associate professor of ecotourism at the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend, will give a presentation to the OSU-International Forestry Students Association on his 2005 trip to Sweden, which was funded in part by an International Programs grant.



Recent International Seminars



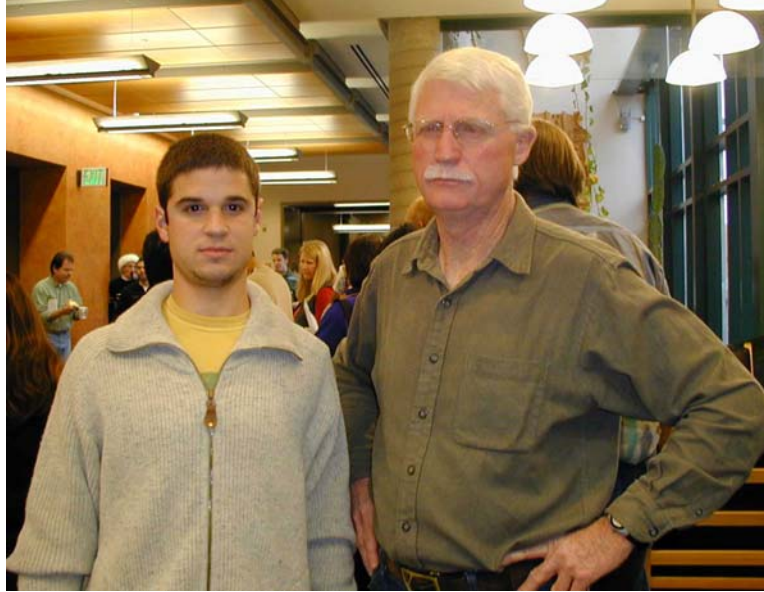
Mr. Jasjit Walia of the Indian Forest Service, and an International Fellow at the World Forestry Institute in Portland, gave a January International Programs seminar on sustainable forestry issues in India's Himachal Pradesh state.



Professor Zhen Tong (right), Dean of the College of Materials Science & Engineering at South China University of Technology in Guangzhou, China, presented a joint WSE/International Programs seminar in February on his study of sol-gel transition in polymer solutions. He was hosted by Kaichang Li (left).

New faces in the College

The College regularly hosts international guests and visiting scholars. Take the time to introduce yourself and touch bases with these folks.



Royal Jackson (above right) is hosting Spanish guest Inigo Oleagordia Montana, an exchange trainee from the University of Valladolid. He is working on his Master's thesis and will be here through July.



Henrik Lund Frandsen (above left) was visiting through December from Aalborg University, Denmark, and was hosted by Lech Muszynski (right). Henrik is researching the mechanosorptive behavior of wood.



Karl Vernes (above left) visited the College from the University of New England in New South Wales, Australia. He was here in December conducting research with Jim Trappe (above right).

COF International Network Mapping Project

The International Programs Office is continuing work on 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. 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.

International internship and fellowship 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 or see www.hessen-global.de.

OUS-SYLFF Graduate Fellowships for International Research—application deadline April 14, 2006

The Oregon University System is one of the 69 international recipients of a Nippon Foundation endowment to provide Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Funds to support graduate research with an international dimension. The goal of the SYLFF program is “to nurture future leaders who will transcend geopolitical, religious, ethnic, and cultural boundaries in the world community for the peace and well-being of humankind.” One-year fellowships for up to \$12,000 are available. See Debbie Bird McCubbin in the Student Services Office (Peavy 140) for a hard copy of the application and information. For details, please visit:

http://gradschool.uoregon.edu/forms/sylff_fellowship-app.pdf for Application Form
<http://www.tkfd.or.jp/eng/division/fellowship/sylff/index.shtml> for General Information

Winter Term International Forestry Seminar

Badege Bishaw leads 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, although registration is limited to 15 students.

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


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

OSU International Programs Winter Term Seminars

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.

“International Opportunities for Forestry Students” – Monday, February 20, 12 – 1 pm, Richardson 115. Jill Gutzler, Study Abroad advisor for International Education and Outreach, is hosting this Study Abroad program on. The program will include presentations by several past and current study abroad students and will provide OSU Forestry Students with information on how they can pursue opportunities to spend a semester or more abroad.

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

	
<u>Wangari Maathai</u> 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate	<u>Shirin Ebadi</u> 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate
<i>Environment and Democracy</i>	<i>Human Rights and Islam</i>
<i>Thursday, Mar. 16, 2006</i>	<i>Friday, May 19, 2006</i>

Both events will take place at 7:00 pm in Portland at the **Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall**.

To order tickets or for more information visit www.worldoregon.org or call 503.552.9888

International Club News

OSU International Forestry Students Association (OSU-IFSA)

OSU-IFSA was established in October 2005 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. Purposes of this organization are to provide extracurricular activities that educate students about international forestry issues, promote networking with forestry professionals and students, enhance professionalism of forestry students, and 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. Contact president Pablo.Crespell@oregonstate.edu for more information. In January, OSU-IFSA hosted an International Lunch (photo on right) for the College



of Forestry. Some of the proceeds were donated to Linn-Benton Food Share, and some were used to host a bowling trip for club members and for SAF guests.

This month's presentation will be a discussion forum led by Steve Gretzinger about trends in tropical forest management in Latin America (see seminar information above). In March, Kreg Lindberg will share his 2005 Swedish travel experiences.

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.

EWB - OSU will conduct a site assessment for a potential water supply project in El Salvador during spring break. They are evaluating the communities of Las Mercedes and El Naranjito for the possibility of implementing a potable water delivery system. The communities are isolated rurally in a mountainous region and the women of the community have to travel long distances to access water from springs. Residents of the community are often ill and much of the childrens' illness are being attributed to contaminated drinking water. If the site assessment proves the project to be necessary, sustainable, and attainable, EWB-OSU will design and implement a potable water delivery system over the next year. For more information, contact Beth at ewb_osu@yahoo.com.

Grants received for international research

Olga Krankina—\$19,089—National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Comparative Studies on Carbon Dynamics in Disturbed Forest Ecosystems: Eastern Russia and Northeastern China. Term: 12/1/2005 – 11/30/2008.

Recent international presentations

Dan Luoma and Joyce Eberhart attended and made presentations at an international conference – "Conservation Ecology of Cryptogams - from Theory to Management", held Nov. 21-25, 2005 in Bispgården, Sweden. Dan gave the keynote presentation titled "Conservation and management of ectomycorrhizal fungi". Joyce's selected talk was "Ten years of monitoring the effects of harvest techniques on American matsutake (*Tricholoma magnivelare*) production."

An anticipated outcome of the conference is improved integration of biodiversity conservation through science-based forest management in the Nordic countries. The conference was sponsored by the Nordic Research Board (Academy for Advanced Studies), The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, and The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences, and Spatial Planning.

On the road (January through April)

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

North and Central America

Mexico — January — Jonathan Thompson — presented at the Ecological Society Meeting in Mérida.

South America

Brazil – March – Kirstin Carroll—attend the Third Meeting of the Parties of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Curitiba.

Africa

South Africa — March — Glen Murphy — present research results at IUFRO Precision Forestry Symposium in Stellenbosch.

Asia

India – February – Eric Hansen, Jeff Morrell, and Rajat Panwar are traveling throughout India to enhance efforts to develop a market for PNW softwood products on a trip sponsored by the Softwood Export Council.

Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

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

Europe

Austria – February – Olga Krankina—present poster at Science Team Meeting of the Northern Eurasia Earth Science Initiative in Vienna.