IAWS News

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The Executive Committee met in Québec City, Canada, on September 14, as part of IAWS participation in the International Scientific Conference on Hardwood Processing.

The IAWS Lecture was presented by Alain Cloutier from Université Laval. He gave an excellent overview “Developments in Hardwoods Utilization and Processing: A Canadian Perspective”. IAWS President Schmitt presented Dr Cloutier with his award.

The ISCHP conference was a great mix of science, industrial application and marketing. IAWS Fellows and their co-researchers contributed topics including biorefineries, lignin chemistry of genetically modified poplar, non-destructive testing, production chain modelling, wood modification and engineered wood.

The IAWS thanks Jean-Francois Bouffard (Conference Chair), Pierre Blanchet and their committees for organising this conference, as well as the support of FPInnovations, Université Laval, CNR-IVALSA, FCBA, LUKE and Virginia Tech.

The next ISCHP biennial meeting will be in Finland, 2017.

Since our last IAWS meeting, we have lost three exceptional Fellows: Börje Steenberg (Sweden), Boris Ugolev (Russia) and R. Paul Kibblewhite (New Zealand). Their contributions to science and society will continue to inspire us and future generations.