IAWS News

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We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary at a plenary meeting 2–3 June, 2016, Paris, where our Academy was founded. The meeting will be held in the historic rooms of l'Académie d'Agriculture de France, 18 Rue de Bellechasse, established in 1761. The conference theme is “Wood Science for the Future”.

Although the conference web page is still in preparation, President Uwe Schmitt invites those interested in attending to pre-register by contacting him by e-mail as soon as possible (uwe.schmitt@ti.bund.de). Pre-registration will greatly assist our preparations by allowing an estimate of the number of participants. A preliminary program can be found on the IAWS website. Please note that the meeting is not restricted to IAWS Fellows.

The Academy Lecture will be delivered by Fellow Gerd Wegener (“1966–2016: Science and Use of Wood in a Changing World”). Professor Wegener, an IAWS Fellow since 1988, and recipient of many honours, was Editor-in-Chief of Wood Science and Technology for almost 20 years.

Another highlight of the meeting will be presentations by the IAWS PhD Gold Medal winners for 2015—Michaela Zauner and Muhammad Shabir Mahr.

The Executive Committee thanks Fellow and former President Xavier Deglise for his organisational contributions to this very special meeting.