

ANNOUNCEMENT

2001 Prize and Awards Winners

The Japan Wood Research Society Prize

The Japan Wood Research Society Prize was awarded to Shoji Ohga, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University, for his work "Fruiting properties on growth of edible basidiomycete" and to Hiroshi Yoshihara, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Shimane University, for his work "Deformation and failure behaviors of wood including the non-linear stress-strain state."

The Japan Wood Research Society Progress Award

The Japan Wood Research Society Progress Award was received by Hirofumi Hirai, Faculty of Agriculture, Shizuoka University, for his work "Functions of oxidoreductases involved in the biological bleaching of kraft pulp with white-rot fungi" and by Yuzo Furuta, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyoto Prefectural University, for his work "Thermal-softening properties of swollen wood."

The Japan Wood Research Society Regional Scientific Promotion Award

The Japan Wood Research Society Regional Scientific Promotion Award was received by Yasuo Ohsako, Faculty of Education, Kumamoto University, and by Ikuo Furukawa, Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University, for their contributions in their respective regions.

The Japan Wood Research Society Technology Award

The Japan Wood Research Society Technology Award was received by Takafumi Itoh, Nara Forest Research Institute, for his work "A creation of chemically modified wood under the consideration for surroundings" and by Naoaki Shibata, Anri Yoshino, and Nozomi Yoshinaga, Nagano Prefectural Forestry Research Center and Woodrex Co. Ltd., for their work "Production technology of superficially-treated WPC and its development as weather-resisting wood products."

Mokuzai Gakkaishi (Journal of the Japan Wood Research Society)

Mokuzai Gakkaishi is another official journal of the Japan Wood Research Society. This journal publishes original articles, notes, review articles, and announcements from the Society in Japanese but with English abstracts, tables, and figure captions for original reports. Contents of the latest issue of *Mokuzai Gakkaishi* are as follows:

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Review article

Y. Matsushita, S. Yasuda
Formation and structure of Klason lignin and acid-soluble lignin

K. Nakata, H. Sugimoto, M. Inoue, S. Kawai
Development of compressed wood fasteners for timber construction VI: Strength properties of timber joints with compressed LVL plates and drift pins

Original articles

Y. Hirakawa, H. Nagao, K. Yamashita, T. Tanaka
Intracultivar variations in wood properties of Japanese cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*) planted on sloping ground

Y. Hirashima, K. Horie, Y. Sasaki
Reliability analysis of timber trusses

Y. Cai, K. Hayashi
Contribution of evaporation from transverse sections to drying rate during radio-frequency/vacuum drying

K. Tsunoda, J.K. Grace, T. Byrne, P.I. Morris
Effectiveness of disodium octaborate tetrahydrate (Tim-Bor[®]) in controlling subterranean termite attack and decay of house sill plates

G. Chen, A. Yamashita, K. Shibaki, C. Tanaka
Three-dimensional analyses of the work motion using woodworking tools I: Basic from of planning motion of skilled Japanese woodworkers

Note

T. Byrne, D.R. Minchin, P.I. Morris, K. Tsunoda
Borate loss from sill plates exposed to damp concrete, condensation or flooding