

News from the Academy

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Professor Dr Gerd Wegener

Fellow Wegener will retire this year, and on October 6, 2010, he will be officially honoured at the 15th Munich Wood Colloquium/“Münchener Holzkolloquium” of the Society of Friends and Sponsors of the “Holzforschung München” at the main lecture hall “Audimax”, Munich Technical University (TUM).

His contributions to wood science have been recognised by the awards of the Federal Cross of Merit of Germany and the Schweighofer Prize (see volume **43** 7/8 of this journal). As a longstanding editor of Wood Science and Technology he has acted as a vital link between the Academy and its Journal.

The Academy would like to take the opportunity offered in this issue of the journal, dedicated to Fellow Wegener, to thank him heartily for his work and wish him a long and happy retirement.

New Academy board members

The Academy congratulates the four Fellows who have been elected to the Academy Board to replace Fellows Allison, Faix, Meshitsuka and Ruel who retire after their six-year term of office in June 2010. The thanks of the Academy go to the retiring Fellows.

The new Board members are as follows:

Holger Militz, Institute of Wood Biology and Wood Technology, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany.

Christian Sales, CIRAD-FORET, Montpellier, France.

Peter Vinden, School of Forest and Ecosystem Science, The University of Melbourne, Australia.

Ulla Westermark, Luleå Tekniska Universitet, Luleå, Sweden

These Fellows will serve on the Board until 2016.

Newly elected fellows 2010

Anatoly Chubinsky

Head of the Department of Sawmilling and Wood Drying, St. Petersburg State Forest Technical Academy (SPbFTA), Russia

Pedro Fardim

Head of the Laboratory of Fibre and Cellulose Technology, Åbo Akademi, Åbo, Finland

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Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg im Br., Germany

Shigehiko Suzuki

Department of Forest Resources Science, Shizuoka University, Japan

Kelin Ye

Director, Research Institute of Wood Industry, Chinese Academy of Forestry, China

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Director, Fast-growing Trees & Agri-fibre Materials Engineering Centre of Jiangsu Province in China

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