

D5 Business Meeting – IUFRO Congress, 2010

Several Working Party Business Meetings took place during the 2010 IUFRO World Congress in Seoul. The main purpose was to update the Divisional structure and ratify officeholders for the next period. The following is an attempt to capture some of the discussion.

D5 – 5.00.00 - Forest Products

For the next period (2010-2014) the D5 Coordinator will be Andrew Wong (Malaysia). Deputies will be:

Jamie Barbour (USA)

Pekka Saranpää (Finland)

Dave Cown (New Zealand)

D5.01.00 – Wood Quality (Pekka Saranpää)

A meeting agreed that the structure of 5.01.00 needed to be simplified. The existence of several small WP's (5.01.01 – Biological control of wood quality; 5.01.02 – Natural variations in wood quality; 5.01.06 – Wood quality from intensive management) tended to divert focus from the main issue – variation in wood quality. It was proposed to disband the individual WP's and form a new one – Understanding wood variability. Several officeholders have completed full terms. Pekka undertook to contact the other existing officeholders to establish interest in the new group and to appoint most of the current active officers to deputy roles in the new group.

D5.01.04 – Wood Quality Modelling (Jean-Michel Leban)

Not represented at meeting.

To continue (new officeholders required?)

D5.01.07 – Tree Ring Analysis (Margaret Devall)

Not represented at meeting.

To continue. Congress sessions well attended.

D5.02.00 – Physiomechanical Properties of wood (Xiping Wang)

Not represented at meeting.

Ferenc Divos has resigned and Xiping Wang (USA) taken over the group. 5.02.01. Plans are afoot to re-organise the WP's. New deputies in 5.01.01 have agreed to participate:

Roger Meder (Australia); Houjiang Zhang (China).

D5.03.00 – Wood Protection (Yoon Soo Kim)

Very active links with The International Research Group on Wood Protection since 2005, and with RIPMA (Latin American Wood Protection Research group) since 2006.

YS Kim (Rep Korea) and RH White (US) are ending.

Pascal Kamdem (in-coming coordinator), AP Singh (NZ, Dep. Coordinator),

5.03.04 (protection from fire)

Disbanded due to inactivity after RH White (US) retired.

5.03.06 (wood protection needs for quarantine and trade in wood)

Disbanded due to inactivity until late 2007 when interest started (via few relevant papers read at D5 conference in Taiwan, 2007). Since D7 is active in invasive species, future such wood protection interest will be directed to collaborate with D7, or if there is clear sustained interest from D5 membership 5.03.06 could be revived. This implies seeking active officeholders for its probable revival.

5.03.07 (wood protection under tropical environments)

Very active participations with The International research Group on Wood Protection since 2005.

J. Norton (Australia) & WC Ling (retired, Malaysia) as stepped down.

Marie-France Thevenon (France, in-coming coordinator), Andrew Wong (Malaysia), Osvaldo Encinas (Venezuela) deputies.

Proposed new WP 5.03.xx (Protection of cultural artifacts)

A new wood protection WP is proposed by Wibke Unger (Germany), to be approved by IUFRO. Previous suggestions include fitting this topic into 5.03.05 or 5.10.01 appointing W.Unger as Dep. In either case. It is believed this new topic is expected to be active and unique to warrant a new WP.

D5.04.00 – Wood Processing (Yves Fortin)

Not represented at meeting.

Fortin is ending his period and trying to find a replacement.

5.04.06 – Wood drying – is very active and will continue with Milota a Coordinator.

5.04.07 – Adhesives and gluing – seems to be inactive.

5.04.08 – Sawing, milling and machining – inactive?

5.04.12 – Finishing and surfacing – inactive? Dawson completed his term.

5.04.13 – Industrial engineering – inactive. Mannes and Gazo retiring and seeking new appointments. Henry Quesada-Pineda has been suggested (Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech) Phone: 540-231-0978; Fax: 540-231-8868; Email: quesada@vt.edu.

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D5.05.00 – Composite and reconstituted Products (Marius Barbu)

Winandy, Wellwood and Kelin have retired. Marius Barbu will remain as Deputy, Salim Hiziroglu would take over as Coordinator according to the 2-term leadership rules of IUFRO. Wenji YU, CRIWI, CAF, China, was proposed as a new deputy by Kelin. Cai ZY (US) was proposed by Winandy as deputy. Barbu will update the website and extend coverage to non-wood products.

These WP's below were not represented at the meeting and their status will be soon decided by 5.05.00:

5.05.01 (Lignocellulosic-based composites)

5.05.02 (recycling and recycled products)

5.05.03 (Wood/Non-wood combinations)

5.05.04 (Modification of lignocellulosics)

D5.06.00 – Properties and utilization of plantation wood (Kee Seng Gan)

This is another fairly inactive Research Group, where new blood is required. There are 3 WP's involved with aspects of mainly tropical forests. One deputy is retiring and a replacement (DR.Yafang YIN, CRIWI, CAF, China) has been proposed. The eucalypt and teak groups need to be revitalised. ZHOU Yongdong (zhouyd@forestry.ac.cn) and Roger Meder (Australia) have accepted offers of deputy roles in 5.06.03.

IUFRO is currently looking for someone to represent teak.

D5.07.00 – Energy and Chemicals from Wood (Alan Rudie)

Alan Rudie (US) has taken over as Coordinator and is in the process of re-organizing the 2 WP's, to cover Chemical and Thermal processing methods. One of 2 deputies proposed is Hyeun-Jong Bae (Rep. Korea).

D5.10.00 – Forest Products Marketing (Vlosky)

This group is very active and help a pre-Congress tour of Japan. Website is up to date and well subscribed. Eric Hansen (USA) will take over as coordinator.

D5.10.01 – Wood Culture (Rosen)

This is another very active group with strong links to the International Wood Culture Society.

D5.11.00 – Non-wood Forest Products (Jim Chamberlain)

Not represented at meeting.

Chamberlain of the opinion that the WP's need to keep going, despite not being very active within IUFRO, but there is no obvious successor.

Unknown status of its WP's

5.11.02 (Medicinal Forest Products)

5.11.03 (Edible Forest Products)

5.11.05 (Bamboo and Rattan)

D5.12.00 – Sustainable utilization of Forest Products (Barbour)

Robert Deal (USA) will take over the RG.

D5.14.00 – Forest Products Education (Wimmer)

Not represented at meeting.

Some comment has been received that this group should consider amalgamating with other IUFRO activities in forest education.

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