The United States is well represented at the Second International Conference on Wood Culture (ICWC) in Nanjing, China

The Second Conference was held near Nanjing Forestry University (NFU) in Nanjing, China from May 28-31, 2007 and co-organized by WoodLab (a private non-profit organization) and the College of Wood Science and Technology at NFU. About 150 people from 10 countries attended the meeting, most from various parts of China. Howard Rosen, Chung-Yun Hse, and Vicki Herian from the USDA Forest Service, Mon-Lin Kuo from the University of Iowa, and Art Brauner former Executive Vice President of FPS represented the United States. The technical talks focused on wood culture—defined as human usage of and activities with wood, including societal attitudes towards wood products. All the US participants also participated in the Wood Science Research and Effective Utilization Symposium sponsored by the Wood Science Branch of the China Society of Forestry in Kunming, China followed by a tour to Dali and Lijiang in Yunnan Province. Details can be found at the WoodLab website www.icwc.org.

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Howard Rosen welcomes the audience as co-chair of the 2nd ICWC

Vicki Herian, Executive Director of SWST, delivers her talk in Kunming, China