The IUFRO 5.04.06 Wood Drying Conference was hosted by the Aro Palace Complex, in Brasov, Romania. 84 scientists from 28 countries (and additionally 32 from Romania) attended the meeting, including three people who have been in attendance at all eight Conferences, Tom Moren (Sweden), Jarl-Gunnar Salin (Sweden), and Howard Rosen (USA). Two Keynote addresses: "The Role of Wood Anatomy in the Drying of Wood: "Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow " by the Wood Drying Working Party Leader, Patrick Perré (France) and "High-Frequency Heating Combined With Vacuum Drying Of Wood" by Helmut Resch (Austria) was an excellent start of the technical program of over 50 oral presentations and 28 posters presentations. Topics covered modelling, stress and strain behaviour of wood, properties of wood related to drying, fast drying procedures, applied drying, heat and mass transfer, kiln control, drying quality, colorations and general.

The Conference was complemented by an in-conference tour, highlighting two large companies situated close to Brasov (SC LOSAN SRL-manufacturer of sliced veneers- and SC FOREX SRL – manufacturer of steamed and unsteamed beech timber). About 45 of the attendees continued on to see beautifully forests and landscapes in Romania within the Post-Conference Excursion. This was also a new opportunity to discover the traditional Romanian dances and songs.

The proceedings, which include an introductory note about Romanian wood industry today, the two Keynote Addresses and 86 technical papers, are available by contacting Mihaela Campean, “Transilvania” University of Brasov, E-mail: campean@unitbv.ro.

Mihaela Campean  Patrick Perré
Conference organizer  Coordinator of the IUFRO Wood Working
Party (5.04.06)