IUFRO 5.04.06 Wood Drying Working Party Business Meeting

The IUFRO Wood Drying Working Party business meeting was called to order at 17:10 on January 21, 2010 in Skellefteå, Sweden by chairman Mike Milota (Oregon State University, USA).

A proposal to host the 2012 working group meeting, “Challenges and opportunities related to tropical lumber drying,” was presented for Professor Ivaldo Jankowsky (ESALQ, University of São Paulo, not present) and his organizing committee by Mike Milota. The proposed location is Belém in the state of Pará, Brazil. The proposed hotel is the International Hilton Belém from Monday, July 30 to Friday, August 3. A welcome reception would be held on Monday night with technical sessions on Tuesday-Thursday and a post-conference tour on Friday. An in-conference tour would be held on Wednesday afternoon. The proposed conference fee was US$500 with hotel estimated at $900 to $1200. The proposal was accepted with one dissenting vote.

In the discussion it was suggested that the high cost might make it difficult for delegates from developing countries. It was suggested that there be a reduced registration fee for delegates from countries on the IUFRO list of developing countries, even if this somewhat raises the overall fee. An alternate, lower cost hotel as an option was suggested too. It was also suggested that a Friday morning session may be necessary to accommodate presentations.

Mike Milota then asked for parties interested in hosting a meeting in 2014. Adam Redman from the Queensland government (Australia) indicated that he would be interested in hosting with assistance from Ian Turner (Univ. of Queensland, not present). Professor Hwanmyeong Yeo from Seoul National University (Korea) also expressed interest with assistance from HoYang Kang (not present). Each was asked to come to the 2012 meeting with a more detailed proposal that the group could vote on.

Mike Milota noted that prior to this business meeting Öner Ünsal of Istanbul University (Turkey, not present) expressed interest in hosting a meeting in 2016.

Tom Morén of Luleå University of Technology (Sweden) indicated that the scientific committee for the 2010 meeting reviewed abstracts to ensure that they were on topic and of sufficient quality for the conference. He suggested that this practice be continued. Several speakers supported this and it will be asked of conference organizers in the future.

Next, it was asked if the presentations should be put on-line with the author’s permission. The discussion centered around the possibility of preventing the publication of the same or similar material in refereed journals. Ove Söderström (KTH Royal Institute, Sweden) indicated that this was not the case for Taylor and Francis. Miheala Campean (Transilvania University of Brashov, Romania) indicated the same for ProLigna. Because of the effort involved, it was decided to leave it up to the conference organizers to decide if they wanted to place the 2010 abstracts online.
Placing the conference proceedings papers online was also discussed. This would jeopardize future publication in a refereed journal as indicated by Ove Söderström and Miheala Campean. After considerable discussion it was decided that due to previous agreements with journals, this year’s papers could not be placed online if the author intended to publish in a refereed journal. In the future, conference organizers should plan to put the proceedings online and work this out ahead of time with any journals.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:45.

Minutes submitted by Mike Milota