

# WOODWISDOM-NET eNEWSLETTER 3/2007

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## Dear Recipient,

Please, find here the third WoodWisdom-Net eNewsletter in 2007.

The eNewsletter supports the work of the EU's ERA-NET project WoodWisdom-Net in creating a common research platform that will promote the competitiveness and sustainability of European forestry and forest-based industry.

WoodWisdom-Net eNewsletter contains news and current issues of interests in the field of wood material science and engineering both at the European and national level.

Enjoy your reading!

## WoodWisdom-Net Secretariat

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### NEWS

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## WoodWisdom-Net RTD Programme 2006-2011 - Projects approved for funding

As announced earlier, based to the evaluation the WoodWisdom-Net Steering Committee decided on the 19th of June in its meeting in Berlin to recommend 16 proposals for funding by national agencies within the WoodWisdom-Net RDT Programme. Most of the national funding decisions have now been taken and early December the Project Coordinators will receive an information letter from the Programme Secretariat. The first transnational projects have recently started their work, and the remaining projects are expected to start in anuary 2008. The list of the funded projects will be published on the WoodWisdom-Net website and in an eNewsletter.

[www.woodwisdom.net](http://www.woodwisdom.net)

## WoodWisdom-Net RTD Programme Opening Seminar 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2008 n Berlin

The WoodWisdom-Net RTD Programme is organizing an Opening Seminar in Berlin, dbb-forum-berlin, Germany. Objectives of the public seminar are to present the current state of WoodWisdom-Net, to introduce the starting transnational projects, to initiate information exchange and networking with relevant stakeholders, and to discuss stakeholders' expectations on the transnational research activities.

More detailed information on the Seminar, its programme and registration details will be published on the WoodWisdom-Net website in December.

[www.woodwisdom.net](http://www.woodwisdom.net)

The WoodWisdom-Net team is looking forward to meeting you in Berlin!

dbb forum berlin, Friedrichstrasse 169/170, D-10117 Berlin  
<http://www.dbb-forum-berlin.de/kontakt/anfahrtskizze.htm>

## **Christine Hagström-Näsi appointed Managing Director of Metsäklusteri Oy**

Ilmari Absetz is following Christine Hagström-Näsi as the WoodWisdom-Net Coordinator. The Coordinator of WoodWisdom-Net, Christine Hagström-Näsi has been appointed Managing Director of Metsäklusteri Oy, an innovation company that was established in spring 2007. She started in her new position on 17.9.2007. Tekes has appointed Ilmari Absetz as the new WoodWisdom-Net Coordinator.

More:

<http://www.forestindustries.fi/JuuriNyt/Tiedotteet/Pages/appointedmanagingdirectorometsaklusteri.aspx>

## **COST approves 25 new COST Actions**

The European scientific community again confirmed that COST offers an excellent platform for nationally funded research projects to create networks, known as COST Actions. The 25 new networks approved by the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) at its recent meeting in Vilnius on 15 and 16 November 2007 were the result of the 2nd collection date for which more than 400 Preliminary Proposals were received.

Under the Scientific Domain Forests, their Products and Services (FPS) there are three new actions:

FP0701 - Post-fire forest management in Southern Europe

FP0702 - Net-Acoustics for Timber Based Lightweight Buildings and Elements

FP0703 - Expected Climate cHange and Options for European Silviculture (ECHOES).

More:

[http://www.cost.esf.org:80/index.php?id=18&no\\_cache=1&tx\\_ttnews%5bttnews%5d=384&tx\\_ttnews%5bbackPid%5d=441&cHash=d9d0769ee6](http://www.cost.esf.org:80/index.php?id=18&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5bttnews%5d=384&tx_ttnews%5bbackPid%5d=441&cHash=d9d0769ee6)

## **New information portal about European forests launched**

EUROFOREST Portal, a free and non-commercial service for forest and forestry information users, was recently launched. The portal meets demands for better access to information on European forests and forestry in a user-friendly form. EUROFOREST contains a news section and a metadatabase of web resources - web pages of organisations, networks, information providers, databases, and selected major reports. Users can search for information per topic, per country or by using search tools. The portal also offers a technical platform to establish new local forest portals for sharing information for specific regions.

European Forest Institute (EFI), in co-operation with Silva Network / University of Joensuu, has launched the portal.

More: <http://forestportal.efi.int/>

## **EUSTAFOR to join FTP core consortium**

EUSTAFOR, the European State Forest Organisation, has been asked to join the group of European confederations that set up the FTP and form its 'backbone'. EUSTAFOR would thus join CEI-Bois, CEPF and CEPI in providing core funding and important support to the work of the FTP. Together with CEPF (bringing together Europe's private forest owners), EUSTAFOR represents the forestry value chain within the FTP.

More: <http://www.eustafor.eu/>

## **Norway and Denmark publish National Research Agenda for the forest-based sector**

Implementation of the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) of the Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform's is rapidly proceeding, also at the national level. Denmark and Norway are the latest countries that have published a National Research Agenda (NRA) for their forest-based sector, bringing the total of published NRAs up to 12.

The Norwegian National Support Group of the FTP elaborated an NRA with ten research areas, ranging from tailor-made wood supply to bioenergy from forest-based biomass and commercialising soft forest values. The research areas are presented for four main value chains: Forestry, Timber industry, Pulp & Paper industry, and Bioenergy.

The Danish National Support Group finalised its NRA after a period of several months during which the key players in the Danish forest-based sector discussed its contents. In the coming weeks and months, the Danish NSG will use the NRA as key tool in its current effort to promote the forest-based sector's strategic objectives for research and innovation, for example among national funding institutions.

More: <http://www.forestplatform.org/index.php?mid=175>

## **The future of wood energy in Europe**

The Centre for Renewable Energy Sources in Greece performed an in-depth analysis of the issues that arise from the harvest of wood from European forests.

More: [http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=OFFR\\_TM\\_EN&ACTION=D&RCN=3459](http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=OFFR_TM_EN&ACTION=D&RCN=3459)

## **Study and Research Scholarships 2008**

Studies and Research in Sustainability -

With financial support provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers a special programme on "Studies and Research in Sustainability" that gives particularly qualified graduates, doctoral students and postdocs from selected countries as well as German doctoral students and postdocs the opportunity to study and research in Germany or abroad.

Core Topic Area: Biogenic Resources and Value Chains

Countries: Applications are open to graduates, doctoral students and postdocs from Brazil,

Russia, India, China, South Africa and Mongolia, and to doctoral students and postdocs from Germany.

More: <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/ausschreibungen/07443.en.html>

see also attachments Offer\_Biogen.pdf and Annex\_Biogen.pdf on WMS -pages:  
<http://www.woodwisdom.fi/default.asp?docId=12285&rnd=114014640622771>

## **COST New Call opened**

A two stage process will be followed to assess proposals. /Preliminary Proposals/ should provide a brief overview of the proposal and its impact. A pre-selection will rank the remaining Preliminary Proposals of which some 75 per collection date will be invited to submit a /Full Proposal/. The next date for Preliminary Proposals is \*30 September 2007\*.

More: <http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=721>

## **Energy Research information service for FP7 launche**

CORDIS, the Community Research and Development Information Service, has launched a new information service on Energy Research in the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

**More:**

[http://cordis.europa.eu/icadc/fetch?CALLER=ENERGY\\_NEWS&ACTION=D&DOC=1&CAT=NEWS&QUERY=1188220351512&RCN=28195](http://cordis.europa.eu/icadc/fetch?CALLER=ENERGY_NEWS&ACTION=D&DOC=1&CAT=NEWS&QUERY=1188220351512&RCN=28195)

**More:**

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/energy/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/energy/home_en.html)

## **COST\***

managed by the European Science Foundation (ESF) under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)\*

EU support for COST amounted is set to rese to 210 million euros under FP/.An additional 40 million could be added to the pot if a mid-term evaluation in 2010 is successful. The bigger budget will allow COST to expand its activities and boost support for both the scientific and technical committees and the cost Actions (networks of researaches).

**More:**

<http://www.cost.esf.org/>  
[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/coordination/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/coordination/home_en.html)

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## CONFERENCES, OTHER EVENTS

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### JANUARY

#### **Central European Biomass Conference 2008, Graz, Austria, 16-19 January**

The Central European Biomass Conference is an international conference on political and technical developments in the field of bioenergy. Within this high level experts congress bilateral B2B meetings for companies will be organised. This Matchmaking Event for technology and know-how co-operations offers the opportunity to meet business partners, bioenergy experts or research institutions and to discuss there in individual talks:

- business co-operations
  - joint technology development
  - research and know-how transfer
- licence, commercial, financial agreements

Take the chance to:

- present your innovative ideas and projects at the web
  - search for technologies, RTD-projects, know how
  - meet several potential co-operation partners at one location and in one day
- promote your profiles in Austria and Europe

You are offering or looking for an innovative technology, RTD-project or know how profile? Register online easily and fill in your company description and your offer or request. All profiles will be published and can be selected and booked by any participant of the Matchmaking Event. So it will be clear already before the event with whom you will speak and who wants to speak with you.

Deadlines and tasks:

Registration: till 15 December 2007  
Select meetings: 16 December 2007 to 1 January 2008  
Matchmaking Event: 16 January 2008, 14:00-18:00

Costs: The participation in the Matchmaking Event is free.

Online-registration and all details at:

[www.matchmaking.at/biomass2008](http://www.matchmaking.at/biomass2008)

### MARCH

#### **First Nordic Wood Biorefinery Conference to be held March 11-13, 2008, in Stockholm, Sweden**

The first Nordic Wood Biorefinery Conference will be held during 11-13 March 2008, in Stockholm, Sweden. This event is organised by Swedish and Finnish institutions involved with biorefinery research and development, including STFI-Packforsk, Solander Science Centre, Processum, KLC and Akademia.

Conference sessions will focus on biorefining processes, biofuels, chemicals, materials,

emerging forest biorefineries, and major biorefinery projects. On the day after the conference, participants will also have the opportunity to visit several demonstration/pilot biorefineries in Sweden.

For further information about this conference, programme and registrations, visit its website. [http://www.stfi-packforsk.se/templates/STFICalendarPage\\_4511.aspx?epslanguage=EN](http://www.stfi-packforsk.se/templates/STFICalendarPage_4511.aspx?epslanguage=EN)

**MAY**

## **Towards Understanding Wood, Fibre, and Paper -deeper knowledge through modern analytical tools**

**May 19-21, 2008 Turku/Åbo Final seminar of COST Action E41** ( Analytical tools with applications for wood and pulping chemistry) & Workshop of Action E50 (Cell wall macromolecules and reaction wood)

The seminar will bring together academic and industrial experts on modern analytical tools for wood, fibre and paper. The seminar will include invited internationally recognized key-note lecturers, outstanding presentations, and contacts with industrial representatives.

The first day will be a workshop of Action E50 where the topic will be "Biosynthesis of Cellulose and Ligning". The topics of the second and third days will deal with analytical tools with applications for wood and pulping chemistry, and also include an MC Meeting.

Seminar venue:

The seminar will be hosted by the Åbo Akademi Process Chemistry Centre located at the university campus.

Information:

The seminar language is English. The fees will be announced in the Second Circular.

Dates and Deadlines:

Deadline for abstract submission: January 18, 2008

Notification of acceptance: February 29, 2008

Deadline for extended (two-page) abstracts: April 30, 2008

Registration deadline: to be announced later

Current information about the seminar will be available at:

<http://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/cemare>

<http://www.vtt.fi/proj/coste41/index.jsp>

## **FTP Conference in Slovenia to focus on forest-based business, Kranjska Gora, 20-21 May 2008**

Preparations for next year's 4th FTP Conference in Slovenia are progressing rapidly. The event will be held in the Slovenian mountain town of Kranjska Gora during 20-21 May 2008. It will be part of the Slovenian presidency of the European Union.

Special attention will be given to the role of forestry industry in the promotion of a knowledge-based forest sector in Europe. The title of the conference reflects this: 'Growing towards the Future - Joint innovation for successful forest-based business in Europe'. The conference will look at topics such as the meaning of research and innovation to business and present success stories in business implementation of research findings. The event will be an excellent opportunity for industry representatives to meet new business contacts, as well as representatives of the research community. Special attention will also be given to the forest-based sector in countries of South-Eastern Europe.

The organisers have already secured a the preliminary commitment of Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research, to deliver a keynote speech during the conference's final session.

The full programme for the conference, which will only include plenary sessions, will be published during November; registration starts in December.

Keep yourself informed by regularly visiting the FTP website.  
<http://www.forestplatform.org/index.php?mid=175>

## **SPCI 2008 - The World Pulp and Paper Week, Stockholm, Sweden - May 27-29, 2008**

"Welcome to the world's most important event for the pulp and paper industry in 2008. The SPCI exhibition, conferences and 100th anniversary will make sure that the SPCI 2008 event will be a true meeting point for the global pulp and paper industry.

SPCI has served our industry providing technical and social platforms for one hundred years. Join us in celebrating the results of this fellowship and industry development!"  
Sven Wird, Chairman of SPCI

<http://www.spci.se/>

## SEPTEMBER

### **Call for Papers for the 14th FRS Symposium to be held on the 13th - 18th September 2009 at St Anne's College, Oxford, UK.**

FRS14: The 14th Fundamental Research Symposium, "Advances in Pulp and Paper Research, Oxford 2009", will take place at St. Anne's College Oxford, 13-18 September, 2009. For symposium information and a call for papers, visit:

[www.frc14oxford2009.org.uk/](http://www.frc14oxford2009.org.uk/)

More:

<http://www.ppfrs.org.uk/>

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