

## **WOODWISDOM-NET eNEWSLETTER 2/2007**

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**Dear Recipient,**

Please, find here the second 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 – Proposals recommended for funding by Steering Committee**

An independent international Expert Panel has now evaluated the total number of 42 Second Step Proposals of the first Call of the WoodWisdom-Net RTD Programme. Based to the evaluation the WoodWisdom-Net Steering Committee decided on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June in its meeting in Berlin to recommend 16 proposals for funding by national agencies within the WoodWisdom-Net RDT Programme. Furthermore two proposals are on the reserve list.

The selected proposals cover basically all thematic areas of the call. Five (5) of the proposals recommended for funding are basic research projects in the theme area "Wood production and properties" (Sub-Call A) and eleven (11) applied and industrial research and development proposals in the theme area "New wood-based products, efficient processes and sustainable forestry" (Sub-Call B). The participants of the selected consortia represent all WoodWisdom-Net countries and around 150 participating organisations. From this point of view one can expect – as originally announced – that the programme will increase synergies between research teams around Europe and build a strong research platform in the area of wood material science and engineering that will

promote the sustainability and competitiveness of the forestry sector and forest-based industry in Europe.

The final announcement of the selected proposals will be given out after the respective National Agencies have made their funding decisions concerning the proposals suggested for funding. The first projects are expected to start in September 2007.

The programme will arrange an opening seminar on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 in Berlin. For more information, please, follow the website [www.woodwisdom.net](http://www.woodwisdom.net) .

### **IEA Bioenergy Annual Report 2006**

The 2006 Annual Report from IEA Bioenergy can be downloaded from the web pdf): <http://www.ieabioenergy.com/LibItem.aspx?id=5429>

### **The first results of the first COST open call 2007**

For the second time, the COST Open Call was successful in attracting a large response from a wide spectrum of the European scientific community. There were 411 eligible proposals that will be evaluated in the coming weeks. There were 34 proposals in the area of Forest, their products and services.

[http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=18&no\\_cache=1&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=287&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=441&cHash=4ea0d3be8f](http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=18&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=287&tx_ttnews[backPid]=441&cHash=4ea0d3be8f)

### **New guides for the FP7 Financial issues and IPR matters**

The European Commission has published the first drafts for financial guidelines "Guide to Financial Issues relating to FP7 Indirect Actions". In addition the Commission has published the first draft IPR-guidelines " DRAFT Guide to IPR" and " DRAFT Checklist for the Consortium Agreement".

for more information:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html)

### **Wilhelm Vorher will succeed C. G. Beckeman as the new Project Director**

Dr. Vorher, Managing Director of THOSCA HOLZ, which was formed as a joint venture of Metsäliitto and SCA, is responsible for the wood procurement for the shareholders' mills in Central Europe. He will add the management of FTP to his current activities.

More:

<http://www.woodwisdom.fi/default.asp?docId=12285&rnd=7148950625306299>

### **FP7 model grant agreements published**

The European Commission has adopted the general model grant agreement, which will be used in the financing of research projects under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The model grant agreement determines all the rights and obligations between the European Commission and the beneficiaries of FP7 grants carrying out research and technological activities.

Now available online, the model contract is applicable to the indirect actions under the 'Cooperation' and 'Capacities' programmes of FP7. It consists of a core text and several annexes. There is also a list of special clauses to be introduced in the grant agreement where necessary.

In addition, separate model grant agreements have been adopted for the 'People' (Marie Curie) and 'Ideas' (European Research Council) programmes, which are also available online.

To access the agreements, please visit:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls-grant-agreement\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls-grant-agreement_en.html)

### **New FP7 \*forest cluster related calls opened under Theme 2 – Food,**

Please see:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call\\_id=61](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=61)

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### **CONFERENCES, OTHER EVENTS**

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### **August**

### **The 16th Congress of the Federation of European Societies of Plant Biology**

(FESPB) will be held in Tampere, Finland on 17-22 August 2008, with a satellite symposium on Peroxidases during 20-23 August 2008. Please mark your

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Please visit the Congress websites at <http://www.fespb2008.org> and <http://www.peroxidase2008.org> to see information about the conference topics, location, and the lists of invited speakers confirmed thus far. At the start page you will also find a link to the First Announcement and can download a poster of the meeting as well

### **First Call - Workshop by IUFRO WP 5.01.04 Wood Quality Modelling**

IUFRO Working Party 5.01.04 Wood Quality Modelling will organize Sixth workshop "Connection between Forest Resources and Wood Quality: Modelling Approaches and Simulation Software" at Koli National Park, close to City of Joensuu, Finland from June 8 (Sunday) to 14 (Saturday) 2008.

First Announcement and Call for Papers and Posters (only tentative titles required at this stage, deadline August 31, 2007) will be found via link: <http://www.joensuu.fi/metsatdk/IUFRO2008/index.html>

### **September**

#### **September 3-7 , 2007 International Conference Poverty Reduction and Forests Tenure, Market and Policy in Bangkok, Thailand**

An International Conference Poverty Reduction and Forests Tenure, Market and Policy Reforms will be organized by RECOFTC in Bangkok, Thailand 3-7 September, 2007. For more information about how to submit abstracts, register for the conference and other conference details see the conference website

<http://conference.recoftc.org>

or contact

[conference@recoftc.org](mailto:conference@recoftc.org)

#### **September 21-24, 2007 China WoodFair2007 in Guangzhou, China**

China WoodFair2007 will be held in LiuHua Pavilion, during the period of Sep. 21-24, 2007. The exposition is organized by Guangzhou BoLian Exhibition & Planning Co., Ltd, sponsored by All China Wood Association, and supported by All

China Federation of Industry & Commerce and China Chamber of Commerce.  
For more information, please check  
[www.woodfair.com.cn](http://www.woodfair.com.cn)

## **October**

**October 29-30, 2007, in Helsinki, Finland. The 3rd meeting of the Nordic Baltic Network in Wood Material Science & Engineering (WSE)**

More information and abstract template, click here: <http://www.wse.no/>

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