

Message from the outgoing Executive Secretary

With this farewell message, I want to officially announce that I have ended my Executive Secretary activities from 2017 onwards. In a period of six years, our association accomplished significant progress in various aspects. It would lead me too far to list everything here, but I want to sum up some examples: 1) the establishment of the China group that boosted the number of IAWA members and initiated several meetings, 2) the higher visibility of IAWA in the fight against illegal logging where we emphasized the vital role of wood anatomy in identifying timber species in an official United Nations report (Best Practice Guide for Forensic Timber Identification, downloadable at <http://www.iawa-website.org/downloads.html>), 3) the publication of the IAWA List of Microscopic Bark Features including standardized and illustrated bark anatomical terminology (IAWA Journal 37 (4): 517–615), 4) the Index Xylariorum update (downloadable at <http://www.iawa-website.org/downloads.html>), 5) the publication of several special issues in IAWA Journal, and 6) the never-ending organisation of vibrant IAWA meetings in the Americas, Europe and Asia. I want to thank everyone who has invested so much time and efforts to make all these achievements possible. It is always dangerous to name people, but the following persons have had a great input in the above-mentioned achievements: Pieter Baas, Elisabeth Wheeler, Emmy van Nieuwkoop, Cees Lut, Zhai Shengcheng, Veronica De Micco, Marcelo Pace, Veronica Angyalossy, Hisashi Abe, and all the members of the IAWA Council and Regional IAWA Groups. It is with great confidence that I pass the ES activities to Yafang Yin, and I wish him the very best.

I hope to meet you soon at one of the future IAWA meetings,

With my best regards,

Frederic Lens

Message from the incoming Executive Secretary

Moving into New Year 2017, it is a great honour for me to begin to fulfill the responsibilities of IAWA Executive Secretary, as well as a new starting point for my research career to meet the challenges of this position. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the former Executive Secretary Dr. Frederic Lens for his distinguished work during the last six years, and to all earlier IAWA Executive Secretaries and IAWA members for their continuous contributions. Without their efforts, it would be impossible for us to have the current excellent IAWA stage for wood anatomy and wood anatomists worldwide. I hope that, over the next five years, with the support of the Deputy ES and all Council Members, I can continue to work towards progress of IAWA in most aspects. The main foci will be to attract more young researchers from related forestry, agriculture and botany research communities and industries to strengthen IAWA membership, to improve the IAWA official website and establish targeted social media presence to remain relevant in different regions and to improve the international impact of the IAWA Journal.

In 2017, the IAWA will begin to promote the following important items: 1) The organization or co-organization of several important meetings: IAWA Symposium at XIX IBC 2017, Shenzhen, China; IX PRWAC in Bali, Indonesia, 2017; IUFRO Division-5, Vancouver, 2017; the 4th Annual Meeting of the IAWA-China Group, Zhangjiagang, China. More young researchers and students are encouraged to participate in IAWA conferences and symposia. 2) The transfer of the IAWA website to China. 3) The adoption of wide-spread international and local social media to distribute the IAWA Newsletter and related information. The latter practice will start within the IAWA-China Group and be suggested to extend to different regions. 4) The invitation to authoritative researchers to submit reviews and position papers for the IAWA Journal. We hope that through our enthusiastic efforts, more people, and not just researchers, will join us and understand what IAWA is doing and how IAWA is related to our social development. We believe that, through our active communications, more young people, and not just young researchers, will join us to experience the impact of our work on the world's future.

I wish you a fruitful harvest in the year of 2017!

Yafang Yin

IAWA-WRAITH is engaged in GTTN II

IAWA and IAWA-WRAITH (the IAWA group - Wood Research Against Illegal Timber Harvest) were invited to participate in the GTTN II (Global Timber Tracking Network project - Phase 2) inaugural meeting in Bonn, Germany, from 15 to 16 February 2017. Dr. Gerald Koch of the Thünen Institute of Wood Research in Hamburg, Germany will represent IAWA-WRAITH.

The main objective of GTTN II is to continue to promote the integrated use of innovative technologies (e.g. DNA fingerprinting and stable isotope analysis) together with other technologies to combat illegal logging and associated trade. This mission is a continuation of the GTTN I framework that was developed by Bioversity International and financed by the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL). At the meeting, IAWA-WRAITH will recommend that GTTN II also emphasize the critical importance of wood anatomical research, wood collections and their associated databases and the role that wood anatomy and wood anatomists have played and continue to play in non-anatomical technologies.

IAWA-WRAITH was established in 2014 by Dr. Alex Wiedenhoef from the US Forest Product Laboratory (FPL), Forest Service, USDA, USA, as a subgroup of IAWA to serve as a focal point and task force within IAWA on topics related to illegal logging and forensic wood science, and to liaise with the broader scientific community and governments around the world to ensure that wood science, and specifically wood anatomy, makes the proper contribution to the global forensic efforts. Members of IAWA-WRAITH have been previously involved in related projects of UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) (2014–2015), GTTN I (2012–2014) and local CITES Management Authorities in Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America (2013–2016).

Report of the 3rd Annual Meeting of the IAWA-China Group held at Kunming, China

On 26 and 27 November 2016, the 3rd Annual Meeting of the IAWA-China Group was held at Southwest Forestry University, Kunming, China. The theme of this annual meeting was “Promoting wood anatomy related to wood science and technology, and preservation of natural resources”. Over 100 researchers and students from around 40 different institutes, universities, and companies joined this meeting. At this time, professors from Japan, Korea, India, and Thailand also attended and gave presentations on their wood anatomical studies. The topics of this meeting covered research on modern chemical analytical methods for wood identification, archaeological wood anatomy, aesthetics of wood and its applications, dendrochronology, precious wood species and CITES-listed timbers, and so on. There are now over 100 IAWA members in China, all associated with wood anatomy and its applications. The interactions and communication appear to be very fruitful.

The 4th annual meeting of IAWA-China Group will be held in Zhangjiagang, Jiangsu, around October 2017. Director Chen Xudong, Zhangjiagang, from the Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, will co-organize this meeting.

Zhai Shengcheng, Nanjing



Associate Editors of the IAWA Journal

Steven Jansen, John Sperry, and Ute Sass have retired as Associate Editor of the IAWA Journal. We owe them many thanks for their support and good work. In the last News Letter we already announced that Veronica De Micco (Naples, Italy) has joined the editorial team. Very recently Elisabeth Robert (Barcelona, Spain, formerly from Brussels, Belgium) has also agreed to serve as an Associate Editor.

Advanced e-publication of accepted IAWA Journal manuscripts

The editors of the IAWA Journal have arranged with Brill Publishers that from March 2017 onwards fully accepted and edited manuscripts of the IAWA Journal will be published instantaneously on the web, sometimes a long time before they will appear in hard copy. We hope and trust that this will increase the impact and immediacy of citations of the Journal, apart from helping our authors with a faster service.

Problems with e-access to IAWA Journal?

From time to time we are informed that some IAWA Members have trouble in getting e-access to the IAWA Journal or in downloading pdfs from the Brill/IAWA Journal platform. In case of the IAWA List of Microscopic Bark Features (IAWA Journal 37: 517–615) this could be due to the fact that the pdf was of colossal size with all the high-resolution colour plates; in other instances it may be because IAWA members did not receive or lost their instructions for username and password. If you experience any problems, please report them to the editor-in-chief Pieter Baas (pieter.baas@naturalis.nl), so that assistance can be arranged with the publishers to solve your problems.

Future Meetings

“Roots” at World Wood Day 2017 in Long Beach, California

IAWA is supporting the World Wood Day event 2017 which will be held in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California from 21 through 26 March. In addition to a great number of wood working and cultural activities a symposium will be held from 22–24 March with as main theme “Roots: Appreciating and Valuing Diversity from Interdisciplinary Approaches” and as topics: 1) Historical utilization and cultural values; 2) Traditional knowledge, innovations and practices; 3) Natural landscape and biodiversity conservation; 4) Art, design and music; 5) International and domestic challenges, and 6) Wood and environmental education. For more information and registration please visit the WWD website (www.worldwoodday.org/2017).

TRACE 2017

A meeting of *Tree Rings in Archaeology, Climatology and Ecology (TRACE)* will be held in Svetlogorsk, Kaliningrad region, Russia, May 16th–21st, 2017. IAWA members are very welcome to join this interdisciplinary tree-ring event also focusing on the link between tree rings and wood anatomy. We provide a platform for (especially young) researchers to present and discuss their research. Workshops and excursions will guarantee excellent conditions for gaining new experience, but also for discussion and networking. Check the webpage for the program and register! Grants are available for young researchers; check the webpages (<http://trace2017.sfu-kras.ru> or <http://treering.de/>).

Irina Sviderskaya, Siberian Federal University (Krasnoyarsk, Russia), Local organizer &
Ute Sass-Klaassen, President of Association for Tree-Ring Research (ATR)

IAWA Meetings 2017

Our readers are reminded of the upcoming meetings of the All Division-5 IUFRO Conference in Vancouver, Canada from 12–16 June, the IAWA symposia at the International Botanical Congress in Shengzeng, China from 23–29 July, and the Pacific Regional Group of IAWA (including China!): the IXth PRWAC in Bali, Indonesia, from 26–29 September.

Please check the websites which can be easily found on Google for updates.

New Pricelist of IAWA Publications

For an updated list of publications available from the IAWA Office, see below.

Please note that some prices have been reduced, and feel free to order for your personal or institutional library. All prices are exclusive of postal charges.

Orders to be sent to: International Association of Wood Anatomists, IAWA Office,
c/o Naturalis Biodiversity Center, P.O. Box 9517, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands.
e-mail: iawa.financial.office@gmail.com or eevn33@kpnmail.nl

M. Gregory: *Bibliography of Systematic Wood Anatomy of Dicotyledons*.
IAWA Journal, Supplement 1, 265 pp. 1994. — EUR / USD 25.00.

R. Klaassen: *Wood anatomy of the Sapindaceae*.
IAWA Journal, Supplement 2, 214 pp., illus. 1999. — EUR / USD 25.00.

L.Y.Th. Westra & J. Koek-Noorman: *Wood Atlas of the Euphorbiaceae s.l.*
IAWA Journal, Supplement 4, 110 pp., illus. 2004. — EUR / USD 20.00.

J.A. Evans, P.E. Gasson & G.P. Lewis: *Wood Anatomy of the Mimosoideae (Leguminosae)*.
IAWA Journal, Supplement 5, 118 pp., illus. 2006. — EUR / USD 20.00.

M. Gregory, I. Poole & E.A. Wheeler: *Fossil dicot wood names - an annotated list with full bibliography*.
IAWA Journal, Supplement 6, 220 pp. 2009. — EUR / USD 25.00.

E.A. Wheeler & T.A. Dillhoff: *The Middle Miocene Wood Flora of Vantage, Washington, USA*.
IAWA Journal, Supplement 7, 101 pp. 2009. — EUR / USD 20.00 (for members EUR / USD 10).

IAWA List of Microscopic Features for Softwood Identification.
IAWA Committee (Richter, Grosser, Heinz, Gasson, eds.). 2004. — EUR / USD 25.00.*

Growth Periodicity in Tropical Trees.
D. Eckstein, U. Sass & P. Baas (eds.). 1995. — EUR / USD 15.00.*

Dendrochronology in Monsoon Asia.
D. Eckstein & P. Baas (eds.). 1999. — EUR / USD 15.00.*

Wood Structure in Plant Biology and Ecology.
P. Baas, G. Battipaglia, V. De Micco, F. Lens & E. Wheeler (eds.).
Reprinted from IAWA Journal vol. 34 (4), 2013. — EUR / USD 30.00.

Functional Traits in Wood Anatomy.
P. Baas, H. Beeckman, K. Čufar, V. De Micco (eds.).
Reprinted from IAWA Journal vol. 37 (2), 2016. — EUR / USD 25.00.

IAWA List of Microscopic Bark Features.
IAWA Committee (V. Angyalossy, M.R. Pace, P. Baas, eds.).
Reprinted from IAWA Journal vol. 37 (4), 2016. — EUR / USD 13.00.

Only available via the internet:

IAWA List of Microscopic Features for Hardwood Identification.
IAWA Committee (E.A. Wheeler, P. Baas & P. Gasson, eds.). 1989.*
Website: "<http://www.iawa-website.org/downloads.html>", free of charge.

*) Published earlier in IAWA Journal.

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