

Welcome Address by the Chairman

Dear Colleagues;

I am very pleased to invite you to the International Academy of Wood Science (IAWS) 2007 Annual Meeting held in Kyoto from October 25th to 27th, 2007. Kyoto is one of the most important cultural centers in Japan. For over 1,000 years Kyoto was the capital of Japan. Twenty percent of the national treasures of Japan can be found here. The participants of the conference will enjoy the atmosphere of ancient history. Seventy percent of our land is covered with beautiful mountains and the forest vegetation is particularly rich due to the long land bounded by latitudes 46° N and 24° N from Hokkaido in the northeast to the Ishigaki-jima Island in the southwest. This natural environment stimulated the development of the so-called the “culture of wood and paper” here in Japan. The conference will cover a wide range of topics in wood science and related subjects, environment, energy, materials, pulp and paper, biotechnology, wood structure and wood industry.

On behalf of the Conference Committee, I wish you fruitful conference toward sustainable society.

Professor Fumiaki NAKATSUBO

Chairman of IAWS 2007 Annual Meeting

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Conference details

Schedules

October 25 (Thursday)

13:00 – 14:00 Registration

14:00 – 15:00 Presentation

15:30 – 17:00 Academy lecture

October 26 (Friday)

10:00 – 12:00 Presentation

14:00 – 16:00 Presentation

16:00 – 18:00 IAWS Business Meeting

19:00 – 21:00 Banquet

October 27 (Saturday)

9:00 – 18:00 Excursion

Call for Papers

Expression of interest in presenting a paper are invited. A title and abstract (up to 300 words) should be provided. Presentation will be 20 minutes including discussion.

The deadline for abstracts is **August 15, 2007**. Please submit to the organizing committee.

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Examples of Topics include:

Wood anatomy related to wood quality

Biosynthesis of cell wall components

Wood science for sustainable society

Biomaterials from wood

Biofuel from wood

Biotechnology for pulp and paper industry

Metabolic engineering of trees

Sustainable management, production and utilization of forest biomass

Trend of wood-based materials

Timber engineering

Trend of wood machining research

Recent advance of cellulose and hemicellulose research