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From the Editor

It's a new year, and there are some exciting things happening in 2013. Like the redesigned SWST website, where you can still find all of the useful information as before, just in a form that is easier to use and access. Also, SWST is sponsoring the [World Wood Day](#) which is an annual cultural event on March 21st to raise public awareness the importance and goodness of wood. As always, if you have something you want added to the newsletter just send me and email.

Happy and Prosperous New Year,

SAVIT JONES

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Call for Nominations, Distinguished Service Award and SWST Fellow Award

This is a call for nominations for the 2012 Distinguished Service Award and the SWST Fellow Award: Guidelines can be found at:

<http://www.swst.org/news2/awards/dsaguide.html>

<http://www.swst.org/news2/awards/fellowguide.html> .

Please submit nominations to by February 1, 2013 Todd Shupe, Immediate Past President at tshupe@lsu.edu.

Looking for a job?

The best place to visit to get timely updates on positions available is:

<http://www.swst.org/careers/>

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Do you know what this is? If you do, post your answer on the [SWST Facebook](#) wall.



The 67th FPS International Convention and 56th SWST International Convention on June 9-11, 2013

We are pleased to announce that the Forest Products Society and Society of Wood Science and Technology have joined forces to co-organize the 67th FPS International Convention and 56th SWST International Convention on June 9-11, 2013 in Austin, Texas, USA. We invite you to submit a formal or poster presentation to be included in the program.

Submit Paper & Poster at <http://www.forestprod.org/IC/program.php>

FPS CONVENTION THEME: Forest Products in a Global Sustainable Economy

Sub-Themes:

- Advances in Wood Technology
- Forest Products and the Environment
- Human Dimensions & Policy

SWST CONVENTION THEME: Technology Advancement & Marketing Practices in Biomass

Sub-Themes:

- New Technology and Marketing Practices in Natural Fiber-based Products
- New Technology and Marketing Practices in Biofuels

The combined FPS and SWST International Convention is a premier event for professionals in the forest products field. The event is expected to bring together hundreds of R&D scientists, design professionals, managers, engineers, decision makers, and others from industry, academia, and government to discuss the latest advances and innovations in the efficient utilization of wood and other forest products. More than 180 technical presentations from almost 20 countries were part of the 2012 FPS International Convention alone. It is the perfect opportunity to build new professional connections with top researchers from around the world and reconnect with colleagues and friends in the field.

Submit Paper & Poster at <http://www.forestprod.org/IC/program.php>

Abstract submission deadline is January 31, 2013.

We hope you will join us to share your knowledge and raise the visibility of your organization among industry peers. We look forward to your formal or poster presentation submission.

See you in Austin next year!

Regards,

Neils de Hoop, Program Chair
67th FPS International Convention Planning Committee

Sheldon Shi, Chair
56th SWST International Convention Planning Committee

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ANSI Energy Efficiency Standardization Coordination Collaborative Seeks Input on Relevant Standards and Existing Gaps in the Built Environment

As part of its ongoing efforts to assess the energy efficiency standardization landscape and carry out the development of a standardization roadmap for **energy efficiency within the built environment**, the [American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\) Energy Efficiency Standardization Coordination Collaborative \(EESCC\)](#) is soliciting input regarding relevant standards, codes, guidelines, and conformance programs that are available or under development, and what perceived gaps in energy efficiency standardization and conformance activities currently exist. The EESCC is reaching out to current EESCC members and organizations in the ANSI federation, as well as other individuals and groups in the larger standards and conformance community and beyond.

The EESCC has set up online forms to make it easy for stakeholders to submit information about relevant standardization documents (standards, codes, guidelines, and regulations), conformance programs, and standardization gaps. Submissions should consider the following questions:

- What standardization documents or conformance programs related to the built environment currently exist and what are on the horizon?
- What is the goal of the document or conformance program in question?
- Who is the standardization document or conformance program intended to serve, and how is it being used in the market?
- Is the document or conformance program being implemented at the state or federal level?
- What building types does the document or conformance program apply to?

Submissions regarding major gaps, challenges, or untapped opportunities in the energy standardization landscape are also encouraged. Submitters are asked to explain why the gap is a priority, who the affected stakeholders are, and how the gap could be addressed by the public or private sector.

- [Online entry form for documents \(standards, codes, guidelines, and regulations\)](#)
- [Online entry form for conformance programs](#)
- [Online entry form for potential gaps in the standardization landscape](#)

The database of all submissions will be available to EESCC members in the EESCC [Document Library](#).

The EESCC will hold its inaugural plenary meeting on **January 22-23, 2013**, at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. Participation in the January plenary is free of charge. **Register [here for the plenary](#)**. A block of rooms at the Sheraton is available for Monday, January 21, and Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at a discounted rate of **\$209 per night, plus tax**. The reservation deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, January 9, 2013**. Please note that this is a very busy week in DC and **attendees are urged to make their reservations as soon as possible**; availability of sleeping rooms at the hotel cannot be guaranteed after the room block is filled. Hotel reservations can be made via the [EESCC group webpage](#). Please note that this discounted rate is also available to attendees three days before and after the meeting dates; if you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, please contact ANSI's [meeting and events manager](#).

The EESCC has also begun holding regular web meetings of its five Working Groups (WGs), which were created under the leadership of co-chairs from the public and private sectors to oversee areas of particular focus:

- WG 1: Building energy and water assessment standards
- WG 2: Systems integration and communications

- WG 3: Building energy modeling, rating, and labeling
- WG 4: Evaluation, measurement, and verification
- WG 5: Workforce credentialing

Prospective EESCC members may also participate in the EESCC's initial WG web meetings in order to better understand the benefits of participation in the collaborative. For more information on taking part in the web meetings as a prospective member, contact eesc@ansi.org.

About the EESCC

The ANSI [Energy Efficiency Standardization Coordination Collaborative](#) (EESCC) is a cross-sector, neutral forum and focal point for broad-based coordination among energy efficiency activities involving or impacted by standardization (i.e., standards, codes, conformance activities) and regulations. The objective of the collaborative is to assess the standardization landscape, and carry out the development of a standardization roadmap for energy efficiency within the built environment.

The EESCC is led by two highly-esteemed co-chairs from the public and private sectors: **Benjamin Goldstein**, energy efficiency workforce development and standards coordinator in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and **John Tuccillo**, vice president of global industry and government alliances at Schneider Electric, and president and chairman of the board of The Green Grid.

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UNECE, FAO and partners announce plans for European Forest Week 2013

Forests, their products and services

Published: 04 December 2012

The European Forest Week (9-13 December 2013) will be celebrated with events in Rovaniemi Finland at Metsä2013 (joint meeting of the UNECE Timber Committee and the FAO European Forestry Commission), and throughout Europe via a variety of events.

The week will highlight the contribution of forests and forest products to a green economy. It will provide a unique communication and outreach opportunity to raise the visibility of the forest sector and the multiple services wood contributes to our daily lives. The European Forest Week will provide an umbrella for forest related celebrations organized by different public and private organizations throughout Europe.

Many events will be held on-site, at the Metsä2013 venue in Northern Finland, while other activities will take place throughout Europe with countries' contributions at national and local levels. Celebrations outside of Metsä 2013 may include:

- * Celebrations of forests at the national and local levels;
- * Specific events by private or public organisations;
- * Competitions, exhibits, fairs, school activities;
- * Videos and Publications

The organizers encourage wide participation of government officials from forestry and non-forest sectors as well as representatives of international, regional and subregional organizations that deal with forest-related issues in the region, including NGOs, the private sector, schools and academic institutions.

Registrations for on-site and in-country activities will be opened soon.

More information about Metsä2013 is available at, <http://www.unece.org/metsa2013.html>

For more information about the European Forest Week 2013, please

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SWST Visiting Scientist Program

The Society of Wood Science and Technology invites you to participate in the SWST Visiting Scientist Program as a "host Institution". Please fill out a "[Request to Participate Form](#)" (PDF) and send it to the Executive Office. A list of available visiting scientists is available at:

<http://www.swst.org/vsp/vsplist.pdf>

The procedure to participate as a host institution is as follows:

1. Fill out the request to participate form and return to the address on the bottom of the form. In selecting a Visiting Scientist, please consider the cost associated with cross-country travel since the Program has a limited budget. Note that the form has a convenient entry in which you can offer to contribute the the Visiting Scientist Program to permit us to cover more visits.
2. The request will be reviewed by the Visiting Scientist Program Committee, who will contact both the institution and the Visiting Scientist. This is a very important step, since we are many times able to coordinate multiple visits by the same Scientist.
3. Once the visit has been approved, the institution and scientist will be asked to arrange the details of the visit (dates, subject, etc).

4. The host institutions are to provide lodging, meals, and local transportation for the Visiting Scientist. The normal visit is one to two days. The host institution will also be expected to arrange for appropriate "PR" to maximize the value of the visit.
5. Following the visit, the requesting member at the host institution will be asked to provide a report on the visit. This will be published in the bimonthly SWST Newsletter. The Visiting Scientist Program will reimburse the scientist for travel expenses.

The SWST Visiting Scientist list includes only SWST members in good standing. If you are interested in a visit by someone not listed, please be sure to note that on the request form. Since the Program is supported through SWST member dues, the policy is to approve visits by SWST members only. If you have any special programs or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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