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## From the Editor

In the Northern Hemisphere it is Fall again, and as I write this hurricane Sandy is bearing down on the US and parts of Canada. Our thoughts are with all of those affected by the storm. It will take a great deal of time to clean up and rebuild after the storm. The knowledge that we have as wood scientists will be beneficial to make sure that homeowners and others clean the wood both in the structure of their buildings, the furnishing within the buildings, and other materials that must be cleaned, repaired, or replaced. Take the time to provide this information and educate those that needed it to make sure that their homes and businesses stay safe.

Wishing you all well,

*David Jones*

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## Accreditation Standards

Please take a moment to review the new accreditation standards for wood science programs:

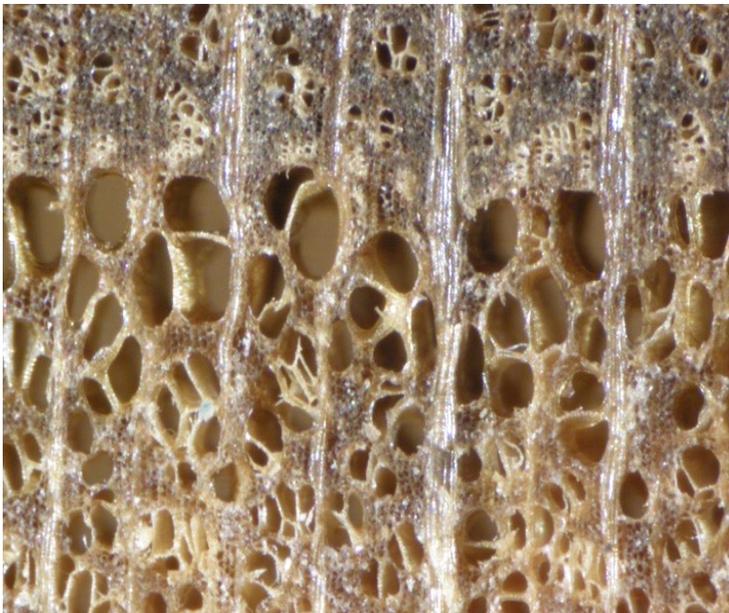
<http://www.swst.org/education/accredit.html>

## Looking for a job?

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

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

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## The 55th International Convention in Beijing

The 55th International Convention in Beijing, China, August 27-31, 2012 is completed and was a successful event! Many of you attended, and I thank you for your support.

I would like to let you know that all the PowerPoints (in pdf form), the pdfs of the papers that were sent, the award winners, the minutes from the business meeting, as well as photos from all events are available on our website for your use and enjoyment. You can see this at

<http://www.swst.org/meetings/AM12/index.html>

I hope to see many of you at our 2013 International Convention in Austin, Texas USA, on June 9, 2013 when we will host our Convention jointly with the Forest Products Society. Look for future news of this on our website!

Victoria L. Herian

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## Wood Culture Symposia and Tour in SE China



Following the SWST 2012 Annual Meeting at the end of August in Beijing which included a successful international Wood Culture session Thursday afternoon, August 30; I attended two Symposia and a Wood Culture Tour in Zhejiang and Anhui provinces September 1 to 7, in SE China near Shanghai. Todd Shupe and Chung Hse also attended from SWST. The 2012 International Wood Culture Society's (IWCS) International Wood Culture Symposia was held at the Zhejiang Agriculture and Forestry University, with 23

speakers (5 representing the US) on various topics of wood culture. Also included in this Symposium were competition hands-on crafts projects from wood including wood sculpture, wood construction, and a young children's drawing project—all done to educate people of the beauty and importance of wood use.



The tours consisted of a visit to many ancient cities to see the use of wood in construction, furniture, and decoration from ancient times (Hongcun from 1300 AD, Xidi from 1049 AD, and Huizhou from 1600 AD). We also visited the Anji Bamboo Gardens to see 45 species of bamboo, Huzhou Taihu Ancient Wood Museum of Art

(still being constructed as we toured) to see amazingly large wooden pieces from all over Asia, and Dehua Tubao Decoration Material Co. that produced decorative dyed and sliced veneers. The highlight of the trip was Huang Shan (Yellow Mountain) 6000 feet, including a cable car ride almost to the top and 60,000 carved steps to walk along the top of the ridges. Our group hiked about 4 1/2 miles and used only a small fraction of the steps.

The final day was at Anhui Agricultural University where The International Wood Culture Symposium of Traditional Huizhou Houses was held with 7 speakers from China and simultaneous translations.

Howard Rosen

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## ABOUT SWST

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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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