

PROFESSIONAL PAGES

AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION OF WOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The SWST Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of distinguished service to the profession as a whole and for extraordinary contributions in wood science and technology. Such service may have been made in any educational, technological, scientific or professional area directly related to the profession of Wood Science and Technology in furtherance of the objectives of the Society as outlined in its Constitution and Bylaws. Guidelines for the award and past recipients can be found at <http://www.swst.org/news2/awards/dsaguide.html>.

Committee: Sheldon Shi (Chair), Alain Cloutier, Todd Shupe, Sue Anagnost, and Jim Funck. All Past Presidents also are on the committee, and vote on the recipient.

The 2016 award goes to **Robert W. Rice**. His comments accompanying receipt of the 2016 SWST Distinguished Service Award will be published in a later issue.

FELLOW AWARD

The Fellow award recognizes significant contributions to the wood science and technology profession and service to the Society by SWST members. Guidelines and past recipients can be found at <http://www.swst.org/news2/awards/fellowguide.html>. The 2015-16 committee was the Past President's Council with Sheldon Shi as Chair.

The recipient of the 2016 award is **Alfred Teischinger**, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

The Distinguished Educator Award encompasses disciplines of teaching as well as outreach and is intended to recognize individual faculty and instructors at a university for sustainable performance of excellence in teaching or to recognize faculty, staff, or industry personnel for outstanding extension, engagement, and economic development activities in wood or related field.

Guidelines and past recipients can be found at <http://www.swst.org/news2/awards/deaguide.html>.

The 2016 committee: Scott Leavengood, Oregon State University (Chair); David DeVallance, West Virginia University; Salim Hiziroglu, Oklahoma State University; Milan Sernek, University of Ljubljana; Zachary Miller, North Carolina State University; Qiang Gao, Beijing Forestry University; Mike Burnard, University of Primorska; Paige McKinley, Oregon State University; Brian Bond, Virginia Tech.

The recipients of the 2016 award is **Iлона Preszlen**, North Carolina State University. Her comments accompanying receipt of the 2016 SWST Distinguished Educator Award follow.

2016 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

Ilona Prezlen

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Comments upon receipt of the 2016 Distinguished Educator Award

I sincerely appreciate receiving the SWST 2016 Distinguished Educator Award. Teaching is my passion with an overall goal to promote student success both in and out of the classroom. It has been my privilege to be an academic for twenty five years. I have taught wood science and sustainable materials and technology related courses at the University of West Hungary, Iowa State University, and North Carolina State University. As a teacher, I give and require respect. I expect my students to perform at their highest potential. My teaching activates their thinking, cultivates their curiosity, helps them to analyze facts and interpret data in order to understand the relationship between structure and function and its effect on sustainable utilization of forest biomaterials. Based on the knowledge gained and skills perfected, my students will be able to solve problems which impact our profession, the environment and society.

During my academic career, I educated approximately two thousand undergraduate and graduate students in various settings including classrooms, laboratories, field trips, study abroad programs, advising, and mentoring. I mentor undergraduate and graduate students to present their research at local, national, and international conferences at which several received awards. All my advisees have secured employment in academia and industry or they became entrepreneurs. I am filled with pride and satisfaction as I witness their accomplishments. As I teach and mentor students, it is a matter of passing everything forward.

In addition to teaching, my research comprises quantitative wood anatomy; modeling properties of juvenile wood for fast growing plantation species; exploring formation and characteristics of reaction wood; investigating environmental effects on wood and fiber properties; fungal decay and biodegradation of wood; and investigating wood formation of genetically modified transgenic trees with changed chemical composition.

My success as a student and academic is the result of inspiration by Geza Ifju, Sandor Molnar, Elisabeth Wheeler, and Brian Butterfield as well as the continuous encouragement and support of my departmental colleagues, office and technical staff, friends, and family. For all of them, I am grateful forever.

GEORGE MARRA AWARD

The George Marra Award is given in memory of George Marra by the Marra family in recognition of George's devotion to excellence in writing. Every article in each issue of the most recent volume of *Wood and Fiber Science* is read and judged by a committee. The Committee members were Armando McDonald (Chair, University of Idaho), Jim Funck (Vice Chair, APA), Les Groom (USDA FS, Southern Research Station), Levente Dénes, (University of West Hungary). Guidelines for the award can be found at <http://www.swst.org/news2/awards/marraguide.html>.

The 2015 (Volume 47) winners are:

- G. D. Estep, D. B. DeVallance, D. J. Lacombe. "Analysis of Certified Wood Product

Use in Commercial Leed Green Building Projects," 47(3), p. 270 — **First Place**

- Min Ye, Jeffrey J. Morrell. "Effect of Treatment Postfixation Practices on Copper Migration from Alkaline-Copper-Treated Douglas-fir Lumber," 47(4), p. 391 — **Second Place**
- Svetka Kuljich, Roger E. Hernández, Carl Blais. "Effects of Cutterhead Diameter and Log Infeed Position on Energy Requirements of a Chipper Canter," 47(4), p. 399 — **Third Place**

STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION AWARD

The purposes of the Student Poster Competition are to (1) Encourage student membership and participation in SWST; (2) Encourage student attendance at the SWST Annual Convention; (3) Recognize excellence in student research; and (4) Improve the visibility of student research efforts. Guidelines can be found at http://www.swst.org/news2/student_poster/index.html, past winners at http://www.swst.org/news2/student_poster/recipients.html, and competition contributors at http://www.swst.org/news2/student_poster/donation_request.html.

Judges were for the 2016 competition were Manja Kuzman, University of Ljubljana (Chair); Rupert Wimmer, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU); Henry Quesada, Virginia Tech; and Eini Lowell, USDA Forest Service

Nine posters were in competition at the Annual Meeting in Curitiba, Brazil. The winners were:

- Paige McKinley, Oregon State University, "Multi-scale Investigation of Adhesive Bond Durability" — **First Place**
- Stephen Amiandamhen, University of Stellenbosch, "Effect of Barks on the Physical and Mechanical Properties of Phosphate bonded Wood Composites of Black Wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*)" — **Second Place**
- Priscilla Morris, North Carolina State University, "Ecosystem Services: Providing Economically Sustainable Options for Forest-Based Industries in Rural Coastal Communities" — **Third Place**