

## LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Society of Wood Science and Technology Members,

First, I want to send best wishes for 2020 to all of you. Second, I want to thank my predecessors, Nicole Brown and Bob Smith, past and present Executive Board Members for their dedication and support. Especially, I want to thank our Executive Director, Vicki Herian, who is helping me to navigate through many of the activities that I need to handle. Finally, I want to thank all members of this great organization for your continuous service and support.

Let me share with you some of the goals that are on my agenda for the organization:

1. Continue the internationalization of SWST and reinforce international leadership representation on the SWST Executive Board and Committees.
2. Raise a SWST profile on a global scale, including Web and social media presence and support international conferences.
3. Expand communication among existing wood products programs at colleges and universities and organize a special session with that focus during a future convention.
4. Continue to provide opportunities for young researchers, especially through SWST Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) program: <https://www.swst.org/wp/education/short-term-scientific-missions-stsm/>.
5. Continue to promote innovative utilization of wood by seeking interdisciplinary opportunities for wood-related research.
6. Defend and promote sustainable nature of wood and wood products.



**Eva Haviarova**

I am privileged to serve as your President for the 2019-2020 term.

Sincerely,

**EVA HAVIAROVA**  
*President*  
*Society of Wood Science and Technology*