

EDITORIAL FROM SWST PRESIDENT KUTNAR

Dear Society of Wood Science and Technology members,

I would like to sincerely thank you for electing me as your president. It is my great honor to serve our community and continue the great work of my predecessor, Eva Haviarova. I would like to thank her and other past executive board presidents for their dedication and support. I am especially appreciative of our Executive Director, Vicki Herian. She is an exceptional navigator and supporter of all of activities that I am tasked with. Finally, I want to thank all members of this great organization for your continuous service and support.

We are living in a special time and being connected, supporting one another, and boosting the wood science research has never been as important as it is today! The SWST is a meeting point for all of you: wood scientists from around the globe. It is important that our community continues to grow stronger and connected more than ever before. To support that growth, I have set some goals I would like to achieve in the coming years. They can only be achieved with your support. Therefore, I am inviting you to reach out to me and share with me your ideas, suggestions, and actions in any of the following ambitions I have placed on my agenda for the organization:

1. Increase the visibility of the SWST worldwide by promoting the SWST in different associations, at international events, and by enhanced digital communication, while at the same time, supporting diversity and the inclusion of developing countries.
2. Support the career development of future wood science leaders by providing opportunities for networking and collaboration



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with established researchers, by organizing workshops dedicated to them, and by promoting them in the SWST network and beyond.

3. Encourage students and young researchers to be active in the SWST by engaging them in SWST activities, supporting short-term scientific missions, and giving them opportunities to suggest future SWST activities.

It is my privilege to serve as your president for the 2020 to 2021 term.

Sincerely,

ANDREJA KUTNAR
President

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