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A Visit to the Far Side of the World

In March, WFI Program Manager Angie DiSalvo spent three weeks in SE Australia meeting with fellowship sponsors, alumni, and potential collaborators during her holiday travels.

For the past nine years, an Australian Fellow has been sponsored by the Gottstein Trust and the Forest and Wood Products Corporation (FWPRDC). FWPRDC staff Glen Kyle, Gary Johnson, and Chris Lafferty discussed the continuation of the Fellowship and introduced Angie to the board of the Gottstein Trust, including Adrian Wallis and Peter Gunnensen. WFC Australian Director, Thorry Gunnensen, also gave Angie a tour of the Gunnensen headquarters in Melbourne. All parties are excited to continue working together, and selection for the 2006 Australian begins shortly.

Of the seven alums currently in Australia, Angie



From left: Jamie Morton ('01), Katie Collins ('00), Vivienne Seedman (SIEI '98), Angie DiSalvo, Darren Waterson, Phil Lacy ('04), Jon Schneider.

had the opportunity to meet up with six. In Sydney, Jamie Morton ('01), Phil Lacy ('04) and Katie Collins ('00) attended a gathering that also included Summer International Educators Institute (SIEI) participant Vivienne Seedman ('98). The evening was spent reminiscing about Portland and giving Angie and her husband tips on how to drive on the "right" side of the road.

Outside Melbourne, 2004 SIEI participant Paul Donaldson graciously toured Angie and her hus-

band around the Dandenongs and grilled up a delicious meal of kangaroo filets. In Melbourne, Angie caught up with Michael Taylor, the first Aussie Fellow in 1999 and Lee Miezis ('02).

The final leg of the trip was spent with alumnus Phil Lacy and family, in Coffs Harbour, exploring the coast and the family's 40 ha eucalypt plantation. A side trip to Byron Bay met up with Luke Balcombe ('03), who is currently working toward a Masters degree with the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre.

Angie was also able to meet with Forestry Tasmania, VicForests, CRC Wood Innovations at Melbourne University, Forests New South Wales and the Institute of Foresters of Australia's president, Ian Barnes.



From left: Jan Lacy (wife of Phil Lacy '04), Luke Balcombe ('03), Lee Miezis ('02), Angie DiSalvo, and Michael Taylor ('97).

WFI Bids Farewell to China Fellow, Jialu Xie

Alumni Lend Personal Touch to Museum

As the World Forestry Center races towards the finish line for the new museum exhibits—set to officially open in July—WFI alumni are lending their voices to the museum's audio and visual experiences. Runar Gareyev (Russia '96), Jialu Xie (China '05), and Mario Angel (Chile '01) recorded readings at DigitalOne studios in downtown Portland for a variety of excerpts in English and in their native tongues, saving the World Forestry Center the cost of hiring professionals for these segments.

Other WFI alumni provided photographs, content, and text translations for the new exhibits, including: beautiful still shots from Siberia (Igor Danilin, Russia '01), Indonesia (Rita Mustikasari '95), Taiwan (Min-Chung Yang '03 and Yen-Chang Chen '01), China (Guangyu Wang '97), Finland (Jussi Silventoinen '97) and Brazil (Claudio Ortolan '96); additional text translations from Japan (Nobutaka Isoda '03), Germany (Rainer Hummel '95) and Brazil (Alex Battistella '94); and tour assistance in Irkutsk, Siberia, from Alexander Szykh (Russia '94). WFI thanks alumni for their numerous and varied contributions to making the new museum exhibits both more international and multilingual!



WFI Director Sara Wu tours museum while artificial trees are being assembled

Mr. Jialu Xie, WFI's China Fellow, returns to the Chinese Academy of Forestry in Beijing after a year studying forest certification. When Jialu first came to Oregon and WFI 10 years ago, China was still eclipsed by its neighboring Southeast Asian Tiger economies. Today, its double-digit economic growth makes it one of the top importers of wood products, at a time when environmental concerns has restricted logging in much of China's natural forests. It is in this context that forest certification emerged as a tool for the Chinese government to improve forest management.

Jialu spent his year at WFI interviewing those involved in certification, and learning about schemes beyond FSC, such as SFI and the Ameri-

Attorney, GIS Specialist, and Professor To Arrive for Fellowships

May signals the arrival of new Fellows to the World Forest Institute from China, Cameroon, and Nigeria. This diverse group will bring two new countries and our first African Fellows to the program, in addition to the participation of three new sponsors.

Ms. Xiaoli Wang will arrive from Beijing at the end of May. Ms. Wang is an attorney for China's State Forestry Administration in the Division of forestland and tenure administration. As a policy maker, Ms. Wang creates national policies and regulations regarding forestland and forest tenure management, deals with forest tenure conflicts, and trains the forestry depart-



Examining FSC certified oak at WFC Board Member Ned Hayes' tree farm.

ment on implementing policies. Ms. Wang will conduct a comparative study of forest tenure between the US and China to learn how laws related to forest tenure impact management. She is sponsored by the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan.

In cooperation with the Tropical Forest Trust, WFI will welcome the first African Fellow in May. Mr. Patrice Ngalla of Cameroon is a GIS/database developer and most recently worked for the United Nations Environment Program World Conservation Monitoring Centre. His project will explore how to integrate GIS and remote sensing technology in forest inventory, and

can Tree Farm System. The latter holds particular interest for its potential applicability to China's small land holdings, which account for a large percentage of commercial plantations. As the country undergoes massive changes, the government is very sensitive to the concerns of small landholders who, due to lack of expertise and financial resources, will find it difficult to certify their forests.

At his farewell address, Jialu thanked everyone for their assistance and hospitality. He said that whilst the technical aspects of certification are important, he learned that "forest certification is really a political process." WFI invites Jialu to return soon to see the new museum exhibits, including the Chinese temperate forest film that he helped to develop, by accompanying a film crew to China.

how to use this technology to provide decision support information for logging companies, conservation agencies, and community forest managers in Cameroon.

In June, Dr. Bassey Ndon of Nigeria will arrive. Dr. Ndon is a Professor and Dean in the Department of Crop Science at the University of Uyo. He will explore lessons in sustainable forest management in the PNW to be applied to the Niger Delta Region in southern Nigeria. The Niger Delta Region is a resource-rich region (oil, timber, wildlife, water) and Dr. Ndon's project aims to develop strategies for managing these multiple resources. He is sponsored by Akwa Ibom State.