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WFI Welcomes Fellows from Lithuania, Mexico, and China

WFI is proud to announce the addition of three new Fellows.

Zengwang Ma is a researcher at the Hebei Academy of Forestry Science and is being co-sponsored by the Hebei Provincial government in China. Hebei province, which surrounds Beijing, has been overlogged, resulting in desertification, flooding and landslides. Consequently the government has imposed logging restrictions, and they are now faced with the task of finding alternative revenue sources through sustainable forest development. Zengwang will be at WFI to study ecotourism and other sustainable activities for six-months to evaluate how such projects may be applied to Hebei.



Nerijus Miskinis (Lithuania), Zengwang Ma (China) and Cristopher Lopez Paniagua visited Starker Forests to learn about forestry in the PNW.

Cristopher Lopez Paniagua is a masters forestry student at the Colegio de Postgraduados in Montecillo, Mexico. His advising professor is none other than WFI's first Mexican Fellow, Dr. Rene Valdez Lazalde. Cristopher's 6-month fellowship at WFI is being sponsored through a joint funding project with the USDA Forest Service's International Programs divi-

sion. Cristopher is currently working with several groups involved in the management of the Monarch Butterfly Reserve—including WWF-MEXICO, the Mexican Fund to the Nature Conservation, USAID, and CONANP—to develop his research project. He will investigate ecotourism activities in the Reserve and survey visitors to develop a tourism market study.

Seol Woong Lee returns to Eagon



In January Seol Woong Lee returns to Seoul, Korea, to resume work at Eagon Window and Door Systems. During his Fellowship, Lee researched market opportunities for the senior housing market, including retirement and assisted living housing complexes. We wish him the best upon his return!

Nerijus Miskinis is a Ph.D. forestry student at the Lithuanian University of Agriculture. Nerijus is WFI's first Lithuanian and first non-Russian eastern European Fellow. His 12-month Fellowship is being sponsored by the Shelk Foundation. During a visit to Lithuania, WFC President Gary Hartshorn and Chair John Shelk had an opportunity to interview Nerijus at the Ochoco Lumber mill in Lithuania. Nerijus will be exploring the forestry business in the Pacific Northwest and taking lessons learned back to apply in Lithuania.

WFI Program Manager Visits Alumni in China

Thanks to WFI's Chinese alumni, WFI Program Manager Angie DiSalvo had the opportunity to visit China in November. Her three-week adventure involved promoting the WFI Fellowship Program, as well as time to visit with past participants and experience China.

Dr. Yanping Zhang of the Chinese Academy of Forestry's Research Institute for Resource Insects hosted Angie in Yunnan Province. In the capital of Kunming she participated in the International Neem Conference, learning about neem propagation, plantations, and products, which was the subject of Dr. Zhang's Fellowship project. Successful



WFI Alumni Yanping Zhang and Tony Scherl with Angie DiSalvo.

meetings were held with SW Forestry College, RIRI, and Zhongke Biological Company. Angie was met by WFI Australian alumnus Tony Scherl, and together they toured Yunnan cities of Dali and Xishuanbanna with Dr. Zhang's wife. Yunnan is famous for its spicy food, minority cultures, and diverse array of plant life. Chinese hospitality lived up to its reputation, and Angie and Tony were amazed by their gracious hosts.

Moving to the capital city of Beijing, Xiaoli Wang and the State Forestry Administration were most helpful in



From left, Tony Scherl, Jon Schneider, Angie DiSalvo, and Xiaoli Wang at the Great Wall at Badaling, the most visited Great Wall location.

arranging meetings and tours. Angie also visited with WFI alumnus Jialu Xie and International Educators Institute alumnus Hehe Zhang. Angie met with Hehe's working group, China's first environmental NGO, Friends of Nature. Of course, a trip to the Great Wall, shopping, and having Peking Duck on Thanksgiving day were in order as well. There was much talk swapping stories of life in Portland.

After the work portion of the trip was completed, Xiaoli accompanied Angie and husband Jon to SE China to visit Hangzhou, Nanxin, and Shanghai for some rest and recreation. This region

of China is famous for its small water towns, beautiful gardens, and booming commerce.

The best part of the trip for Angie was trading places – Angie's job involves giving tours and guiding Fellows through a foreign environment, and it was humbling to be on the receiving end of this hospitality. It was a wonderful experience to see Fellows "in their element" and to gain a first-hand appreciation for their dedication to their careers and families. Although the return flight to Portland was a sad one, these new memories and connections made a lifelong impression.

More photos at www.worldforestinstitute.blogspot.com



From left, Hehe Zhang (IEI Alumnus), Angie DiSalvo, husband Jon Schneider, and WFI alums Tony Scherl, Jialu Xie, and Xiaoli Wang enjoy a delicious meal of dumplings in Beijing (although, not as good as Xiaoli's home cooking!).

Recent Events



Dan Newton (right) of Roseburg Forest Products explains some aspects of Douglas-fir silviculture to Nerijus Miskinis (Lithuania) during a visit to the Hinkle Creek Watershed study area.



Zengwang Ma (China) gets a helping hand across a stream from Peter Hayes at Hyla Woods' annual Coho Rendezvous, a celebration of the salmon's return to the forest.



Fellows toured Jeld-Wen's ponderosa pine mill and window and door factory in Bend, Oregon, to learn about value added products.



Cristopher Lopez Paniagua examines steam engine equipment at the historic Hull Oakes lumber mill near Philomath, Oregon. Hull-Oakes is one of the few remaining mills processing large logs.