

COST 53 - WG 2

Meeting April, 23–2007 in Riga, Latvia

Minutes of the Meeting

Chairman: J. Welling, minutes by R. Grohmann

Topics of the meeting:

- Introduction of new delegates: Branko Kolin and Goran Milic, University of Belgrade
- Report given by J. Welling about DC-meeting in Brussels (DC = directing committee?):
 - 20 – 22 countries should be represented in COST actions
 - DC wishes 1 report about ongoing activities per year instead of midterm evaluations
 - DC wishes 1 volunteer per COST action for administration works like reimbursements, announcements of meetings etc; the work will be granted by 15 % of the project budget per year
 - activities of COST actions should be more visible for the public:
 - more publications should be done
 - discussion about how to collect publications of COST53 members took place; proposal by R. Kliger: once a year a reference list will be accomplished by email. This proposal is supported by WG 2; responsible for reminding mail: Straze Ales; keywords for the references: mc-measurement - drying activities - shape changes - quality control - discolouration
 - COST will support conferences; ideas for topics should be sent directly to Günter Siegel
- report about meeting of steering committee by R. Kliger:
 - invitation to COST 53 meeting in Warsaw in October 07 has been disseminated
 - active spreading of this invitation to relevant partners/guests/colleagues etc required
- report on Training School in Hamburg by J. Welling:
 - 17 participants
 - 6 lecturers/trainers
 - sessions on mc measurement, strength estimation etc
- short reports about status of progress in 3 task group given by W. Gard, J. Welling, R. Grohmann
- short term missions in the next future:
 - 1 person Montpellier → Florence
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 - 1 person CTBA, Paris → BFH, Hamburg
 - 1 person Italy → Delft
 - 1 person Belgium → BFH, Hamburg
- ongoing projects in EU:
 - “wood wisdom” projects: S – N, D – F
 - S/F/EST/N: traceability of wood in the processing chain
 - national projects:
 - D: effect of drying regime on VOC-emissions of kiln dried softwood timber
 - F: energy consumption during vacuum drying
 - P:
 - SLO: modification of drying schedules
 - E: minimize distortion of Pinus pinaster

- S: influence of heat treatment on durability, influence of drying parameters on impregnation
 - G: ISPM 15/Drying/monitoring
 - NL: superheated steam drying
- topics for Warsaw conference required, results of open call for abstracts will be evaluated, organizers should be prepared to directly approach speakers, if not enough high quality topics are proposed.
 - future activities resp. topics:
 - use of wood as fuel for power and heat production
(collection of information on national regulations and direct or indirect subsidies, which influence the use of wood as energy source (heat, electricity) for kiln drying processes)
 - new media for education, teaching and training