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FPS International Convention Highlights the Future Direction of Forest Products Research and Development

Madison, Wis. – March 10, 2010 – The Forest Products Society (FPS) announces their 2010 International Convention. The **FPS 64th International Convention** will take place June 20-22, 2010 at the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

The International Convention is the premier event for professionals in the forest products field. Convened annually by FPS, the International Convention brings together hundreds of scientists, design professionals, managers, decision makers, and others from academia, government, non-profit, and private industry to discuss the state of forest products research and learn about innovations in the field.

Attended by FPS members and non-members, the annual International Convention is the perfect venue to build new professional connections with top researchers from around the world and reconnect with colleagues and friends in the field. With over 170 technical presentations and 120 scientific posters, the International Convention is the place to learn about the latest developments in forest products research and application.

Hear from industry, university, trade association, and government leaders on the future direction of forest products research and development. The convention will highlight some of the creative contributions that have been made by the research and development community and lay out plans for new and emerging technological advances.

Technical session themes include:

- Building on a Century of Forest Products Research;
- Woody Biomass: Economics, Supply, Conversion to Energy, and Environmental Impacts;
- Bio-Based Materials - Characterization, Processing, and Product Development;
- Treated Wood Products for the 21st Century's 'Green' Customers;
- Improving the Softwood Lumber Industry in a Troubling Market;
- Manufacturing and Business Process Management;
- Extension and Technology Transfer in a Changing Industry;
- Growing Wood and Biomass for Industry - Property Requirements and Material Procurement;
- Wood Products Research: Anatomical, Structural, and/or Biological;
- Marketing & Utilization of Temperate & Tropical Species;
- Wood-Based Carbon Materials for Advanced Applications;
- Design of Wood Buildings Using Current Codes and Practices;
- and much more...

The **FPS 64th International Convention** isn't only about learning, it's also about professional networking in a business casual setting. In addition to the annual Welcome Reception, Awards and Student Luncheons, university alumni receptions and Paul Bunyan Party, several exciting pre- and post-convention tours have been planned.



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The International Association of Wood Products Societies (IAWPS) will hold its business meeting in conjunction with the **FPS 64th International Convention**. Meetings of the International Association of Wood Anatomists (IAWA), International Academy of Wood Science (IAWS), and IUFRO Division 5 will be held following the Convention.

The **FPS 64th International Convention** will held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL). To commemorate 100 years of innovation, guests and employees will gather outside FPL's new Centennial Research Facility for a ribbon cutting ceremony. The official program will include FPL Director Chris Risbrudt hosting the event. Invited speakers include USDA Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, U.S. Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, Governor James Doyle, Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell and Deputy Chief of Research Ann Bartuska. A reception will follow with entertainment by the Fiddlin' Foresters and a tour of the 90,000 square foot research facility where displays, exhibits, and ongoing research will be highlighted.

The **FPS 64th International Convention** is hosted by the FPS Midwest Section.

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Cooperators and Partners include: International Association of Wood Products Societies (IAWPS); International Association of Wood Anatomists (IAWA); International Academy of Wood Science (IAWS); IUFRO Division 5 (Forest Products); and Society of Wood Science & Technology.

To view the program and register, visit www.fpsconvention.org. Or contact the Forest Products Society, 2801 Marshall Court, Madison, WI 53705-2295; Phone: 608-231-1361, ext. 208; Fax: 608-231-2152; conferences@forestprod.org.

About the Forest Products Society – The Forest Products Society is an international non-profit technical association founded in 1947 to provide an information network for all segments of the forest products industry – from standing tree to finished product. The Society publishes a peer reviewed journal and technical publications, convenes conferences and workshops on topics of interest to the forest products community, and serves a membership of about 1,300 academic, industry, and other professionals.