

3RD PTF BPI EDITION IN SALZBURG BROUGHT PARTICIPANTS RECORD

150 participants from 31 countries and 5 continents gathered during September 24-26, 2014, in Kuchl/Salzburg for the 3rd International Conference on Processing Technologies for the Forest and Bio-based Products Industries (PTFBPI). The conference brought together innovative specialists to exchange ideas and information about research on processing, engineering, modification and sustainability of wood. It was hosted and organized by the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences (SUAS) at Campus Kuchl and scientifically supported by Cost Action FP1006 "Bringing new functions to wood through surface modification", Forest Products Society (FPS), International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), University of Tennessee in Knoxville (UT), University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Boku), Campus Tulln and the Faculty of Wood Engineering of Transilvania University of Brasov. PTF BPI 2014 builds upon the previous successful editions held in St. Simons Island, Georgia, USA (2012) and Kuchl/Salzburg, Austria (2010).

The high number of participants brought in Kuchl/Salzburg the results of their latest studies, shared and discussed with the other scientists during the 3 plenary sessions, 11 parallel sessions and a poster session. Following topics were covered during the 2-days conference: raw materials for the wood industry; bio-refinery and energy from wood; modern wood constructions; wood drying technologies; wood modification processes; wood-based composites; finishing technologies, emissions of wood products and also service life and user expectations.

PTF BPI introduced for the 3rd edition a new concept of special keynote sessions held from the specialists from industry like Ikea, Schattdecor and Scheuch. The latest technologies and know-how were presented to the participants during the keynotes planned every conference day.

The results of this work were concentrated in the printed book of abstracts of 116 pages and in the digital proceedings of the conference of 644 pages.

The two parallel post-conference tours at Egger Co. in St. Johann/Tirol and Hamberger-Schattdecor Co. in Rosenheim were received also with a big applause and nice remembers from the over 70 interested participants.

The hosts of the conference's dinners in Kuchl were the Community Center and Higher Technical College for Wood Technology.

The 4th edition of the PTF BPI Conference will be held 2016. For more details the following links are available: <http://ptfbpi2014.fh-salzburg.ac.at/>



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