

1200 PARTICIPANTS AND 800 PRESENTATIONS AT THE WCTE 2016

From August 22 to 25 the Vienna University of Technology organized the WCTE 2016 (wcte2016.conf.tuwien.ac.at) at its 10th edition for 1,200 participants from 46 countries. The different scientific backgrounds in architecture and civil engineering of the organizers of WCTE 2016 – Prof. Wolfgang Winter and Prof. Josef Eberhardsteiner from Technical University of Vienna – generated great synergies in these two scientific fields.

The researchers, engineers and architects, code consultants and building officials, contractors and project managers, producers and suppliers were 686 from Europe, 293 from Asia (including 124 Japanese), 230 from USA and Canada. More than 800 presentations: 350 for the Mini-Symposia organized by Austrian, German and Swiss universities for special issues, more than 200 conference topics included in general sessions and 190 poster presentations were held.

During WCTE 2016 the traditional focus on timber engineering and material science was complemented by architecture related topics such as evaluation methods for green buildings and by an own platform for computer-based methods for modelling, parametric design, production etc. focusing also one of the Austrian latest developments like the Cross Laminated Timber (CLT).

World Conference on Timber Engineering (WCTE) is the world's premier forum for presenting and discussing the latest technical and architectural developments and innovations in wood or timber construction. It exists since 1998 when the national timber engineering societies decided to coordinate the former world events and to introduce a biennial rhythm with consecutive conferences in Europe, America, Asia & Pacific. Following these ideas WCTE become the most prestigious international event in timber engineering, engineered wood products and design of timber structures. The conference program combined the traditional focus on timber engineering with great efforts in bridging the links between timber engineering, wood based industries, architecture, and the building sector in general.

Scheduled to take place from September 9-13, 2018 at COEX, in Seoul (South Korea), the next WCTE 2018 will be probably attended by 700 persons from 40 countries.

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Opening ceremony of WCTE2016 in Hofburg and banquet in the city hall of Vienna [TUW]