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FOREWORD

The International Research Group on Wood Protection (until 10 June 2004 The International Research Group on Wood *Preservation*) (**IRGWP**) was launched as an independent research group in January 1969 to continue the work of a previous group of experts on wood preservation that had been set up, following an Austrian proposal in 1965, by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in Paris, France.

IRG was inaugurated on the 25 June 1969 in Cambridge in the United Kingdom and for the first ten years of its existence its Secretariat was held by the United Kingdom at the Forest Products Research Laboratory (which in 1972 became the Princes Risborough Laboratory of the Building Research Establishment).

On the 1 January 1979 the Group's administrative Secretariat was moved to Sweden, where with the help of the Swedish Wood Preservation Institute it was supported by a research project from the Swedish National Board for Technical Development (STU) until the 30 June 1985. Since then its fee structure has been changed and today it is self-financing, relying entirely on the support of its Members and Sponsors. The continued operation of the Secretariat in Sweden was confirmed in 2015 until review in 2019.

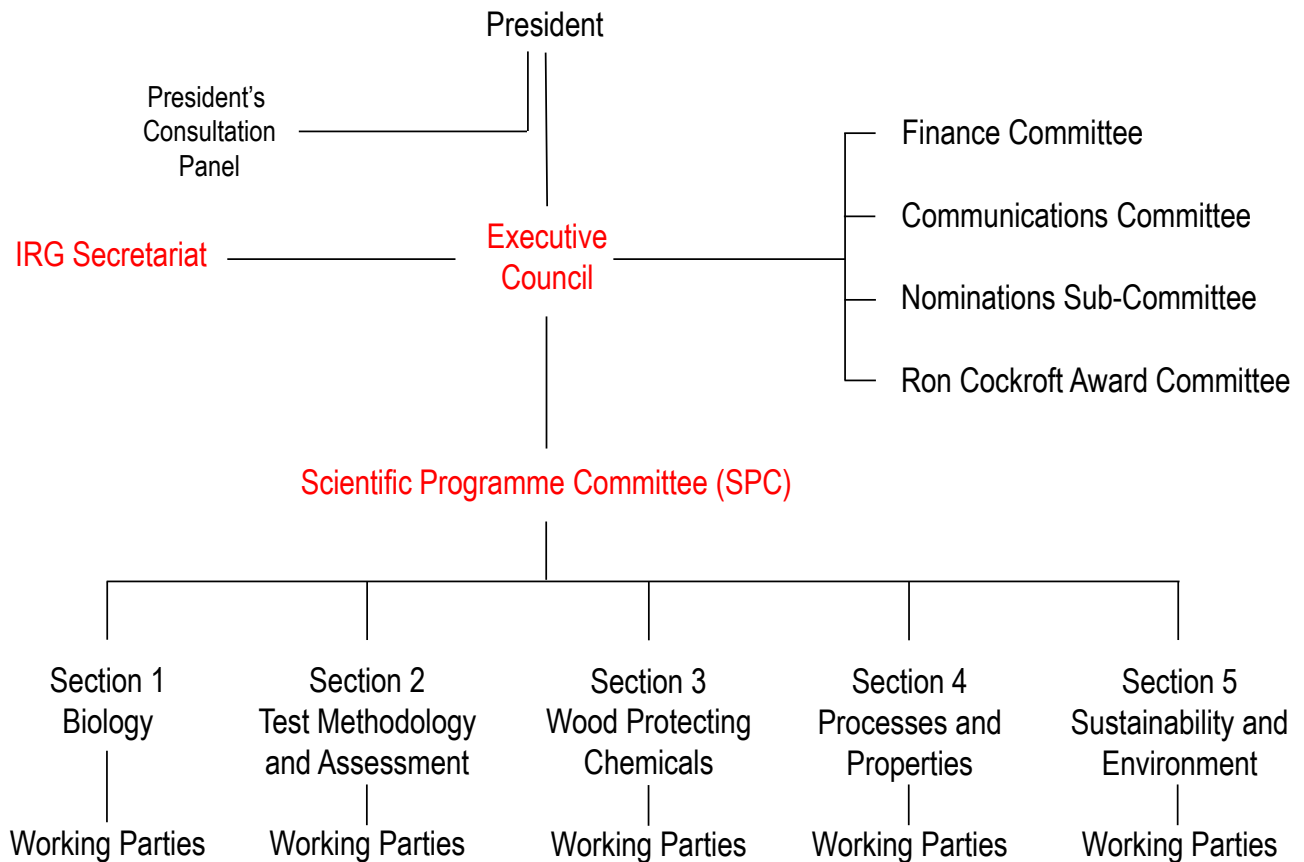
At the time of the Group's inception it was emphasized that wood-based products are important materials in many countries, and that their loss or deterioration is economically serious. Consequently protection against biodeterioration is indispensable if these materials are to be used economically and effectively. A new and even more important aspect of the technology today is the role in conserving the world's forest resources. Wood is one of man's only naturally renewable resources. More extensive use of the technology of wood preservation and improvements in that technology can play a highly significant role in conserving forest resources.

Initially, IRGWP was composed of 22 scientists from nine countries, Austria, Belgium, France, the German Federal Republic, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. At the end of 2018 the Group had 353 members from 52 countries around the world. The Group also had 29 official sponsors from 14 countries in 2018.

ORGANISATION

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

The following organigram summarizes the present (January 2019) organisation of the IRGWP:



Sections and Working Parties

The IRGWP is organised in **Sections**, each with a specific scope. At present there are five Sections that reflect main areas of current importance in wood protection.

The Section Leaders (Chair, Vice-chair) are responsible for co-ordinating the activities within their Sections and for encouraging the initiation of new work. They are free to organise their work within the general framework of the Section system. The Scientific Programme Committee (SPC), see following pages, has the responsibility for co-ordinating the activities between the Sections so as to minimize overlap and encourage collaboration.

Within each Section any Member may make proposals for activities and for **Working Parties** as long as they have a clearly defined scope and a clearly expressed target date. Working Parties are usually formed around a specific topic such as *Prediction of service life*. Activities can include research symposia, discussion groups or even collaborative research projects. WPs are intended to be easily created or dissolved and serve as a vehicle for bringing IRGWP members together.

Section 1. Biology

This Section is concerned with research on wood and wood-based substrates and all aspects of agents of decay that affect the performance of wood. It also covers ecology, physiology, biocontrol and mechanisms of decay in relation to the gross and fine structure of wood species. Relevant subject matter includes:

- Fungi, including decay fungi, sapstain and moulds, bluestain in service,
- Bacterial degradation,
- Termites and other wood-destroying insects,
- Marine crustacean, teredinid and pholad borers.

Section 2. Test methodology and assessment

This Section is concerned with the study of test methods and analytical methods relating to physical, chemical and biological means of protecting wood and wood-based materials from biodeterioration and weathering. It also covers harmonisation of international standards. Relevant subject matter includes:

- New or improved methods to evaluate the efficacy of wood protection methods against fungi, bacteria, insects, marine organisms and weathering (ultraviolet light and moisture),
- New or improved methods for evaluating the permanence of wood-protecting chemicals,
- New or improved methods for detection of decay and insects in wood and wood-based materials,
- New or improved analytical methods to determine the amount, distribution and form of wood-protecting chemicals in wood and wood-based materials,
- Comparison among test methods,
- International collaborative research on test methodology,
- Experimental design and technique, interpretation of data and performance criteria for standards,
- Prediction of long-term performance from short-term field or laboratory data,
- International standards for wood durability and wood protection.

Section 3. Wood protecting chemicals

This Section is concerned with research to improve the understanding of the interactions of chemical wood protection systems, both existing and under development, with wood and wood-based materials with particular emphasis on performance evaluation against fungi, bacteria and insects. Practical and fundamental areas of interest include:

- New technologies including new active ingredients or formulations, non-biocide systems and multi-component systems,
- Biological performance evaluations. Laboratory tests and exterior field trials,
- The interaction and distribution of wood protecting chemicals in wood and wood-based materials,
- Permanence and associated long term performance of wood protecting chemicals.

Section 4. Processes and properties

This Section deals with research into processes for the preservative treatment and/or the modification of wood and wood composites and their resultant properties, remedial and repair treatments, and techniques for applying chemicals to the surface of wood. Specific topics include:

- Physics of wood treatment and treatment mechanics including process control techniques,
- Influence of treating processes on preservative distribution and performance,
- Pre-treatment and post-treatment processes affecting the preservative treatment of wood,
- Processes for modifying wood, including its chemical, physical and mechanical properties,
- Processes to improve properties, resin treatments, water repellents, coatings etc.
- Effects of treatments on properties of solid wood and composites,
- Remedial treatments and repair systems.

Section 5. Sustainability and environment

This Section is concerned with research into any environmental interactions which may result from the use of chemicals to protect wood. Specific topics include:

- Migration of wood protecting chemicals from treated wood during service,
- Disposal of treated wood,
- Environmental fate of wood protecting chemicals,
- Ecotoxicology of wood protecting chemicals,
- Design and operation of wood treating facilities,
- Information on the health and safety to producers and users of treated wood.

The number and scope of **Working parties** are depending on the contents of contributions to the Annual Conferences. Depending on conference attendees, the convenership of the the working parties may change from conference to conference.

At present the following working parties are established:

Section 1 – Biology

- WP 1.1 Soft rot, bacteria, blue stain and moulds
- WP 1.2 Basidiomycetes
- WP 1.5 Insect biology and testing
- WP 1.4 Natural durability
- WP 1.5 Marine
- WP 1.6 Cultural artefact protection

Section 2 - Test methodology and assessment

- WP 2.1 Prediction of service life
- WP 2.2 Microbial test methodology
- WP 2.3 Chemical/physical analysis
- WP 2.4 International standardisation

Section 3 - Wood protecting chemicals

- WP 3.1 Inorganic preservatives
- WP 3.2 Organic preservatives
- WP 3.3 Performance - lab and field tests
- WP 3.4 Fire retardants

Section 4 – Processes and properties

WP 4.1 Chemical wood modification

WP 4.2 Wood composites, WPCs and Engineered wood products

WP 4.3 Treating processes and treatability of timber

WP 4.4 Coatings, hydrophobic treatments and surface aspects

WP 4.5 Thermal wood modification

WP 4.6 Fire protection

WP 4.7 Protection by design

Section 5 - Sustainability and environment

WP 5.1 Environment

WP 5.2 Sustainability

Executive Council, Committees, Secretariat

Executive Council (EC)

The EC is in effect the "Board of Directors" of the IRGWP and of the IRG Secretariat; it is responsible to the Plenary Meeting. It is chaired by the **President**, who is the highest official representative of the Group.

The EC is responsible for implementing all the decisions of the Plenary Meeting and for the finances and administration of the IRGWP and the IRG Secretariat in accordance with the Statutes.

Scientific Programme Committee (SPC)

This body is comprised of the Section Leaders together with the President, Vice-president and Secretary-General (*ex officio*). The main responsibilities for this committee are to create strategic, long term plans for the scientific activities and priorities of Group, co-ordinate the activities (scope, priorities etc) between the Sections, make final decisions on the establishment of Working Parties and co-ordinate these between the Sections and review the activities and continuing need for individual Working Parties.

The SPC reports back to the Executive Council.

Communications Committee (CC)

This committee was established as a sub-committee in 2001 to support the Secretariat and Membership with electronic matters and in particular questions concerning electronic communication. In 2010 the sub-committee was upgraded to a "full committee". Its members are appointed by the EC.

Sub-Committees under the Executive Council

Finance Committee (FC)

The FC is a permanent sub-committee under the EC. It gives financial advice and reports to the EC. The members of the FC are appointed by the EC.

Ron Cockcroft Award Committee (RCAC)

This committee makes decisions on the granting of the Ron Cockcroft Award. It reports to the EC and is comprised of the immediate Past President and the Vice-president.

Nominations Sub-Committee (NSC)

The NSC receives and reviews nominations for the position of President, Vice-president and members of the EC and SPC and makes proposals to the EC.

President's Consultation Panel (PCP)

The President's Consultative Panel (PCP) within the IRG serves to provide *ad hoc* advice to the President from time to time throughout the year. The Panel generally consists of the President, Vice-President, Immediate Past-President, Secretary-General, Finance chair, and Communications Committee Chair but may also include other invited participants as appropriate. The Panel generally holds one meeting during the year and also a number (usually two to four) of VOIP meetings. Items arising from the Panel's discussions have no official status, but may lead to proposals that are brought to the Executive Council for consideration.

IRG Secretariat

The IRG Secretariat provides for the administrative side of the Group's activities and is directly responsible to the EC and President for implementing administrative decisions by the EC and Plenary.

The Plenary Meeting

The Plenary Meeting is the highest decision making authority of the IRGWP.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

<i>President</i>	Prof Dr Joris Van Acker Belgium	2019*
<i>Vice-president</i>	Dr Lone Ross Gobakken Norway	2019
<i>Members</i>	Representing the regular members:	
	Dr Miha Humar Slovenia	2021
	Dr Adam Taylor USA	2019
	Mr Bruce Breedt South Africa	2020
	Representing the sponsors:	
	Dr Rod Stirling Canada	2021
	Mr Ron Eddy New Zealand	2019
<i>(ex officio)</i>	Dr Peter Hayward New Zealand	2019
<i>(ex officio)</i>	Mrs Francisca Latorre Chile	2021
<i>Secretary</i> <i>(ex officio)</i>	Dr Mats Westin Sweden	2019

*Year when term of office ends

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The purpose of the **Board of Trustees**, see Document IRG/WP 06-60227, is as follows:

- to provide legal, financial, personnel and other necessary procedural advice to the EC and to the Secretary-General at the local/national level;
- to support and advise the Secretary-General and EC in their relationships with the Host Institution and with other national bodies;
- to support and advise the President of IRGWP and the EC on matters relating to staff and personnel issues of the Secretariat at the local, national level;
- to make recommendations to the Finance Committee and EC with respect to the appointment of Auditors at the national level.

Members of the Board of Trustees provide advice and have no executive powers or liabilities in the affairs of the Group (other than those of good faith). The individual appointments are subject to endorsement by the Executive Council.

COMMITTEES

Scientific Programme Committee

<i>Chair</i>	Dr Lone Ross Gobakken Norway	2019*
<i>Members</i>	Dr Joris Van Acker Belgium	2019
	<u>Section 1</u> Dr Magdalena Kutnik S1 Chair, France	2020
	Dr Nadine Amusant S1 Vice-chair, France	2020
	<u>Section 2</u> Dr Christian Brischke S2 Chair, Germany	2020
	Dr Erik Larnøy S2 Vice-chair, Norway	2020
	<u>Section 3</u> Dr Jun Zhang S3 Chair, USA	2021
	Mr Patrick Meckler S3 Vice-chair, Germany	2021
	<u>Section 4</u> Mr Paul Merrick S4 Chair, USA	2021
	Dr Jan Van den Bulcke S4 Vice-chair, Belgium	2021
	<u>Section 5</u> Dr Morten Klamer S5 Chair, Denmark	2019
	Dr Dallin Brooks S5 Vice-chair, USA	2019
<i>Secretary (ex officio)</i>	Dr Mats Westin Sweden	2019

*Year when term of office ends

Communications Committee

Mrs Francisca Latorre (Convener) Chile	2021*
Mr William Abbott USA	2019
Dr Christian Brischke Germany	2019
Mr Doug Howick (†) Australia	2019 [†]
Dr Miha Humar Slovenia	2019
Dr Dennis Jones UK	2021
Dr Erik Larnøy Norway	2019
Dr Lina Nuñez Portugal	2019
Dr Alan F Preston USA	2021
Dr Tripti Singh New Zealand	2019

(†) Deceased during 2018

*Year when term of office ends

Finance Committee

<i>Chairman</i>	Dr Peter Hayward New Zealand	2019*
<i>Members</i>	Dr Mats Westin Sweden	2019
	Dr Joris Van Acker Belgium	2019

Nominations Sub-Committee

	Mr Jeff Lloyd (Convener) USA	2019
	Dr Joris Van Acker Belgium	2019
	Dr Lone Ross Gobakken Norway	2019
	Mr Jack Norton Australia	2019
<i>(ex officio)</i>	Dr Peter Hayward New Zealand	2019

Ron Cockcroft Award Committee

	Dr Jeff Lloyd (Convener) USA	2019*
	Dr Lone Ross Gobakken Norway	2019

*Year when term of office ends

PRESIDENTS

The Group's Presidents since 1969:

1969-1973	Professor Dr Dr Günther Becker (†) Germany
1974-1976	Professor Dr Oscar Wälchli (†) Switzerland
1977-1980	M Maurice Fougerousse France
1980-1983	Mr J Michael Baker United Kingdom
1983-1986	Professor Dr Björn Henningsson Sweden
1986-1989	Dr John A Butcher New Zealand
1989-1992	Professor Dr Hubert Willeitner (†) Germany
1992-1995	Dr Anthony F Bravery United Kingdom
1995-1998	Professor John N R Ruddick Canada
1998-2001	Professor Dr Kurt Messner Austria
2001-2004	Dr Alex R Valcke Belgium
2004-2007	Dr Jeffrey J Morrell USA
2007-2010	Dr Gérard Deroubaix France
2010-2013	Mr Jack Norton Australia
2013-2016	Dr Jeff Lloyd USA
2016-2019	Dr Joris Van Acker Belgium

INFORMATION

FEES FOR 2019	SEK	USD* (*exchange rate 29/3 2019)
Membership		
Regular member	1000	110
Student member	500	55
RCA Recipient 2018	free of charge	

Members 58 years of age or older in 2019, i.e. born in 1961 or earlier, may pre-pay a membership fee for the rest of their life. Ten years' of consecutive, fully paid-up membership is also required. For 2018 the fee was SEK 6 800 (USD 730).

The membership fee is waived for Members 70 years of age or older in 2018, i.e. born in 1948 or earlier, with at least 20 years' continuous fully paid up membership.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship by associations, industries etc	8 500	925
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Documents

For members (regular and students) and sponsors	incl. in the subscription fee	
For others	2 000	220

Conference Fees

For attendance at the IRG 50 Scientific Conference on Wood Protection, Quebec City, 12 - 16 May 2019, the following fees applied:

If paid by 15 April 2019)

Member	5 200	560
Corresponding member	2 500	270
Student member	1 500	161
Sponsor (IRG regular sponsor)	5 200	560
Non member	7 400	800
Student, non-member	2 500	270
Companion (family member 15 years and older not attending the conference)	1 700	185

If paid after 15 April 2019

Add a "late conference registration fee"	1000	110
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Cancellation

If a registration is cancelled before 20 April 2019, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded. After that date no refunds will be made.

PAYMENT OF FEES

All fees should be paid to the IRG Secretariat in Swedish kroner (SEK). Payment can be made into any one of the IRG Secretariat's Accounts, as follows:

- Bank Giro Account No 465 - 6062
- Bank Account at Svenska Handelsbanken
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BIC: HANDSESS

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or by banker's cheque (**NB No private cheques!**) made payable to the IRG Secretariat,
or by VISA or Mastercard credit cards.

Please observe the following when paying fees to the IRG Secretariat:

- if invoiced (membership fees, sponsorships), always quote the invoice number.
- if not invoiced (conference fees), always quote sender of payment.
- if you pay by credit card, state cardholder, card number and expiry date
- if fees or other payments are paid in **other currencies** than Swedish kroner, an **extra charge equivalent to SEK 120 (USD 15) should be added** to the fee to cover the cost of conversion charges in Sweden.
- payments are acknowledged and a **receipt sent only on request**.

IRG DOCUMENTS AND POSTERS - SOME USEFUL INFORMATION

Guidelines

Full scientific papers:

Manuscripts should be produced electronically in accordance with the guidelines in IRG/WP 18-60447. A template is available for the Annual Conference.

Communication paper:

Manuscripts should be produced electronically in accordance with the guidelines in IRG/WP 18-60448. A template is available for the Annual Conference.

Poster paper and Poster Presentation:

Poster papers should be produced electronically in accordance with the guidelines in IRG/WP 18-60449. The Posters should also be produced according to IRG/WP 18-60449.

The local Organising Committee should be contacted for detailed information on space available etc.

Language

Documents and posters should be written preferably in English, but if authors have difficulty in writing English they may submit their contributions in French, German or Spanish. If possible a brief summary should be provided in all four languages.

Deadlines

Please note the deadline! Failure to meet deadline makes it very difficult for the Secretariat to make documents available before the Annual Conference and for the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) to prepare the meeting programme; it may also cause contributions to be rejected. Deadlines for full papers are usually around 3 months before the conference.

Do also note that the original manuscript (in electronic form) must be sent to the Secretariat.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The main event of the Group is the Annual Conference, where the latest available research results in wood preservation are presented and discussed. The conference is normally held during four days in April - June. The Annual Conference is arranged by a local host, such as a national wood preserving association or research institute, in close co-operation with the IRG Secretariat. Guidelines (Document IRG/WP 06-60214) indicating the responsibilities of the host country and those of the Secretariat are available from the Secretariat.

Coming

IRG 50	2019	12-16 May	Quebec City, Fairmont Château Frontenac, Canada
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Future conferences

The following venues are confirmed:

IRG51	2020	7-11 June	Lake Bled, Slovenia
IRG52	2021	9-13 May	Numazu City, Japan

Previous conferences

IRG 1	1969	25 & 30 June	Cambridge and London, United Kingdom
IRG 2	1970	29-30 Sept	Nancy, France
IRG 3	1971	15-17 Nov	Brussels, Belgium
IRG 4	1972	26-28 Oct	West Berlin, Germany (FRG)
IRG 5	1973	19-22 June	Messilä, Finland
IRG 6	1974	17-20 June	Vienna, Austria
IRG 7	1975	26-29 May	Jadwisin, Poland
IRG 8	1976	12-15 May	Wildhaus, Switzerland
IRG 9	1977	26-30 Sept	Noordwijk aan Zee, The Netherlands
IRG 10	1978	18-22 Sept	Peebles, Scotland, United Kingdom
IRG 11	1980	5-9 May	Raleigh, North Carolina, USA
IRG 12	1981	11-15 May	Sarajevo, Yugoslavia
IRG 13	1982	24-28 May	Çesme, Turkey
IRG 14	1983	9-13 May	Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia
IRG 15	1984	28 May-1 June	Ronneby Brunn, Sweden
IRG 16	1985	12-17 May	Guarujá, Brazil
IRG 17	1986	25-30 May	Avignon, France
IRG 18	1987	17-22 May	Honey Harbour, Ontario, Canada
IRG 19	1988	24-29 April	Madrid, Spain
IRG 20	1989	22-26 May	Lappeenranta, Finland
IRG 21	1990	13-19 May	Rotorua, New Zealand
IRG 22	1991	20-24 May	Kyoto, Japan
IRG 23	1992	10-15 May	Harrogate, England, United Kingdom
IRG 24	1993	16-21 May	Orlando, Florida, USA
IRG 25	1994	29 May-3 June	Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia
IRG 26	1995	11-16 June	Helsingør, Denmark
IRG 27	1996	19-24 May	Le Gosier, Guadeloupe, French West Indies
IRG 28	1997	25-30 May	Whistler, British Columbia, Canada
IRG 29	1998	14-19 June	Maastricht, The Low Countries
IRG 30	1999	6-11 June	Rosenheim, Germany

IRG 31	2000	14-19 May	Kona, Hawaii, USA
IRG 32	2001	20-25 May	Nara, Japan
IRG 33	2002	12-17 May	Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom
IRG 34	2003	18-23 May	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
IRG 35	2004	6-10 June	Ljubljana, Slovenia
IRG 36	2005	24-28 April	Bangalore, India
IRG 37	2006	18-22 June	Tromsø, Norway
IRG 38	2007	20-24 May	Jackson Lake, Wyoming, USA
IRG 39	2008	25-29 May	Istanbul, Turkey
IRG 40	2009	24-28 May	Beijing, China
IRG 41	2010	9-13 May	Biarritz, France
IRG 42	2011	8-12 May	Queenstown, New Zealand
IRG 43	2012	6-10 May	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
IRG 44	2013	16-20 June	Stockholm, Sweden
IRG 45	2014	11-15 May	St George, Utah, USA
IRG 46	2015	10-14 May	Viña del Mar, Chile
IRG 47	2016	15-19 May	Lisbon, Portugal
IRG 48	2017	4 - 8 June	Ghent, Belgium
IRG 49	2018	29 Apr-3 May	Johannesburg, South Africa

“CANNES” CONFERENCES

Conference on environmental issues related to wood preservation arranged by CTBA (now FCBA) in France in collaboration with the IRG and local French and international sponsors.

Cannes 1	1990	19-20 February	Cannes
Cannes 2	1993	8-9 February	Cannes-Mandelieu
Cannes 3	1995	6-7 February	Cannes-Mandelieu
Cannes 4	1998	2-3 February	Cannes-Mandelieu
Cannes 5	2001	5-6 February	Cannes-Mandelieu
Cannes 6	2005	7-8 February	Cannes-Mandelieu

IRG REGIONAL CONFERENCES

With agreement from both FC and SPC, the EC can decide on supporting regional meetings/conferences on wood protection as a good way of encouraging new members from countries where, there for financial reasons, is difficult to get funds to attend an IRG meeting, and help scientists in these countries become more involved in wood protection research and increase networking, see IRG/WP 07-60244 “Guidelines for IRG Co-sponsorship of IRG regional meetings”.

1 st RIPMA	2006	4-7 December	Mérida, Venezuela
IRG-IUFRO	2007	29 Oct-2 Nov	Taipei, Taiwan
IRG Americas	2008	30 Nov-2 Dec	Playa Flamingo, Guanacaste, Costa Rica
2 nd RIPMA	2010	5-8 December	Mar del Plata, Argentina
IRG-IUFRO	2012	8-13 July	Estoril, Portugal
3 rd RIPMA	2012	26-28 November	Concepción, Chile

MEMBERSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP

Membership

Who can be a member?

According to its Statutes, "The IRG shall be open to any person with an interest in research and development relating to wood protection or to the technology and practice of wood protection".

Membership is on a personal basis and not transferable.

There are five categories of members: regular, student, corresponding, life long and honorary life long.

Student membership is intended mainly for post-graduate students and has to be supported by the Head of Department.

Corresponding members are scientists whose participation in IRGWP is sponsored by the organisation for a limited time period. The purpose of the Corresponding Membership is to encourage participation by scientists from countries not represented at IRGWP, and whose institution is unable to provide adequate funding for regular membership. It is also designed to allow continuing membership for scientists from institutions who are temporarily unable to maintain their regular membership.

Application

An application for membership shall be submitted through the IRG Secretariat, to be considered by the Executive Council.

An application form is available from the Secretariat and the web site www.irg-wp.com.

Fees

Each regular and student member shall pay an annual membership fee. Membership fees are set by the Plenary and invoiced by the Secretariat.

What do I get as a member?

Fully paid up members are welcome to actively participate in the Group's activities and to attend the Annual Conferences.

As a member you will receive:

- e-Newsletters
- Invitation to the Annual Conference
- Online access to all IRG Documents issued since 1969

Sponsorship

Who can be a sponsor?

Any organisation or industry active and interested in wood protection research and wishing to support the IRG financially.

Application

There is no formal application needed but only a written confirmation that the organisation, firm etc agrees to become a sponsor.

Fees

There is a recommended minimum sponsorship set by the Plenary each year, see above.

The sponsors are invoiced by the Secretariat.

What do I get as a sponsor?

A sponsor is entitled to all the privileges of a membership, such as

- e-Newsletters
- Invitation to the Annual Conference
- Online access to all IRG Documents issued since 1969

Representatives of a sponsoring body are entitled to attend the Annual Conferences at a sponsor's registration fee, (see above).

Sponsors are also recorded in the International Directory of Members and Sponsors.

Sponsorship will provide you with an outstanding opportunity for your organization:

- To gain exposure to international experts and their activities in the field,
- To increase the presence and recognition of your organization with your target stakeholders,
- To learn about emerging market trends and wood protection solutions through networking with industry and scientific delegates,
- To gain new insights that could be the catalyst for new business,
- To access key decision makers in a wide range of wood protection areas,
- To showcase your organization's strengths, involvement, commitment and support of the industry,
- To launch new solutions, products or services to a wood focused audience with decision making authority.

RON COCKCROFT AWARD (RCA)

The RCA is a merit-based programme to promote international awareness of developments in research in wood protection, by providing assistance towards travel and accommodation costs to selected persons enabling them to participate in IRG conferences.

The RCA is intended primarily to assist post-graduate research students and active younger scientists, who, for financial reasons might otherwise be unable to attend an IRG conference. It is available to members and non-members. An RCA can only be granted once, and no present or former members of any IRG Committee may apply for the RCA.

Applications for an RCA shall be submitted in writing to the Secretariat five months prior to the meeting (normally **before 15 December**).

The conditions for the RCA and the application form are available in document IRG/WP 03-60177. They can also be found on the web site www.irg-wp.com.

GARETH WILLIAMS AWARD (GWA)

The Gareth Williams Award (GWA) is awarded for the best scientific paper and presentation at each IRG Annual Conference, and is sponsored by Arch Wood Protection, Inc. USA. This award is dedicated to and honors Dr Gareth Williams, a respected scientist in the field of wood protection, who was an active IRG member from 1998 until his untimely death in 2004. He was Section leader and Chair of Section 3 during 2001-2004. The GWA was given for the first time in 2005 at IRG 36 in Bangalore, India.

A call for applications will be announced at the opening of the Annual Conference. Guidelines are available in document IRG/WP 16-60393.

RICHARD J ZIOBRO AWARD (RZA)

The Richard J Ziobro Award (RZA) is awarded for the best scientific poster presentation at each IRG meeting and is sponsored by Kopper Performance Chemicals. The award is dedicated to and honors Mr Rich Ziobro, a respected scientist in the field of wood protection, who was an active IRG member from 1984 until his untimely death in 2015. This award was given for the first time in 2016 at IRG 47 in Lisbon, Portugal.

A call for applications will be announced at the opening of the Annual Conference. Guidelines are available in document IRG/WP 16-60394.

VIANCE INNOVATION AWARD (VIA)

The Viance Innovation Award (VIA) is awarded for the most innovative poster or oral presentation at each IRG meeting and is sponsored by Viance LLC. This award will be given for the first time in 2019 at IRG 50 in Quebec City, Canada.

A call for applications will be announced at the opening of the Annual Conference. Guidelines are available in document IRG/WP 19-60350.

IRGWP LEGACY FUND

To ensure the long term viability of the RCA, in 2011 the Executive Committee decided to establish a legacy fund with the sole purpose of providing a secure financial basis for the Scheme's operation. The name of the fund is the IRGWP Legacy Fund (IRGLF).

The sole purpose of the fund is to provide financial support for the on-going operation of the RCA.

Only interest earned by the money in the IRGLF may be used, and only to support the RCA. Members and interested parties may make voluntary contributions to the fund whenever they wish. Donations shall be held in perpetuity in the currency of the IRG Secretariat. Contributions are to be kept confidential, but may be made in someones name (such as if bequeathed).

THE PROCEDURES MANUAL

The IRG Procedures Manual is a "handbook" for IRG members and sponsors. It has the following contents and available on www.irg-wp.com:

- Statutes (Document number IRG/WP 07-60243)
- Nomination procedure for the offices of President, Vice-President and members of the Executive Council and Scientific Programme Committee of IRGWP (IRG/WP 17-60429)
- Requirements for hosting the Secretariat of IRG (IRG/WP 06-60227)
- Application package. IRGWP Travel Award (IRG/WP 14-60374)
- Conditions for membership of IRGWP (IRG/WP 12-60338)
- Guidelines for the preparation of an IRG Document (IRG/WP 18-60447, IRG/WP 18-60448 and IRG/WP 18-60449)
- Guidelines for Giving an Oral Presentation at an IRGWP Conference (IRG/WP 12-60340)
- Guidelines for Organizing an IRG Annual Meeting (IRG/WP 06-60214)
- Guidelines for selecting Keynote Speakers (IRG/WP 04-60185)
- Guidance for corresponding Members in preparing Annual Reports (IRG/WP 03-60178)
- Role and Responsibilities for Section Leaders and Working Party Conveners (IRG/WP 03-60181)
- Guidelines for IRG Co-sponsorship of IRG regional meetings (IRG/WP 07-60244)
- Conditions for the Ron Cockcroft Award scheme (IRG/WP 03-60177)
- Guidelines for "Gareth Williams Award" (IRG/WP 16-60393)
- Guidelines for "Richard J Ziobro" Award (IRG/WP 16-60394)
- Guidelines for "Viance Innovation" Award (IRG/WP 19-60350)

CODE OF CONDUCT

The International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRGWP) expects its members, sponsors representatives and guests to adhere to high standards of professionalism and behavior. They acknowledge their responsibilities and shall give active consideration to: fellow members, students, guests, the general public, to science and to the environment.

IRGWP contributors are expected to ensure to the best of their abilities that their scientific contributions and those of collaborators are accurate, and to encourage and participate with fellow members.

Anyone participating within IRGWP shall be treated respectfully and without exploitation, harassment or discrimination at all times.

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