Outreach

The IRG51 conference in Slovenia is reaching out beyond the research and industry community who attend on a regular basis, and beyond our historical scope of wood preservation. Young scientists in particular are encouraged to participate.

The IRG51, IRG-WP Annual conference in 2020, will have the same elements as detailed during previous meetings.

This year we will organise special sessions on two topics:

Protection against wood borers in the marine environment (contact Dr Andreas Treu - andreas.treu@nibio.no)

Surface treatments and characterization (contact Dr Marko Petrič – marko.petric@bf.uni-lj.si or Dr Holger Militz - holger.militz@uni-goettingen.de)

History

University of Ljubljana, will celebrate 100 year anniversary in the term 2019/2020. As of 2019, University has 23 faculties and 3 academies with almost 40.000 students.

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Venue

The conference will be held at the Rikli Balance Hotel in Bled, Slovenia. Bled is one of the finest Alpine resorts. With immense natural beauty, Bled, together with its surroundings, ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts, renowned for its mild, healing climate and thermal lake water. The beauty of the mountains reflected on the lake, the sun, the serenity and the fresh air arouse pleasant feelings in visitors throughout the year.

Hotels

As for accommodation, there are different flavors and prices to suit all pockets. You will be able to check a list of specific hotels on the website at the end of September.

Transportation

The nearest airport, the Jože Pučnik International Airport Ljubljana (Brnik), is located 36 km from Bled. There will be links provided for shuttle service.

Tourism

If you plan to stay longer you can find extra info on Bled and surrounding on the websites http://www.bled.si/en/

1ST INFORMATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

IRG 51
BLED - SLOVENIA

IRG-WP Annual Conference

June 7th – 11th 2020

at

Rikli Balance Hotel

in

Bled

Slovenia

IRGWP

International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRG WP)

We are pleased to announce:

The IRG-WP Annual Conference IRG51; scheduled 7-11 June, 2020 in Bled, Slovenia. Venue: Rikli Balance Hotel. It is going to be a great venue and a fabulous meeting, so please start planning now to join us!

The International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRGWP) is the leading global organization for the dissemination of scientific information on wood protection.

Conference registration

Registration for the Conference can be done either through the link to the online registration form at the IRG51 website or by downloading, completing and submitting the form to the to the IRG Secretariat (irg@ri.se), together with the fee no later than May 15th, 2020.

Deadline for papers

Full paper submissions are due to IRG irg@ri.se by the 1st of March 2020. No abstract submission for oral presentations. For poster extended abstracts are expected at the latest by 15th of April 2020.
Durability data in papers can be directly uploaded into the IRG-WP Durability Data base.
Please use the guidelines and template provided on the website www.irg-wp.com.

More Info

Detailed info on location, travel, accommodation related to IRG51 will be available from the local website.
Local Organizing Committee contact:
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Please visit our IRG website at www.irg-wp.com. You may also friend/like the IRG-WP Facebook page or join our group on LinkedIn.

Structure – topics

Below are the objectives of each of the Sections. The Working Parties are added at the end.

Section 1: Biology
Research on natural durability and all aspects of biodegradation that affect wood performance. This includes the ecology and physiology of decay, mould and sapstain fungi, marine borers, termites... WP's: Soft rot, bacteria, bluestain and moulds / Basidiomycetes / Insect biology and testing / Natural durability / Marine / Cultural Artefact Protection

Section 2: Test Methodology and Assessment
Study of test methods and analytical methods relating to physical, chemical and biological means of protecting wood from biodeterioration and weathering. Special emphasis is given to service life prediction of wood applied in different commodities. WP's: Prediction of service life / Microbial test methodology / Chemical/ physical analysis / International Standardisation

Section 3: Wood Protecting Chemicals
Research to improve the understanding of the interactions of chemical wood protection systems, both existing and under development with particular emphasis on performance evaluation against fungi, bacteria and insects. WP's: Inorganic pres. / Organic pres. / Performance - lab & field tests / Fire retardants

Section 4: Processes and Properties
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. WP's: Chemical wood modification / Wood composites, WPCs and Engineered wood products / Treating processes & treatability of timber / Coatings, hydrophobic treatments and surface aspects / Thermal wood modification / Fire protection

Section 5: Sustainability and Environment
Research into all aspects of the sustainability and of wider environmental matters of wood protection. A strong focus on improving the life cycle credentials of wood in use. WP's: Environment / Sustainability

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