

New IAWA Council (2024 - 2026)

The election of IAWA Council members (2024-2026) was completed by the IAWA Executive Secretary office in accordance with the IAWA Constitution, and twelve IAWA Council members have been elected based on the votes. The new IAWA Council members (in alphabetical order) are Marion Bamford (South Africa), Alan Crivellaro (UK), Ratih Damayanti (Indonesia), Veronica De Micco (Italy), Marcelo dos Santos Silva (Brazil), Volker Haag (Germany), Futoshi Ishiguri (Japan), Jong Sik Kim (Korea), Shan Li (China), Satoshi Nakaba (Japan), Frank Owens (USA), and Shengcheng Zhai (China). These Council members are from different continents (1 member from Africa, 2 members from Americas, 6 members from Asia and 3 members from Europe) and will work together to promote IAWA development. For more information, please refer to the IAWA Constitution http://iawa-website.org/en/Who_is_who/Constitution.shtml.

Acknowledgment to the Outgoing IAWA Council Members (2021 - 2023)

I would like to thank the seven outgoing IAWA council members (2021-2023), namely Marco Carrer, Geoffrey Daniel, Emmanuel Ebanyenle, Immo Heinz, Eryuan Liang, Alexei Oskolski, and Nigel Warwick for their great support over the last three or six years, and to all earlier IAWA council members for their continuous contributions. Without their time and efforts, it would be impossible for IAWA to achieve the current excellent stage. I hope that in the future, IAWA could get as much support as before from our former council members and would become more attractive to all people who are working on wood anatomy and the related fields.

Yafang Yin, IAWA Executive Secretary

Future meetings

IAWA Fossil Wood Symposium in Prague, Czech Republic, Postponed to May 25th - 31st, 2024

The IAWA Fossil Wood Symposium, dedicated to the memories of Prof. Dr. Herbert Süß (1920-2017) and Prof. Dr. Alfred Selmeier (1923-2018), will be organized on May 25th - 31st, 2024, during the XIth IOPC (International Organization of Palaeobotany Conference) held conjunctly with the XVth International Palynological Congress. The IAWA Symposium will be organizing an IAWA Social Hour and supper in the famous Carthusian Monastery (1628) in Melnik, where IAWA has been previously hosted at a European Palaeo-botanical Conference. Detailed information is available by clicking <https://www.prague2020.cz/news.php>.

Jakub Sakala, Czech Republic

IAWA Symposium of XXVI IUFRO World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden on June 23rd - 29th, 2024

The XXVI IUFRO World Congress will be held in Stockholm, Sweden on June 23rd - 29th, 2024. The IAWA-IUFRO Symposium titled "T5.16 IAWA-IUFRO Symposium: Advancing Methods and Applications of Wood Identification" will be organized during the Congress. In total, 12 abstracts have been selected for the oral session and 7 abstracts for the short orals by poster. This IAWA-IUFRO symposium aims to present the most recent advances in methods and applications of wood

identification for promoting a sustainable supply chain of forest products.

Please visit www.iufro2024.com/ to obtain more information.

XX IBC in Madrid, Spain on July 21st - 27th, 2024

The XX International Botanical Congress (IBC) will be held in Madrid, Spain, July 21st - 27th, 2024. Several wood anatomy relevant scientific sessions including "IAWA Symposium - The contribution of wood in forest: from wood dynamics to trait diversity and carbon gains" proposed by Yafang Yin et al., "Morphological, anatomical, and evolutionary basis of habit transitions in plants" by Marcelo R. Pace et al., "Xylem anatomy as a central hub linking fluid transport processes from the individual plant level to ecosystems" by Steven Jansen et al., and "Bark structure: evolutionary, functional and ecological implications" by Alexei Oskolski et al., have completed the collection of abstracts. As a long-term tradition, IAWA social hour will be organized during the congress.

Please get updated information via <https://ibcmadrid2024.com/>.

Workshop for Wood Anatomy and Timber Identification, Germany on August 19th - 23rd, 2024

On behalf of the ENFSI APST Working Group, the Thuenen Institute of Wood Research in Hamburg is hosting a Workshop for Wood Anatomy and Timber Identification from August 19th-23rd, 2024. The workshop will present practical techniques for macroscopic and microscopic wood identification and train the participants in the use of databases and programmes for computer-assisted wood identification. The official invitation is available [here](#). To take part in the workshop, please contact Dr. Volker Haag (volker.haag@thuenen.de).

Volker Haag, Germany

The 10th PRWAC in Asahikawa, Japan on September 10th - 14th, 2024

The 10th Pacific Regional Wood Anatomy Conference (10th PRWAC) will be held in Asahikawa, Japan, from September 10th - 14th, 2024. The conference website has been open recently <https://www.prwac2024.org/> and the registration will be open in March, 2024. Asahikawa is located in the central part of Hokkaido island and is surrounded by fertile farmland and lush nature. The Asahikawa area is also well-known for distributing wooden furniture and crafts. We are looking forward to your participation in this in-person meeting, which will take place in a city closely connected with wood science, technology, and industry.

Yuzou Sano and Hisashi Abe, Japan

Miscellaneous News

2nd International School on Wood and Charcoals, Italy on February 19th - 23rd, 2024

High success for the International School "Wood and charcoals in Mediterranean forest ecology: anatomical identification and functional traits to interpret past and current climate changes" held at the Department of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Naples Federico II at Portici (Naples, Italy) on 19-23 February 2024.

The International School provided basic, innovative, and transdisciplinary knowledge on different aspect of wood and charcoals analysis. It focused on the study of wood anatomy, providing knowledge and tools to study and interpret environmental data inferred from wood and charcoals stored in natural and archaeological contexts in the Mediterranean area. The main topics were history and biogeography

of Mediterranean woody species, wood/charcoal identification, and quantification of wood anatomical functional traits and radiocarbon dating of samples.

The International School was held under the joint auspices of the International Association of Wood Anatomists (IAWA), the EGU (European Geophysics Union), the Association of Tree-ring Research (ATR), the Dept. of Agricultural Sciences and MUSA of the University of Naples Federico II, the Società Botanica Italiana (SBI), the Società Italiana di Selvicoltura ed Ecologia Forestale (SISEF), The Parco Archeologico di Ercolano.

The very full and intensive program consisted of theory, field-work training and hands-on laboratory sessions where the students had the opportunity to analyse their own samples. The venue of the meeting at the Royal Palaces of Portici offered a nice background to escape from the tight schedule and to relax during lunch breaks and evening hours. The School was welcomed remotely by Yafang Yin, the Executive Secretary of IAWA, and was headed by 14 Instructors and Lecturers: Angela Balzano, Mauro Bernabei, Luciano Bosso, Paolo Cherubini, Alessia D'Auria, Claire Delhon, Veronica De Micco, Mauro Antonio Di Vito, Frederic Lens, Fabio Marzaioli, Fabio Scarciglia, Francesco Sirano, Ilana Shtein and Elisabeth Wheeler, and was attended by 21 Students from 9 countries from all over the world.

Special thanks go to all colleagues who contributed to the success of the school as Organizing and Local Committee: Veronica De Micco, Gaetano Di Pasquale, Alessia D'Auria, Chiara Amitrano, Angela Balzano, Francesca Petracca, Claudia Pone, Stefania Cuocolo, Ernesto Avino, Adriana Forlani, Antonietta La Storia.

Although the organization of this School was very intensive and demanding, the feedback received from instructors and participants was so enthusiastic and positive that we will be back soon with another edition.





Veronica De Micco, Italy

Veronica De Micco as the new Editor in Chief of IAWA Journal

Following Marcelo's resignation as Editor in Chief, Veronica has taken his place. A big thanks to Marcelo for his service over the last few years and he will continue as associate editor with a reduced workload.

*Veronica De Micco & Lloyd Donaldson
Editors in Chief – IAWA Journal*

Special Edition of the Carlquist issue is Published as Open Access

As a celebration of the prolific scientific life and achievements of Sherwin Carlquist, arguably the most influential wood anatomist of all time, the IAWA Journal published a special edition with 19 articles covering a broad range of themes that Carlquist dedicated most of his career to. Edited by Carlquist's former student Mark E. Olson, and Marcelo R. Pace, these articles aimed to re-examine and shed light

on the strengths, weaknesses, and controversies of key functional wood anatomical structures that Carlquist hypothesized as important in his research. All articles are Open Access and already available to download on website of IAWA Journal: <http://www.brill.com/view/journals/iawa/iawa-overview.xml>.

The new address of the IAWA website

The address of the IAWA website has been recently changed, please visit the website via the new web link <https://iawa-website1.org/>.

Call for Newsletter Items

The IAWA Newsletter keeps the IAWA community actively informed and stimulates members to visit the IAWA website for the latest and detailed news. Please send any news items you wish to share with the whole IAWA community to the newsletter editors Dr. Shan Li (lishan.ecology@hotmail.com) or Dr. Lichao Jiao (jjaloc@caf.ac.cn) of the IAWA Office, Beijing.

Call for Manuscripts of IAWA Journal 2024

The editors of the IAWA Journal would like to encourage new manuscript submissions for volume 45, 2024. A reminder that subscribers/IAWA members can register for 'table of contents alerts on the IAWA Journal homepage. Vol. 44(1),44(2) and 44(3&4) are now published and printed copies are currently being sent to subscribers, unfortunately delayed because of problems with Brill Publishing's distribution service.

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