

Outreach

The IRG48 conference in Belgium 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.

Two weeks prior to IRG48 Ghent University is also hosting a general conference on durability of materials. So, 29-31 May 2017 you are also invited to the conference XIV DBMC (Durability of Building Materials and Components). More info on www.dbmc2017.ugent.be.

The IRG48, IRG-WP Annual conference in 2017, June 4-8, will have the same elements as during previous meetings. An outline of the different working group meetings is included on the backside. A list of papers that will be presented is available on the website.

More info

Detailed info on location, travel, accommodation related to IRG48 is available from the website: <http://irg48.be/>

This website will be regularly updated with a detailed conference programme, a list of participants,...

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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.

History

Proud of its rich history and aware of its social role, '200 years Ghent University' 2017 will be a year of looking back but above all of looking ahead.

On 9 October 1817 the Dutch King William I officially founded the university in the throne room of the City Hall in Ghent.



Venue

The conference will be held at the Ghent University Convention centre 'Het Pand', Onderbergen 1, Ghent, Belgium. www.ugent.be/het-pand/



Hotels

As for accommodation, there are different flavours and prices to suit all pockets. You can check: <https://visit.gent.be/>. A list of specific hotels suitable for the conference is listed on the website and is available at <http://irg48.be/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Hotels-in-Ghent-for-IRG48.pdf>.

Transportation

For more info on air travel: <http://www.brusselsairport.be/>
The Brussels airport is connected to Ghent via rail (54 minutes), more details on <http://www.belgianrail.be/>

Tourism

A companion program is provided with visits of Ghent, Bruges and Brussels. This also includes participation in the welcome reception, conference dinner and the Wednesday afternoon excursion to the 'Westhoek'.

If you plan to stay longer you can find extra info on Flanders or Belgium on the websites

<http://www.visitflanders.com> & <http://www.visitbelgium.com>.



REGISTRATION



IRG-WP Annual Conference

June 4th-8th 2017

at
Het Pand
Convention Centre
in
Ghent
Belgium



International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRG WP)

This is an invitation to register for The IRG-WP Annual Conference IRG48; scheduled 4-8 June, 2017 in Ghent, Belgium. Venue: the Convention centre 'Het Pand', Onderbergen 1, Ghent, Belgium.

The International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRG-WP) 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 IRG48 website or by downloading, completing and submitting the form to the IRG Secretariat (irg@sp.se), together with the fee no later than **May 15th, 2017**.

Structure – topics

Below all 5 Sections are listed with an overview of the Working Parties which are also included in the schedule of the conference programme.

Section 1: Biology

Soft rot, bacteria, bluestain and moulds / Basidiomycetes / Insect biology and testing / Natural durability / Marine / Cultural Artefact Protection

Section 2: Test Methodology and Assessment

Prediction of service life / Microbial test methodology / Chemical/physical analysis / International Standardisation

Section 3: Wood Protecting Chemicals

Inorganic preservatives / Organic preservatives / Performance - lab & field tests / Fire retardants

Section 4: Processes and Properties

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

Environment / Sustainability

IRG 48, Ghent, Belgium Conference Programme 4-8 June 2017

Time	Room/Session Reffer	Rector Vermeylen	Rector Blancquaert
Sunday 04 June 15:00-18:30 Registration 18:30-21:00 Welcome reception			
Monday 05 June 08:30-09:00 Keynotes 09:00-10:30 Scientific Main Session 11:00-12:40 WP 1.2. Basidiomycetes + WP 3.3. Performance - lab & field tests 13:30-15:00 WP 3.3. cont.	Opening plenary Session Keynotes Scientific Main Session WP 1.2. Basidiomycetes + WP 3.3. Performance - lab & field tests WP 3.3. cont.	WP 4.4. Coatings, hydrophobic treatments and surface aspects WP 4.4. cont.	
Tuesday 06 June 08:30-10:30 11:00-12:40 13:30-15:00 15:30-17:30	Quality control of treated/modified wood Quality control of treated/modified wood cont. Timber Bridges Timber Bridges cont. Poster session	WP 1.4. Natural durability WP 1.4. cont. + WP 2.2. Microbial test methodology WP 5.1. Environment & WP 5.2. Sustainability WP 4.2. Wood composites, WPCs and Engineered wood products	
Wednesday 07 June 08:30-10:30 11:00-12:40 13:00-23:00 Excursion	WP 2.1. Prediction of service life WP 2.1. cont.	WP 4.3. Treating processes & treatability of timber WP 1.6. Cultural artefact protection	
Thursday 08 June 08:30-10:30 11:00-12:40 13:30-15:00 15:30-16:30 19:30-23:00 Conference banquet	WP 4.1. Chemical wood modification WP 4.5. Thermal wood modification Scientific Plenary Final Plenary Session	WP 1.3. Insect biology and testing WP 3.2. Organic preservatives cont.	WP 3.2. Organic preservatives + WP 2.3. Chemical/physical analysis WP 2.3. cont.

Presentations and awards

Two keynotes will be presented at the beginning of the conference by Prof. Staf Roels and Prof. Christer Sjöström. Oral presentations papers are presented in time slots of 20 min. Short oral introductions (3 min.) to accompany posters are scheduled on Tuesday afternoon. The organisation provides a best student presentation award (G. Williams Award - GWA) \$1500 and a best poster award (R. Ziobro Award - RZA) \$1000.

Scientific Program Committee

Chair

Dr Lone Ross Gobakken, NO

President IRG-WP

Dr Joris Van Acker, BE

Section 1: Biology

Dr Rod Stirling, CA & Dr Magdalena Kutnik, FR

Section 2: Test Methodology and Assessment

Dr Miha Humar, SI & Dr Christian Brischke, DE

Section 3: Wood Protecting Chemicals

Dr Lehong Jin, US & Dr Jun Zhang, US

Section 4: Processes and Properties

Dr Tripti Singh, NZ & Mr Paul Merrick, US

Section 5: Sustainability and Environment

Dr Adam Taylor, US & Dr Morten Klamer, DK

Sponsors (April 30th, 2017)