

Dear friends,

The European Conference on Wood Modification is now firmly established as the premier global event dedicated to the science and technology of wood modification. This conference, now the eighth in the series, will provide a forum for individuals from research organisations and companies to learn about the latest developments in this rapidly evolving field, to discuss with renowned experts and to build their networks in an informal and friendly atmosphere. The conference will cover all forms of wood modification, including, but not limited to thermal, oleo-thermal, thermo-hydro-mechanical, chemical and impregnation modifications, as well as emerging technologies such as microwave, plasma and enzymatic modification. There will also be sessions dealing with testing methods and standards, environmental issues, quality control and various aspects of commercialisation, as well as poster presentation sessions.

It is now more than a decade since the first European Conference on Wood Modification was held in Ghent in 2003. Since then there have been many advances in the area of wood modification and the market for commercial modified wood products has expanded. In this conference we will explore how modified wood products can help create a more resource efficient future.

ECWM8 will be held in the beautiful capital region of Finland. We look forward to meeting you in 2015!

Mark Hughes, Lauri Rautkari and Dennis Jones

Call for Abstracts

The organising committee of ECWM8 would be pleased to receive high quality papers on all subjects concerned with wood modification. Oral and poster presentations will cover the following topics:

- Fundamental research
- Standards and testing
- Processing, properties & performance
- Product development & commercialisation
- Environmental issues
- Quality control
- Market potential

Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted by email to the Local Organisers (ecwm8@aalto.fi) by no later than 28 February 2015. Abstracts must be in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx ONLY). The official language of the conference will be English.

Conference fees

450 EUR for early bird registrants (up to 25 September, 2015) 490 EUR for late registrants

250 EUR for students (a copy of supporting documentation is required)

The conference fee includes: admission to all scientific sessions, book of abstracts and conference proceedings, welcome reception, coffee breaks, two lunches and the conference dinner. Accompanying persons are welcome. Please ask for details.

Organising Committee

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Local organising will be led by Prof. Mark Hughes and Prof. Lauri Rautkari.

Local organisers

ECWM8 will be organised by the Department of Forest Products Technology, Aalto University, Finland (puu.aalto.fi/en/).

Important Deadlines:

- 28 Feb 2015 Extended abstract Deadline
- 30 June 2015 Full paper submission
- 25 Sept 2015 Early bird registration