

WOOD INDUSTRY MEET (28th JUNE 2016)

Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru, involved in research related to various aspects of Wood Science & Forestry, is working on advanced technologies like Wood Polymer Composites, Thermal Modification of Wood and Chemical Modification of Wood in addition to conventional research on Wood Science. The technology i.e. development of Wood Polymer Composites (WPC) which has been standardized, is now ready for transfer to the interested industries. To develop networking with the major Industries, one day Wood Industry Meet was organized on 28th June 2016 at the Institute to highlight the advanced technologies.

In the meet, an interaction with major industries of the country was made to generate awareness about the technologies. A total of 85 participants including major wood plastic industries from all over the country Industries including Start Up industries, Scientists , Academicians participated in the meet.

Dr. Pankaj Aggarwal, Head of Wood Processing Division and Coordinator of the meet welcomed the delegates and stressed the need of utilization of wood in a sustainable way. He said that advanced technologies should be utilized to reduce the use of wood and emphasized the importance of meet in developing collaboration with Industries. **Mr. Sanjai Mohan, IFS, APCCF (Research), Karnataka Forest Department** while giving Guest of Honour address mentioned that the work on these technologies should be culminated in transferring the results to the stakeholders. He was of the opinion that Institute should work on bio-plastic products also. **Dr. B.N. Mohanty, Director, Indian Plywood Industries Research & Training Institute (IPIRTI), Bangalore** attracted the attention of the participants towards importance of Industries in developing collaborative research. **Dr. H.N. Chanakya, Chairman, Center for Sustainable Technologies (CST), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore** highlighted the importance of wood-polymer composite work and suggested to find the societal based utilities of the technology. **Shri. Surendra Kumar, IFS, Director** of IWST gave a presentation of the institute activities with special reference to the technologies which were discussed in detail in the meet. He also announced that Institute is making all the efforts to establish a Wood Polymer Composite and Training centre at the Institute which will have all the facilities to develop the wood polymer composite products and characterize them. Dr. S.R. Shukla Scientist F gave vote of thanks to the dignitaries, all the invitees and participants.

Dr. Shakti Chauhan, Mr. Giridhar, Dr. S.R Shukla Scientists of the IWST made presentation on three different technologies. The industries showed great interest in the technologies and had good interaction with the scientists. Two Industries i.e. M/s Alstone House and M/s Konkan Speciality Poly Products Private Limited made presentation on WPC which attracted great interaction from the audience. During the meet Mr. M. Srinivasa Rao, Nodal Officer of Advanced Woodworking Training Centre (A part of the IWST) highlighted the activities of the centre and requested the Industries to have collaboration with the Institute.

In the concluding session Shri Surendra Kumar, Director IWST, Shri. Mohan Karnat, Group Coordinator (Research) IWST addressed the participants. Shri. Surendra Kumar thanked the participants and requested the Industries to come forward for any suggestion and future programme in different areas of work. Shri. Mohan Karnat mentioned that such type of meetings are Important for having good interaction. Dr. Pankaj Aggarwal Coordinator of the meet also participated in the concluding session.























