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WPC at the Toronto Wood Solutions Fair

The Toronto Wood Solutions Fair was recently held at the newly built addition of the Toronto Congress Centre on November 2nd, 2010. The event attracts decision makers involved in the construction industry, as well as industry representatives, consultants and curious students.

The wood preservation industry was very well represented at the Toronto event, with Wood Preservation Canada as an exhibitor, along with several of its members including suppliers, manufacturers and consultants. More than 800 visitors spent the day visiting and interacting with the various exhibitors, as well as attending presentations from knowledgeable speakers on relevant topics, including Fire-Retardant treated wood (presented by Ineke Van Zeeland of the Canadian Wood Council), durability by design, sustainable architecture and green procurement practices.

The next Ontario Wood Solutions Fair will be held in Ottawa, Ontario in 2011.

Wood Preservation Canada constantly searches for additional opportunities to promote the wood preservation industry.

WPC Fall 2010 Committee Meetings

Wood Preservation Canada recently hosted the Fall Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia on October 17th and 18th, 2010. The successful event, attended by more than 40 representatives of the membership, included a welcome reception at the Vancouver Canucks hockey game on Sunday night, followed by committee meetings on Monday.

All WPC committees met and proceeded through their respective agendas, which included the Board of Directors, Promotion and Education, Standards Review, Technical, Environmental and Industrial/Commercial. Highlights include:

- Presentation of results from data collection to support WPC industry standard
- Decision made on eastern and western WPC decking study
- Update on the work done by the CWPCA steering committee on the TRD regulations
- Presentation of the Membership section for the Communications Toolbox

Please refer to the meeting minutes sent to members earlier this month for additional information.

31st Annual CWPA Meeting

The Canadian Wood Preservers Association recently held its 31st Annual Meeting on October 19th - 20th in Vancouver, British Columbia. The meeting began with opening remarks by association president Craig Wilson of Timber Specialties, followed by the keynote speaker, Dr. Paul Cooper of the University of Toronto.

The symposium that followed, themed “Industrial Wood Preservatives” included many informative and interesting presentations on many different topics including the possible use of different preservatives in industrial applications, marine uses, field tests of industrial preservatives, updates on micronized copper preservatives and the chemistry of copper-based wood preservatives.

Speakers included a selection of WPC members such as, Herb Estreicher, Cliff Baker, Paul Morris and Henry Walthert.

Congratulations to the CWPA for another successful annual meeting.

Annual CSA A366 Technical Committee Meeting

On Thursday, October 21st 2010, the Canadian Standards Association A366 Technical Committee met in Vancouver, British Columbia. The wood preservation industry was well represented around the table by WPC, chemical suppliers, manufacturers, researchers and Federal and Provincial government representatives.

The meeting, chaired by Henry Walthert, Executive Director of Wood Preservation Canada, was very successful and included a few highlights;

- The ballot circulated during the summer concerning revisions to the existing 080 standard has been passed.
- The ballots to include MCA and MCQ preservatives were passed to be recognized by the CSA.
- MCA and MCQ will not be added to the standard until they are registered for use with PMRA.
- Need for a revision to the S-406 (preserved wood foundation) standard.

Thank you to Dwayne Torrey, Project Manager at CSA, for organizing another productive meeting.

CWPCA - Revisions to the program

The CWPCA steering committee presented, at the 2010 WPC Fall committee meetings, revisions that were made to the CWPCA program. They included revisions to the program regulations, as well as the ACQ/CA TRD's for the next three year cycle.

Changes were made to the following;

1. CWPCA Regulations – Non-CEPA toxic preservatives

2. Scoring – Non-CEPA toxic preservatives
3. Worksheet
4. Plant “Must Have” List – At the time of audit

The complete revised version of the TRD’s will be circulated to the WPC membership shortly for approval.

Future Wood Preservation Canada Meetings

2011 Annual General Meeting

Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta
May 1st-3rd, 2011

2011 Fall Committee Meetings

Halifax, Nova Scotia
October 2nd-3rd, 2011

Season’s greetings from Wood Preservation Canada

Season’s greetings to all WPC members and their families, and wishing you a safe and joyous time during the holidays.

Should you have any questions and/or comments about any of the articles above, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at 613-737-4337.