Wood Technology Society
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016

1. Board membership

One board member resignation; one new member.
Currently: 12 board members, excluding IOM3 representative;
9 observer members (not in regular attendance at board meetings)
1 board member also on the Younger Members Committee
Chairman retired in rotation; all executives moved up in rotation;
New chairman - John H Park FIMMM
All board and observer members are members of IOM3

2. Board meetings

21 Apr – IOM3 HQ – 9 board members; 1 Maney Publications
7 Sep – Stoke-on-Trent – 8 board members; 1 IOM3 representative
29 Nov – IOM3 HQ – 9 board members; 2 observer members (by invitation);
followed by Annual Review Meeting with an additional 2 observer members

3. Activities during 2016

3.1. Technical programme

Edinburgh Napier University Centre for Wood Science and Technology, 3
February, timber grading seminar in association with The Wood Technology
Society. Dan Ridley-Ellis FIMMM, board member

3.2. Web-site developments

- WTS web site now web-mastered and regularly updated by Andrew True
  FIMMM, immediate past-chairman of the WTS, with assistance from sister
  board member Morwenna Spear FIMMM.
- Wood Technology pages augmented and updated.
- ‘Wood Focus’ archive created including limited access to non-members.
- TTJ WTS ‘Talking Timber’ articles reproduced by kind permission of TTJ
- Links to ‘Jim and Spencer Explain’, short video clips developed by WTS
  with board member Jim Coulson FIMMM with his grandson.
- Link to IOM3 Wood Technology courses.

3.3. Engagement with technical community and/or local societies

Joint event in Widnes, 12 September – Wood Technology Society and the
North West Timber Trade Association together with the North West Packaging
and Materials Society. Keith Purcell FIMMM and board member; talks by Jim
Coulson and Morwenna Spear.
3.4. Contributions to IOM3 house journals

International Wood Products Journal
4 issues during 2016; 32 papers; two special editions:
- 8th European Conference on Wood Modification, Helsinki, 2015
- International Panel Products Symposium, Llandudno, 2015

WTS member Peter Wilson FIMMM – regular contributions to MW.
WTS member Jim Coulson is the regular MW crossword setter under the pseudonym ‘Anobium’ (woodworm for the uninitiated!).

3.5. Other

Following an ‘insight into The Wood Technology Society’ article published in January, starting in April WTS members have been producing articles published monthly in the TTJ (Timber Trades Journal) under the heading ‘Talking Timber’.

Article ‘A wooden future’ published in Pan European Networks Science and Technology December issue – The WTS was approached via IOM3 by a PEN journalist inspired to do so by the growing interest in the use of wood as the main structural component in ever-higher-rise buildings.

Schools Affiliate Scheme – ‘Wonderful Wood’ with links to ‘Jim and Spencer Explain’ and to ‘The Saw Doctor’ video clips by Gervais Sawyer FIMMM, IWPJ editor and WTS board member.

Wild Forest Products Fair, Glynllifon Park, May – one WTS board member and one observer member assisting.

Gervais Sawyer attended, as the WTS, 11 careers events in Harrogate (3), Brighton, Margate, Slough, Sunningdale, Maidstone, Broadstairs, Ascot and Bracknell.

One new ‘Talking Head’; two new ‘Jim and Spencer explain’ videos.

The Wood Technology Society now has a YouTube channel.

WTS Christmas ‘card’ and message e-mailed by IOM3 Comms to WTS membership.

4. Strategy and Objectives for 2017 and Beyond

4.1. Opportunities and constraints

Opportunities - the timber trade and wood reliant industries
Constraints - the timber trade and wood reliant industries!
- the lack of being able to know who our members are
4.2. Specific targets for 2017

- Attracting timber trade and wood reliant industries to IAS membership
- Liaising with British Woodworking Federation, Timber Trade Federation and UK Forest Products Association for communications via their memberships.
- Developing with IOM3 3 short courses in Wood Science & Technology application
- Ongoing web site development
- A short programme (4) of seminars in Scotland and England

4.3. Outline plans for the 4 years beyond 2017

- Growing IAS affiliate membership
- Increasing MIMMM level members
- Getting the IWPJ on the International Scientific Index
- Expanding wood and wood science education
- Developing schools outreach events
- Increasing uptake of TPP (Level 2) the certificate (Level 3) course
- Development of a Level 5 course

5. Other matters

Martin Ansell, FIMMM, WTS board member, received IOM3 Outstanding Contribution award.
Jim Coulson, FIMMM, WTS board member, gained CEnv status.
Dan Ridley-Ellis, FIMMM, WTS board member, and his team, received the Grown in Britain ‘Woodland Hero’ award.

Appendix: Technical Programme as of December 2016

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