Annual Report - 2013

1. Board Membership.
   a. Total main board members: 15 (8 also sit on other Committees/Boards within IOM3/Proskills. A further 3 have specific responsibilities concerning Wood Focus and Newsletter, International Wood Products Journal, and wood education matters)
   b. Observer Members: 6 (Not invited to meetings)
   c. The Chairman resigned at the end of his term
   d. Two new (younger) members have been appointed

2. Board Meetings.
   a. Four in the year.
   b. Three at 1 CHT, and one at Bangor University.
   c. March Meeting: 9 attendees, plus 6 IOM3 representatives
   d. July Meeting: 10 attendees
   e. September Meeting: 12 attendees, plus 2 IOM3 representatives
   f. December Meeting: 9 attendees plus 2 IOM3 representatives

3. Activities.
   a. Timber and Panel Products and Their Uses Course was revised and re-published into one volume, containing new visuals and diagrams excellently colour co-ordinated by IOM3 London staff.
   b. Two issues of Wood Focus published
   c. Draft newsletter prepared for launching in 2014 on a regular basis
   d. Four issues of International Wood Products Journal published:
      i. This was up from 2 issues in 2012.
      ii. 4 issues are scheduled for 2014.
      iii. Growth in subscribers from Asia/Sub-continent.
   e. Intensive school outreach programme:
      i. 8 events this year, encompassing over 2800 pupils, teachers and parents
      ii. Already planned for 2014, 3 events.
   f. Web site hit rate ranks WTS regularly in 3rd / 4th place (out of 42 groups) in IOM3 rankings.
      i. The Links and Industry Information pages have been populated
      ii. WTS Board Member profiles added to the site

4. Future. See attachment, which is the WTS “Mission Statement.”

5. Other Matters (of a more immediate nature).
   a. Would wish to secure funding for improved visuals for the schools outreach programme, and funding support for a 1 Carlton House Terrace main lobby display in 2015.
   b. Would like support in expanding the WTS Wood Focus circulation to include all IOM3 members/Divisions.
   c. Support for Timber 2014 (to be held in July 2014, at I Carlton House Terrace), namely a contra-deal reduction in the room rate.

AT: December 2013