

5th International Woodfibre Resources and Trade Conference: “Woodchips and biomass for global markets”

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“From the desk of Conference Co-organiser Bob Flynn

With just six months to go until the conference, people’s calendars are starting to fill as travel plans shape up and decisions have to be made on which conferences/trade shows are really worthwhile, given not just the expense but also the great time commitment involved. Which brings us to the bottom line --- why *should* you attend the 5th International Wood Fibre Resources and Trade Conference?

First, of course, is the terrific line-up of highly qualified, industry-experienced speakers who have accepted our invitation. We’ll be highlighting each of the speakers and topics in future newsletters, but would emphasise that our speakers are well chosen to address some of the key topics of interest this year, for example:

- The Japanese earthquake and tsunami have been the most important event impacting global wood fibre markets in 2011, and we are fortunate to again have **Mr. Kiyoshi Kamikawa**, Managing Director, Japan Paper Association, who was one of our most popular speakers from the 2010 meeting in Sao Paulo.
- The development of biomass markets in Europe has been of growing importance to wood fibre growers and export suppliers, but the timing of this development is critical --- so we were very pleased that **Mr. Marc Vitria** of E.On Energy Trading will be with us in Singapore to discuss biomass markets in Europe.
- The impact of the mountain pine beetle infestation in British Columbia is one of the most important supply-side issues in global timber markets, so we know everyone will want to attend our session with **Mr. Murray Hall**, co-author of what is widely considered the definitive report on the implications of the beetle attack for Canadian wood fibre supply and the US lumber market.

I could go on all day ---- the point is, our speakers are all industry experts, who will come ready to share information on these important topics from a business point of view.

But all the experts at our conferences are not on the program ---- our audience participants are all involved directly, in one way or the other, with growing wood fibre and/or marketing, transportation, or consumption of woodchips and biomass. We are more focused than ever to make sure that our conference schedules plenty of networking time, and facilitates communication between delegates. Our dinner outing to The Marina Bay Sands should be a highlight of the meeting; we are allowing plenty of time between sessions and at lunch for discussions; we will try to provide other venues including golf, optional tours in Singapore, and of course our field trip to Cambodia, where delegates can get to know each other better. **Early bookings for the Field Trip will close on 27 May 2011.**

Please plan to join us in Singapore in early November, mark your calendars NOW! Click [REGISTER](#) to proceed

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**Program, speakers, tours and field trip details plus the online Registration/
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