

6th International Woodfibre Resources & Trade Conference

“ Woodchips & Biomass for Global & Regional Markets ”

**Sunday 7 - Wednesday 10 April 2013
Istanbul, Turkey**

Please mark these dates on your calendar!

This meeting will be the sixth in a very popular series which began in Montevideo, Uruguay in 2005; then Melbourne, Australia in 2007; Singapore in 2008; Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2010 and Singapore in 2011 (where there were 231 delegates from 35 countries) . Each meeting has had an associated field trip. The 2013 meeting will have two optional field trips, plus an optional pre-conference trip to Gallipoli.

In addition to the normal opportunities to become updated on the set of industries associated with pulpwood plantation crops and the international woodchip and biomass trade, as well as the excellent networking opportunities; delegates will have the opportunity to:

- Understand the trends in the huge Turkish wood panel industry, including increasing vertical integration by major players to owning/leasing their own woodchip carriers and owning their own export and import ports; to industrial wood panel production and domestic and export product marketing. This trend should be very interesting and informative for the rapidly growing Chinese pulp and wood panel industry.
- Understand and experience first-hand Turkey as the largest importer of woodchips in the Atlantic Region.
- A unique opportunity to visit the new but fast growing very short rotation dedicated Biomass plantation industry, now attracting timberland institutional investors.
- An opportunity to sample the sights, sounds, and food of Istanbul, an historic but also ultra modern city of 13 million people – the gateway between Asia and Europe.

This will be the first time the Conference will be held in the Northern Hemisphere, and the first time the Conference has taken place in a woodfibre importing country. While the Conference as always will still focus on the import trends in north Asia and the outlook for chip supply to the Pacific markets, a larger number of European-based delegates are anticipated to attend. Field trips to wood based panel operations and a woodchip import port, and to short rotation tree energy crops will complement earlier field trips to largely pulpwood-based plantations, and woodchip export facilities.

Who should attend?

Tree plantation resource owners; woodfibre exporters; port owners; trading companies; shipping companies; woodchip & timber harvesting equipment manufacturers; pulp & wood-based panel manufacturers; wood-based panel producers; forestry; pulp/paper; panel product; biomass; bioenergy and shipping consultants; timberland investors (including timberland investment management companies, pension & endowment funds and high net wealth investors and banks & other financial institutions).



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Optional visit to Gallipoli: Friday 5 - Sunday 7 April, 2013

An optional proposed pre-conference tour, of the famous WWI battle grounds of Gallipoli where the Turkish army and armies from Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and France clashed for several months in 1915 - 1916, in one of the bloodiest campaigns of that war. Delegates to make their way to Istanbul for pickup on Friday to transfer to Canakkale - Gallipoli. Visit ANZAC sites and the Kabatepe Museum and return on Sunday.

Proposed Conference Program

Monday 8 April, 2013 (Optional Pre Conference field trip)

A field visit to the world's largest single site MDF production complex and the woodchip import port, both owned by Yildiz Entegre A.S.

Tuesday 9 & Wednesday 10 April, 2013 (Conference)

Two days of conference presentations covering a wide range of global and regional trends in woodchip and woody biomass resources and international trade. The program will include four keynote presentations on:

- The growth and outlook for international pulp production and demand
- The growth and outlook for international wood based panel production and demand
- The growth and outlook in bulk sea transportation of pulplogs, woodchips for pulp and wood panels, and biomass woodchips and panels
- The growing role of short rotation energy tree plantation crops in Europe, North America, Latin America and Africa

In addition, there will be a panel discussion which has proven to be very popular at past events, introducing a series of companies which are either initiating new woodchip/biomass supply operations or new woodchip/biomass consuming facilities.

Presentation topics and speakers are being finalised and will be posted over the next several months, but see the Conference website below for the details of previous conference sessions and speakers.

Thursday 11 & Friday 12 April, 2013 (Optional Post Conference field trip)

A 1 ½ day field trip to Western Hungary (via a short flight from Istanbul to Vienna, Austria) to visit RMK Timberlands dedicated biomass plantation project.

Optional Pre-Conference Field trip - Monday 8 April, 2013



Yildiz Entegre A.S.

A field visit to the world's largest single site MDF production complex (500,000 sq. metres, producing 3,500 m³ of MDF per day) , plus a visit to their woodchip import port.

Yildiz imports pulplugs from several European countries and imports woodchips from the USA, Brazil ,Venezuela and Canada, and exports wood panels to several markets.



Optional Post Conference Field Trip - Thursday 11 & Friday 12 April, 2013

RMK Timberlands - Western Hungary

A 1 ½ day field trip to see dedicated biomass plantation operations in Western Hungary (via a short flight from Istanbul to Vienna, Austria).

This trip will visit a 3-year rotation hybrid poplar plantations owned by RMK, a US-based Timber Investment Management Organization, and will include planting, harvesting and chipping operations, as well as a visit to a biomass power plant using this woodfibre for energy.

The tour will conclude in Vienna Friday night. Delegates can plan to fly to their home destination that evening or the Saturday morning.



Accommodation & Partner Tours & Sponsorship Opportunities

Details regarding the Conference venue, accommodation and partner tours will be available shortly.

The Sponsorship Proposal will be available from the Conference web site.

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