



Dear Members,

IRG42 – QUEENSTOWN NEW ZEALAND International Research Group on Wood Preservation

During early May, I attended this years' IRG conference in Queenstown, New Zealand. The conference was very insightful and most importantly I had the opportunity to meet and talk with many international industry experts on wood preservation. Close to 100 scientific and research papers were presented in two parallel sessions over three and a half days. Of those that I attended I found the following interesting:

- IRG/WP 11-20474 – Sample Origin Influencing the Leachability of Wood Preservatives
- IRG/WP 11-20475 – A comparative study and evaluation of methodologies used for determining wood preservative penetration
- IRG/WP 11-20476 – A Method for Studying Boron Redistribution and Leaching in Timber Framing
- IRG/WP 11-30564 – Standardized Field Trails with Micronized Copper
- IRG/WP 11-30580 – Performance of Creosote/Chlorothalonil Preservatives
- IRG/WP 11-30555 – LOSP for glulam, when should the treatment be applied?
- IRG/WP 11-30556 – Influence of wood swelling agents on penetration and copper leaching of Copper-ethanolamine based wood preservatives
- IRG/WP 11-30557 – Ten Year Field Tests of Borate-Treated Wood against Subterranean Termites
- IRG/WP 11-30558 – Phytosanitary standards and the potential for acceptance of chemical treatments as a phytosanitary measure
- IRG/WP 11-30561 – Novel Approaches to the Development and Testing of Anti After-glow Additives for CCA-based Treatments of Poles
- IRG/WP 11-30563 – Fixed Borates Anyone?
- IRG/WP 11-30570 – Termite resistance of timber envelope treated with Imidacloprid then modified by typical building site operations
- IRG/WP 11-30573 – The case for using borates in termite control in tropical Australia
- IRG/WP 11-30577 – Design, synthesis, characterisation and effectiveness of 'Locked-in-Boron' chemicals for H3.2 level of wood protection
- IRG/WP 11-40541 – The Effectiveness of Machined Profiles at Reducing the Checking of Wooden Decking
- IRG/WP 11-40556 – Ambient-temperature borate dip-diffusion treatment of green railroad cross ties
- IRG/WP 11-40573 – TRU-CORE Process for Treatment of Refractory Species and Engineered Wood Products
- IRG/WP 11-50278 – Characterizing long term behaviour of copper from preservative treated wood in practical exposure scenario
- IRG/WP 11-50279 – Remediation of Pentachlorophenol (PCP) in Biodiesel versus Diesel Carriers
- IRG/WP 11-50280 – Copper Migration for Micronized Copper Preservative Treated Wood in soil contact: Effect of Soil pH
- IRG/WP 11-50282 – Life Cycle Assessment Comparisons of Treated Wood to Alternate Materials – Overview, Results and Lessons

Please contact Sue should you wish to obtain any of the presentations above or a copy of the IRG42 compendium CD containing all the papers presented.

SEMINAR 21st of June

PRESERVATIVE TREATED TIMBER AND THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

An information workshop is being planned for 21st of June in collaboration between Mintroad Sawmills and SAWPA, at Browsers Garden and Home Centre, cnr Heidelberg Rd and Elandsfontein Drive, Newmarket Park, Alberton. The seminar is aimed at managers and sales personnel at retail outlets. The program seminar will include the following:

- Part 1: Introduction to the basics of treated timber, why and how we treat timber, national standards and regulations.
- Part 2: Information session on the correct product use, e.g. H classes, cut ends etc, and safety handling information which needs to be passed on to the consumers and end users.
- Part 3 - A talk by Mr Janusz Luterek (Pr.Eng) from Hahn and Hahn Attorney's, who will be talking on the Consumer Protection Act, its legal implications etc.
- Part 4 – “Case study scenarios” – Who is liable?
- Part 5 - An open question and answer session where attendees can post specific questions and concerns to the speakers and other experts present.

Due to limited space available all members who may be interested to attend must please RSVP at info@mintroad.co.za or presentations@mintroad.co.za or directly with Karien at 011 864 2894.

NEW INFORMATION PAMPHLET FOR HANDOUT

During the past few months, we issued all our members with A1 posters entitled “What you need to know when buying preservative treated timber.” We have now also designed an A4 pamphlet with more or less the same information on for all our members to use as hand-outs (see attached pdf version). We have had copies of the pamphlet printed on a glossy paper for initial distribution to our members. Should you require some of these printed copies for hand-outs please notify Sue, who will then post them on to you. The pamphlet will also be available as a download from our website within the next few weeks for future use by members.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SANS STANDARDS

Following the SABS TC 218 meetings and subsequent Working groups numerous amendments will soon be circulated for comments and voting by the Technical committee for approval and inclusion to the standards applicable. SAWPA will endeavour to circulate all these proposed amendments to our members as and when they are made available. The proposed changes is aimed at bettering our standards and our industry and it is therefore very important that you are aware of the proposals, and should you wish to comment (with reasons and motivations) on any proposed change please make sure that you do so to SAWPA A.S.A.P. Members who are interested in becoming a voting member of the TC 218 can contact Anna Maepa at the SABS at 012 428 7073 or maepama@sabs.co.za

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- Hits to the SAWPA website during April totalled 8700.

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