

Society News

WOOD IRELAND

Following on the very successful two-day FORESTRY '88 Show held at Emo Forest last September, which was attended by 7,000 people, the Society of Irish Foresters has decided to organise an indoor exhibition of Irish wood and wood products. The exhibition, called WOOD IRELAND, will be held on the 29th and 30th of September 1989 at the Sports Centre of UCD in Dublin.

WOOD IRELAND is the first venture of its kind in this country. The aim of the exhibition will be to promote the use of Irish wood and to demonstrate it's properties and potential, for as wide an array of end-uses as possible. To achieve this, every organisation and firm involved in wood production, processing

and promotion will be encouraged to participate.

An extensive publicity campaign will be undertaken to promote the show. While it is intended that the general public will be encouraged to visit the show, a specific effort will be made to attract architects, builders, designers, engineers and furniture manufacturers. Retailers involved in the whole range of wood products from D.I.Y to crafts will also be targeted. The Department of Education will be asked to co-ordinate the involvement of schools.

I would be grateful if you, as a member of the Society, would let the trade and the public in your own area know about the exhibition.

John McLoughlin, PRO.

COUNCIL REPORT 1988

Symposium

"Planting Stock for Tomorrows Forests" was the theme of the Symposium held at Carysfort College on 8th April, which was attended by 148 members. Six papers were presented on the subject and published in Irish Forestry Vol. 45 (2).

Annual Study Tour

The annual study tour was based around the Thurles area from the 23rd-27th May and a full account of which is in Irish Forestry Vol. 45 (2).

Day Meetings

A one-day meeting to J.F.K. Park

planned for October was cancelled as a mark of respect to Mr. T. Rea, Assistant Secretary, Forest Service.

Public Meetings

Two public meetings were organised by the Society during 1988. The first meeting was entitled "Forestry and the Environment" was held on Friday 18th March in UCD. The speakers were Mr. J. Phillips, Director of Conservation Service, Northern Ireland and Professor F. Convery, Heritage Trust Professor of Environmental Studies, U.C.D.

The second public meeting was entitled "Tropical Forestry - Why Both-

er?" and was addressed by Mr. Chuck Lankester, Chief Forestry Officer of the United Nations and Mr. F. Mulloy, Senior Inspector, Forest Service, Department of Energy.

National Forestry Show

The Society in conjunction with the Irish Timbermen's Association hosted the first National Forestry Show, FORESTRY '88, which was held on the 9th and 10th September in Emo Forest. A full report on the show is documented in Irish Forestry Vol. 45 (2).

The Society wishes to thank those who presented papers at the Symposium, all those who helped in organising the field days. Thanks are also due to the Forest Service, Dublin, the Forest Service, Belfast and University College Dublin for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at UCD on 7th April. The Minutes were published in Irish Forestry Vol. 45 (1).

Regional Conveners

Two Regional Conveners, Mr. J. Dillon and Mr. W. Murphy, were appointed by the Council to organise Public meetings/events in their areas.

Publications

Irish Forestry Vol. 45 was published. The Why Forests? leaflet was updated and reprinted.

Public Relations Officer

A new post of Public Relations Officer was created following the AGM. Dr. J. Gardiner was co-opted as PRO for 1988.

Examinations

Three candidates successfully completed the Forester's Certificate Examinations.

Educational Award Fund

The winner of the current year's prize is Mr. John Moorehead from Bangor, Co. Down (UCD recipient).

Elections

The post of Vice-President along with three posts of Technical Councillor and one of Associate Councillor were filled by election. The successful candidates, subject to the approval at the next AGM, are Vice-President – E. P. Farrell; Technical – J. Fennessy, E. Hendrick, and R. Whelan; Associate – A. J. van der Wel. as there was only one candidate for each of the other posts they were filled without election. The total valid poll was 197.

Membership

Number of members on 31st December 1988:

<i>Technical</i>	<i>Associate</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Total</i>
516	135	24	675

New Members elected in 1988:

6	10	7	23
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Attendance at Council Meetings

Six meetings have been held during the year. Attendance was as follows:

J. Prior, K. Collins, P. Breathnach, D. Magner, G. Murphy	6 meetings
J. Fennessy, E. Hendrick, B. Wright, J. Neilan	5 meetings
R. Whelan, L. Furlong, J. O'Dowd, A. van der Wel	4 meetings
P. McCusker	3 meetings
J. Gardiner	2 meetings

*Signed: K. Collins,
Hon. Secretary.*

March 1989.

**MINUTES OF THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 28th APRIL, 1989
JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK, CO. WEXFORD**

The outgoing President Mr. J. Prior took the Chair.

Attendance

J. O'Driscoll, A. Pfeifer, E. Hendrick, K. J. Hutchinson, L. Furlong, J. Neilan, B. Dean, N. Ó Muirghéasa, F. Mulloy, M. Bulfin, J. Durand, G. Patterson, B. Dagg, T. Prucell, C. Fahy, D. Fitzpatrick, T. Hunt, P. Kelleher, C. Kelly, R. Clear, G. Fee, D. Magner, M. Aylward, R. Jack, P. Dodd, D. Ward, A. Coffey, M. Keane, J. Killbride, B. Wright, B. Lacey, J. McLoughlin, R. Sweetman, M. O'Malley, G. Murphy and K. Collins.

Apologies

M. O'Brien.

Secretary's Business

The minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting, having already been circulated to members were agreed and signed. Proposed by B. Lacey and seconded by J. O'Driscoll.

Council Report 1988

The report having been circulated to members was taken as read. Proposed by D. Magner and seconded by J. McLoughlin.

Abstract of Accounts

G. Murphy, the outgoing Treasurer, presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1988. The balance to credit is down on the 1987 figure of increased journal cost and secretarial expenses. Proposed by M. Keane and seconded by J. Neilan.

Confirmation of Elections

The meeting confirmed the 1989 Council Elections as follows: President, B. Wright; Vice-President, E. P. Farrell; Hon. Secretary, K. Collins; Treasurer, K. Hutchinson; Editor, A. Pfeifer; Business Editor, G. Murphy; PRO, J. McLoughlin; Auditor, W. H. Jack; Northern Ireland Group Rep., F. Topping; Technical Councillors, J. Fennesy, E. Hendrick, R. Whelan; Associate Councillor, A. J. van der Wel. Proposed by D. Ward and seconded by P. Dodd.

At this point the new President, Mr. B. Wright took the Chair.

Motion Proposed by Council

"That the annual subscription for Technical and Associate membership be increased from £15 to £25 and Student membership from £5 to £10; the new subscription rate to come into effect from the 1st of January, 1990."

The discussion on this motion centred on whether there should be separate Associate and Technical subscription rates since some Technical members may gain tax relief on the subscription. This suggestion was dropped when it was pointed out that none of the Coillte or Forest Service members received tax relief. Concern was also expressed in the large increase in the Student rate but it was pointed out that the £10 rate does not even cover the cost of the two journals issued. The motion was carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

The current position on the Forester's Certificate was raised. It was stated that the certificates were being printed and will be circulated.

F. Mulloy stressed the need to issue certificates to Coillte's foresters before the EC reciprocal recognition of qualifications in 1992.

Messrs F. Mulloy, M. Bulfin and J. Durand strongly suggested that the Society be affiliated to The Tree Council

of Ireland due to its capacity to generate publicity. This matter will be discussed at Council level.

There was a request from the Meetings Committee for suggestions for Symposia and Day tours.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Society in 1992 J. Durand suggested that An Post issue a special stamp. A tour to the west coast of North America was also suggested.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m.