

Society News

WOOD IRELAND

The first national exhibition of wood products and design – WOOD IRELAND – was held on the 29th and 30th September 1989 at the Sports Complex, Belfield, University College, Dublin. The event was conceived, organised and run by the Society. The objective was to promote the use of Irish wood and wood products among the timber trade and the general public. Mr. Michael Smith T.D., Minister of State for Science and Technology officially opened the event

on the morning of the the 29th. Thirty-four exhibitors took part, representing all sectors of the wood using and crafts industries:

Suppliers

Coillte Teoranta
Northern Ireland Forest Service

Sawmills

Glennon Bros.
Richardsons
Woodfab



Photographed on the Irish Timber Council Stand at the Wood Ireland Exhibition were (from left): Eugene Hendrick, Chairman of Wood Ireland; Paul Joyce, Wicklow Woods; Michael Smith, TD, Minister for Energy; Bill Wright, President of the Society of Irish Foresters and William Decon, Decon Sawmills.



An Taoiseach, Charles Haughey, TD, (left) shares a joke with Cathy Carman, Eugene Hendrick and John McLoughlin on the stand of the Sculptors Society of Ireland at the Wood Ireland Exhibition.

Furniture Makers

Grants Quality Furniture
Hans Leptien
Larry Egar
Irish Oak Crafts
Finest Crafts
Wood-Mann
Lorette Brown
College of Marketing and Design
Thomand College

Processors

Meditate Corporation
Kinbark
Abwood
TDS Teo.
Wicklow Woods
Duffy's Garden Furniture
Kelly's Garden Sheds

Educational & Advisory

Eolas
Irish Timber Council
Forest Service, Dept. of Energy

Arts & Crafts

Peter Sweetman
Knut Klemmek
Irish Wood Turners Guild
Sculptors Society of Ireland
Paddy O'Neill boat builder

Wood preservation

Hicksons
Protim
Sadolins

Wood working machinery

Eoin McGinn
I.W. Woodward

Over 6,000 people attended the event during the two days, with a particularly large attendance on Saturday afternoon. This was also the occasion of a visit by An Taoiseach Mr. Charles Haughey T.D. The Society marked the visit by presenting a copy of *The Forests of Ireland* to An Taoiseach.

As well as the trade and other stands, a series of lectures was given each day on various aspects of wood identification and treatment. Videos on woodworking crafts and timber treatment and storage were shown throughout the show. The WOOD IRELAND committee wish to thank those who gave talks, those who acted as chairmen and David Shaw-Smith for access to a number of videos from the 'Hands' series. Outside the Sports Complex the replica viking war-

ship 'Dyflin' was an extremely popular exhibit. Moving the 70 feet long vessel from its berth in Dublin port to Belfield presented many problems, including the overhead cables of the DART railway line which had to be temporarily cut. WOOD IRELAND wish to thank Mr. Enda Connellan of the Dublin Port and Docks Board and the ESB for their help in setting-up the exhibit.

Media coverage of WOOD IRELAND was extensive including the main evening news bulletin on RTE. Publicity for the show was greatly facilitated by the high quality brochure put together by Donal Magner of WOOD IRELAND. This included a number of articles on the forestry and wood industries as well as a very useful directory of advertisers, exhibitors and sponsors. Dr. Jack Gardiner was responsible for the staging of the exhibition and indeed for the original WOOD IRELAND concept.

The WOOD IRELAND committee are now taking a well deserved break but plan to return with a bigger and better show in 1991. Committee: Eugene Hendrick (Chairman), Kevin Collins (Secretary), Jim Neilan (Treasurer), Gordon Knaggs, Donal Magner (Editor), John McLoughlin (P.R.O.), Dr. Jack Gardiner, John Gilliland, Tim O'Reagan and Brendan Fitzsimons.

Eugene Hendrick and John McLoughlin

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 1990

2nd March

Field day at Castlederg and Barnesmore forests. Topics: Nursery and Harvesting operations.

5th April

Annual General Meeting. Evening UCD, Belfield, Dublin.

6th April

Annual Symposium at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Topic: Harvesting technology in the 1990s.

22nd April

Forest Walks on Earth Day. Held in conjunction with Coillte Teo. at selected forest centres around the country.

14th-18th May

Annual Study Tour based in Dumfries, Scotland. Topics: General forest operations.

September

Field Day - venue to be decided.

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM 1989

The Society's annual symposium titled 'Forest Produce – Raw Material for Industry' was held on Friday 7th April 1989 at Carysfort College, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

The symposium was opened by the Minister of State for Forestry, Mr. Liam Aylward, T.D., and six invited speakers presented papers:

Mr. Michael O'Brien,
Coillte Teo., Dublin.
– Future Wood Supply.

Mr. Martin Joyce,
Woodfab, Fermoy.
– Sawmilling present and future.

Mr. Con Little,
Medite of Europe, Clonmel.
– The pulpwood industry in Ireland.

Mr. William Dick,
du Quesne Ltd., Dublin.
– Home grown timber for joinery.

Dr. Richard McCarthy,
Coillte Teo., Bray.
– Forest residues – a resource for exploitation?

Mr. Jørgen Schønau,
Korinth College, Faarborg, Denmark.
– Foliage and Christmas tree production and use.



(From left) Michael O'Brien, Martin Joyce, Bill Wright and Con Little at the 1989 annual symposium.