

**International Research Group on
Wood Protection (IRG WP)
IRG 46 conference in Chile**

- I intend to submit an abstract
(oral or poster presentation)
- I am not a regular attendee of IRG
conferences

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Venue

The conference will be held at the Enjoy chain Hotel del Mar, which boasts an attractive circular architecture, with a beautiful view of the ocean from the restaurants, some meeting rooms and bedrooms. Fifty rooms have been reserved at this hotel for attendants. The rate is CLP 119,000 (approx. 215 USD). Additionally some hotels that are located at 20 minute walking distance are recommended on the website.

Simultaneous translation to Spanish will be provided during the conference.



The location of the hotel is some 20 minutes by taxi from downtown Valparaíso, World Heritage Site.



1st ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS



**IRG-WP
Annual Conference**

May 10th-14th 2015

**at
Hotel del Mar
in
Viña del Mar
Chile**



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We are pleased to announce

The IRG-WP Annual Conference scheduled May 10-14, 2015 at the Hotel del Mar in Viña del Mar, Chile. It is going to be a great venue and a fabulous meeting, so please start planning now to join us!

The International Research Group on Wood Protection (IRGWP) is the leading global organization for the dissemination of scientific information on wood protection products.

Conference registration

Registration for the Conference can be done either through the link to the online registration form IRG46 or downloading, completing and submitting the form to the Secretary of the IRG (irg@sp.se, fax +46 8 10 80 81), together with the fee no later than April 15th, 2015.

Please be aware of the following deadlines:

Full paper submissions are due to Jöran Jermer irg@sp.se or joran.jermer@sp.se by the 1st of March 2015.

Durability data in papers can be directly uploaded into the IRG-WP Durability Data base.

More info:

Detailed info on location, travel, accommodation related to IRG46 is available from the website: www.irg46.com/

Please visit for general info our IRG website at www.irg-wp.com. You may also friend/like the IRG-WP Facebook page or join our group on LinkedIn.

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Topics - call for papers

This IRG46 conference Chile is trying to reach out beyond the research and industry community attending on a regular yearly basis. Especially young scientist are invited to participate. Below an outline is given on the objectives of each of the Sections (the Working Parties are added at the end) and a Word cloud is added with some relevant keywords. Especially broadening the scope beyond traditional wood preservations is envisaged but this topic anyhow remains very relevant.

Section 1: Biology

Research on natural durability and all aspects of biodegradation that affect wood performance. This includes the ecology and physiology of decay, mould and sapstain fungi, marine borers, and termites and other insects. WP's: Soft rot, bacteria, bluestain and moulds / Basidiomycetes / Insect biology and testing / Natural durability / Marine / Cultural Artefact Protection

Section 2: Test Methodology and Assessment

Study of test methods and analytical methods relating to physical, chemical and biological means of protecting wood from biodeterioration and weathering. It also covers harmonisation of international standards. Special emphasis is given to service life prediction of wood applied in different commodities. WP's: Prediction of service life / Microbial test methodology / Chemical/physical analysis / International Standardisation

Section 3: Wood Protecting Chemicals

Research to improve the understanding of the interactions of chemical wood protection systems, both existing and under development, with wood or wood-based materials with particular emphasis on performance evaluation against fungi, bacteria and insects. WP's: Inorganic preservatives / Organic preservatives / Performance - lab & field tests

Section 4: Processes and Properties

Research into processes for the preservative treatment and/or the modification of wood and wood composites and their resultant properties, remedial and repair treatments, and techniques for applying chemicals to the surface of wood. WP's: Chemical wood modification / Wood composites, WPCs and Engineered wood products / Treating processes & treatability of timber / Coatings, hydrophobic treatments and surface aspects / Thermal wood modification

Section 5: Sustainability and Environment

Research into all aspects of the sustainability and of wider environmental matters of wood protection. A strong focus on improving the life cycle credentials of wood in use.



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