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The Executive Board of InnovaWood during the General Assembly



President Mariano Perez Campos and Guido Hora discussing about the posters

**INNOVAWOOD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND WORKSHOPS**
**Fraunhofer-Institute of Wood
Research - WKI, Braunschweig,
Germany.**
28 – 29 January 2008

About 50 participants from 9 different countries attended the meeting of InnovaWood General Assembly and workshops, held in Braunschweig. They were hosted by the Fraunhofer WKI from 28 – 29 January 2008. Fraunhofer WKI is one of the members of the InnovaWood network (**Wood Initiative**). InnovaWood aims to serve as a gateway to disseminate technical information and services for the forestry-wood chain (FWC) sector. It provides access to **training, information** and a mechanism for the management, implementation and dissemination of information from **research and training projects**.

The two-day meeting offered workshops that focussed on education, knowledge transfer issues and in particular the opportunities of the forest based sector in FP7. It also provided opportunities for the InnovaWood members to discuss the future strategy of the network and participation in common research and development projects.

An Activity Report of 2007 presented by Dennis McGowan, Secretary of InnovaWood, showed amongst others an overview of services to members, project update, new project proposals as well as a financial summary for the years 2005 – 2009. InnovaWood continued to have a strong involvement with The Forest based Technology Platform 2007, and a joint workshop was organised at the Ligna fair in Hanover as part of the FTP programme <http://www.forestplatform.org/>.

The outlook for 2008 included allocation of services to members, participation in a small number of new projects and new strategic efforts to strengthen the network.

Some of the participants took the opportunity to visit labs and facilities of the Fraunhofer WKI guided by Anke Schirp and Peter



Get-Together ‚Mutter-Habenicht‘

Meinlschmidt. Posters revealing results of projects of Innovawood members were presented as success stories were exhibited and discussed during the breaks.

In parallel, meetings of different European projects took place in which InnovaWood and some of their members were involved.

The President of InnovaWood, Mariano Perez Campos, praised the good organization of the General Assembly event in the Fraunhofer WKI and the informal get-together in the Restaurant Mutter-Habenicht on 27 January 2008 and the following evening in the Gewandhauskeller in the centre of Braunschweig.