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## OAK 2006 International Conference at Stevens Point on September 24-27

By Bob Rogers

The OAK 2006 International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) Conference: **ADVANCES IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF OAK SILVICULTURE AND GENETICS** will be held at Stevens Point, Wisconsin on September 24-27, 2006.

This conference is a joint meeting of two IUFRO Working Groups, 1.06.00 Improvement and Silviculture of Oaks and 2.08.05 Genetics of *Quercus*. All scientists and managers who have an interest in oak are welcome. In addition to IUFRO, The College of Natural Resources at University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Wisconsin Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Stora Enso, and the North Central Forest Experiment Station of the USDA Forest Service are sponsoring this event.

The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Stephen Shifley, Research Forester with the Forest Service, and co-author of the Ecology and Silviculture of Oaks published by CABI in 2002. His talk is entitled "Sustainable Management Of Oak (And Other) Forests: Seven Simple Concepts."

Other presentations will be given by Joe Kovach, Ron Jones, Jane Cummings Carlson, Jennifer Juzwik, Brian Lockhart, Kim Steiner, Johann Bruhn and Heinrich Spiecker. Conference presenters come not only from throughout the U.S., but also from many countries such as Canada, Ireland, Spain, Germany, Italy, Iran, Croatia, Austria, Poland, Azerbaijan and Japan.

The conference begins with an ice breaker Sunday evening, September 24 at the conference hotel, the Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Stevens Point and ends Wednesday, September 17 at noon. An optional field trip (extra cost) follows. There is still room on the pre-conference tour, Sept. 21-23. Wisconsin SAF members can register for the conference up to September 15 for \$250. We need a few volunteers to help with logistics at the time of the conference in return for a reduced conference fee of \$210. Additional information can be found at the conference website:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/forestry/oak2006>

E-mail other queries to oak2006@uwsp.edu

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# WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

## By Gary Vander Wyst

No formal letter this edition, but just some thoughts and notes since the last letter from the Chair.

I encourage you to attend the upcoming IUFRO Oak 2006 Conference that will also serve as the WI-SAF Fall Conference during September 24-27, 2006. There are pre- and post-conference field tours of interest.

Contact John DuPlissis at 715-346-4128 for details.

Congratulations to Ray Amiel (Monroe, WI) for being not only the WI-SAF Field Forester of the Year but also the SAF District V (MI, WI, MN, IA) Field Forester for 2006. Ray will be presented his awards at the National SAF Conference in Pittsburg. He is in the running for the National Field Forester of 2006 Award.

I wish to thank the WI-SAF Mid-Wisconsin Chapter for an informative and enlightening conference on Ash Management/Emerald Ash Borer. Special note of appreciation to Bob Peterson, Bob Fischer, Greg Edge and Steve Edge for their extensive efforts in planning, preparing and coordinating the two day session. Steve Edge conducted a conference survey and an "end-of-conference" assessment. For chapters planning an upcoming conference, it would be helpful to reference Steve's work and avoid pit-falls while providing planning guidance.

Some items of interest that you may want to place on your calendar of events:

### **"Advances in Principles and Practices of Oak Silviculture and Genetics"**

September 24-27, 2006

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point  
Co-hosted with the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)  
<http://www.uwsp.edu/forestry/oak2006/>



*Chair Gary Vander Wyst*

### **Our Woods: Wild and Working**

National SAF Conference  
October 25-29, 2006  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
<http://www.safnet.org/natcon-06/index.cfm>

### **Soil Compaction and Forest Productivity**

March 6-8, 2007  
Stoney Creek Inn, Mosinee  
Hosted by the  
Northeast Wisconsin SAF Chapter

### **Tree Farm National Conference**

Oct. 11-14, 2007  
Madison, WI

### **Wisconsin SAF Training Conference**

October 15-17, 2007  
Telemark Resort at Cable  
Hosted by the  
Chippewa SAF Chapter

### **No Child Left Inside**

2007 Midwest Environmental Education Conference  
October 18-20, 2007  
Country Springs Hotel and Convention Center  
Stevens Point, WI  
<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/waee/Events/fall07.htm>  
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# WORDS FROM OUR COUNCIL REP

## By Bernie Hubbard CF District 5 Council Representative

Following are highlights from the June 2-3 National SAF Council meeting.

### *Come one, come all to the national convention!*

SAF's 86<sup>th</sup> annual national convention will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 25 – 29. Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Mathai will be the keynote speaker. She won this Nobel Peace Prize for her work in organizing women to plant trees in Africa and has much to offer us in terms of community forestry issues in developing countries as well as how important trees are to the health, peace and well being of people.

### *Roots of Forestry*

The Roots of Forestry provides internet access to over 100 years of the Journal of Forestry and every copy of the forest science periodicals. Access is as easy as logging onto the SAF website, [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org), clicking on the Roots of Forestry link and following the instructions for a free online subscription.

It should be a great tool for research and reading some of the early journals noting how close the natural resource management issues were to the issues we are dealing with today.

### *Membership*

Our Society needs your help in retention of members - especially those 20 to 29 years old. This is the age group that is most likely to not renew membership. I am serving on a council committee addressing this issue and would appreciate any insights you may have.

### *Fellows Process*

We just completed the first year of the new Fellows process and council will be evaluating the process this year. We only had two members nominated from the

District and Council will be voting on the nominations at the October meeting in Pittsburgh. Again if you have any thoughts please pass them on to me.

### *Certification Review Board*

The CRB made a presentation on the committees progress at the June Council meeting. Council asked the CRB to further review the Continuing Forest Education (CFE) process and the Certified Forester (CF) process and make recommendations at the Council meeting in October. There is a need to examine the process because of its importance to the CF process and licensing and Forester registration in some states. Several states are looking at the SAF CF as the tool to register and/or license Foresters.

As I approach the end of my second year on Council I am truly impressed with the quality of SAF members and your dedication to the profession. Your volunteer time and involvement is very important to fellow members and yourself. Please look for opportunities to share the value of SAF with your colleagues and friends.

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## Fox Valley Chapter Report

By Curt Wilson, Chapter Chair

On July 11, the Fox Valley Chapter held a joint meeting with the Southeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association, with an attendance of 78 people. This is the second year in a row that a joint meeting has been held with an emphasis on forest health.

The meeting took place at the DNR habitat station near Wild Rose. After separate business meetings the group came together to hear a presentation on the new oak wilt guidelines by DNR Forest Health Specialists Jane Cummings-Carlson and Kyoko Scanlon. A field tour followed where foresters and loggers were asked to assess the risk of oak wilt in oak stands using the new guidelines. A silvicultural discussion, lead by DNR Forestry Team Leader Buzz Vahradian, focused on management prescriptions for regenerating over-mature oak growing on poor sites.

After a great lunch provided by International Papers, the group listened to a presentation by Steve Fifer, DNR Fish Hatchery Manager at the Wild Rose Hatchery about plans to build a new trout rearing station at Wild Rose, replacing an outdated hatchery.

Forest Health Specialists Linda Williams and Kyoko Scanlon provided a classroom presentation on Red Pine Pocket mortality and Annosum Root Rot. Back in the field, the group observed the diseases in nearby pine plantations and discussed silvicultural treatments to reduce the spread of these pathogens.

Many positive comments from foresters and loggers suggests these cross training sessions should be continued in the future.

## Communications Committee

By Jim Kerkman, Communications Chair

The Communications Committee will receive an \$800 Forester's Fund Grant for advertising space in the Wausau Daily Herald's forestry supplement. This amount will pay for a ½ page ad that will reach about 31,500 households in the north central area of Wisconsin where both logging and forest recreation are important to the local economy. We will also submit an article about the society to explain our history, goals and mission. The supplement, distributed in late October, is funded by over twenty other organizations and corporations involved with forestry.

The forestry supplement does an important job of informing the public that forest management (including tree harvesting) is compatible with forest recreation, vital to the area economy, and benefits the overall forest health of the area. Everyone who lives, visits, works or recreates in the north central Wisconsin forest is the target audience. This part of Wisconsin has a large amount of second homes and is experiencing rapid population growth. There are many new residents and visitors who are unaware of the benefits from forest management. The information may help lessen the amount of controversy or confrontation involved with tree harvesting or other forestry projects in the area. Extra copies of the supplement can be distributed at SAF events or used by members giving public presentations until the supply is exhausted.

WISAF has been a sponsor since 2001 and has been using the ads to let the readers know that foresters are professionals and SAF serves to promote and advance the art and science of forest management. Our previous ads can be viewed on [www.wisaf.org](http://www.wisaf.org). If you have any ideas for future ads, please call Jim Kerkman at 608-388-2102.

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## Chippewa Chapter Report

By Amy Morales, Chapter Program Chair

The Chippewa Chapter held an executive member meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> with discussions about the 2006 Fall Chapter meeting and 2007 Fall Statewide meeting. The 2006 Fall chapter meeting is in the planning stages with a proposed field visit and discussion of Flambeau River State Forest road

reclamation projects on October 6. Following the field portion of the day, we anticipate a productive business meeting pertaining to the Fall 2007 Statwide conference that will be hosted by the Chippewa Chapter October 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at Telemark Resort in Cable, Wisconsin. The proposed conference theme is water resources with an emphasis on applied forest management.

# SAF Participates in Ag-Venture Day at the Wisconsin State Fair

By Julie Peltier, CF

Tuesday, August 8, was a great day to be at the Wisconsin State Fair. In addition to all the typical sights and sounds you will find at the fair, there was a day-long special event called Ag-Venture. The State Fair Coliseum was filled with interesting, interactive and educational displays from various Wisconsin agriculture industries. The booths included dairy, swine, sheep, llamas, genetics, crops and more. The Wisconsin Society of American Foresters did their part by hosting a booth highlighting wood products and their importance in Wisconsin as an agriculture industry. This is the third year Wisconsin SAF has participated in the event. At the SAF exhibit, visitors enjoyed coloring tree leaf designs and then SAF members made a button with the artwork. Paper birch, basswood, sugar maple, red oak, white pine and jack pine were represented by standing logs that had doors that opened to cavities. The cavities held products or uses of that tree and visitors enjoyed opening the doors to see what was inside. The "My First Chainsaw" used to "cut" a piece of basswood (see photo at right) was a big hit with the kids as well as the adults. The logging models (see photo below) and a video also attracted many people to the booth.

Many thanks go Dave and Sharon Czych, Jim and Ruby Kerkman, Kirsten Held, Jeff Kante, Randy Cooper and Al Johnson for taking time from their busy schedules to assist with staffing the booth and providing supplies and materials. Thanks again for making this forestry outreach activity a success.



*Kids enjoyed the interesting, interactive and educational SAF exhibits during the 2006 Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis. Thanks to the hard work and skill of Communication Committee Chair Jim Kerkman, the kids could learn about products made from six different Wisconsin tree species through this unique exhibit.*



## Welcome!

Wisconsin SAF welcomes these members since the last newsletter.

Chippewa Chapter: Mark Leathers, CF

Mid-Wisconsin Chapter: Paul F. Doruska, CF

Northeast Wisconsin Chapter: Paul J. Etten, Forrest M. Gibeault, Steven Jackson, Donald J. Nelson, and Eric Rantala.

Southeast Wisconsin Chapter: Larry D. Axlen, Jr

Southwestern Wisconsin Chapter: Gary Halpin, Matthew E. Mellenthin, and Justin Mitmoen.

UW-Stevens Point Student Chapter: Amanda Bradshaw, Chase Christopherson, Gregory Duwe, Matthew Huempfer, Matthew Koehler, Julia Slabosheski, Michelle Stelzig, and Melissa Thompson.

# Bob Engelhard Receives Macon Award

By Paul DeLong, Awards Chair

Bob Engelhard, emeritus professor of forestry at UWSP, received the John Macon Award at the Wisconsin SAF's 2006 spring meeting. The Macon Award is Wisconsin SAF's only statewide award and recognizes contributions to forestry in Wisconsin.

Bob is a Wisconsin native who served in the U.S. Army in France from 1945-46, following which he attended forestry school at Utah State University, graduating in 1950. Bob was called back to military duty during the Korean War, stationed at Fort Still, Oklahoma, before earning a master's degree in botany from Denver University in 1952. He began his professional work as a forester in Alabama with the U.S. Forest Service, eventually also practicing forestry in Arkansas and Louisiana during his work with the Forest Service. Later in his career, the Forest Service appointed him as visiting scientist for two of the agency's summer programs in San Francisco and New Orleans.

In 1956, Engelhard returned to Wisconsin and worked for nine years as forest manager for Trees for Tomorrow in Merrill, assisting private landowners in managing their forest lands. Bob joined the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point faculty in 1965, embarking on a 25-year teaching career during which he received the university-wide excellence in teaching award three times. The College of Natural Resources also recognized Engelhard's excellent skills in the classroom as he was named the CNR's outstanding faculty member in 1972, 1975 and 1991.

While at UWSP, Engelhard was instrumental in creating the university's forestry major – at what eventually became the largest undergraduate natural resources program in the nation. Bob was a driving force in obtaining the critical accreditation for UWSP's forestry major from the Society of American Foresters (SAF). As a professor, he was coordinator of the forestry discipline in the College of Natural Resources for many years, and served a stint as Assistant to the Dean of that college as well.

Engelhard is one of the founders of the college's summer program in the Black Forest of Germany.

While completing his doctorate in forestry at Michigan State University in the late 1960s, he began a 40-year friendship and collaboration with a fellow forest economics student, Anton Hammer. Professor Hammer visited UWSP in 1971 and together they created a cooperative forestry program between the CNR and Baden-Wurttemberg. Since 1972 over 1,500 UWSP natural resources students have studied natural resources



management in Germany, and many of those students have brought those experiences back with them in forestry-related jobs in Wisconsin. The program has continued every year since, with an additional two weeks of study in Krakow, Poland, added in 1978. For his efforts in building this partnership and in recognition of exceptional achievement in the area of international forestry, in September 2005 Engelhard was given the prestigious Bernard-Eduard-Fernow Award by the German Forestry Association.

Engelhard has been a member of SAF since 1950 and is one of only a handful of state residents who hold the title of SAF Fellow, awarded that status in 1985. He has been active in the Society along with many other professional organizations during his career and after his retirement from UWSP in 1991. He served on the Wisconsin DNR's Natural Areas Preservation Council and has a long history with the Lakes States Council of Industrial Foresters. After retirement from the university, Bob served on the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Forestry, and was the executive director of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association for four years. He also has served on the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame Committee.

Bob Engelhard has clearly made many significant contributions to forestry in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin SAF is honored to call him one of our own and to recognize his work through the John Macon Award.

# John Macon Award: Call for Nominations!

This is an award that is unique to our State to recognize an outstanding member from the Wisconsin Society of American Foresters for their outstanding contributions to forestry in Wisconsin. The award is funded by an endowment from the estate of John W. Macon, a former Timberlands Manager for Consolidated Papers.

This award was established in 1979. A listing of past recipients is to the right. Note the high caliber of past award recipients. We certainly have a number of other high caliber members that also deserve recognition. Please take the time to nominate someone you believe is worthy of this honor.

To nominate someone for this award, you need to send to Paul DeLong, State Awards Chair, a biographical sketch of the individual and the reason why you're nominating them for the award. Nominations need to be submitted by December 31, 2006. The sketch should outline the career of the nominee and anything else about them that'll help distinguish him or her for the award. Once the recipient is chosen, a plaque and certificate will be presented at the Spring 2007 statewide meeting.

## Recipients of the John Macon Award

1981	Bill Sylvester
1982	Bob Petry
1983	Frank Fixmer
1984	Jay Cravens
1985	Ralph Swanson
1986	Milton Reinke
1987	—
1988	James Hovind
1989	—
1990	—
1991	John Seaman
1992	—
1993	Christy Hauge
1994	—
1995	—
1996	Al Nelson
1997	Charlie Higgs
1998	Al Barden
1999	John Kotar
2000	John Grosman
2001	—
2002	Miles Benson
2003	—
2004	Gene Francisco
2005	Bob Engelhard
2006	It's up to you!



Above: John Kotar (right), 1999 recipient of the Macon Award, congratulates Bob Engelhard on the 2005 honor.

Previous page: Wisconsin SAF Chair Gary Vander Wyst presents the 2005 Macon Award to Bob Engelhard at the Spring 2006 Wisconsin SAF training conference.



The Edge brothers - Greg (left) and Steve (middle) - visit with Bob Engelhard after the awards presentation on June 7th at the SAF conference titled "Ash Management: Will you be kissing your Fraxinus goodbye?", organized by Steve, Greg and other Mid-Wisconsin SAF chapter members.



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## Congratulations to Ray Amiel!

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Photo by Rick Wojciak