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**SENT TO LSU AGCENTER/LOUISIANA FOREST PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT CENTER - FOREST SECTOR / FORESTY PRODUCTS INTEREST GROUP**



## Section Update

Dear colleagues and friends,

This letter is written to inform you about the new developments within the Forest Products Society (FPS), which officially established a new section during the second half of 2013 called, "Forest Products Society Europe" or FPSE. The FPSE webpage can be found under "Join the Community" on the FPS website at [www.forestprod.org](http://www.forestprod.org).

One of our top goals in 2014 is connecting with companies and individuals that are members of FPS and broadening exposure of our organization across Europe and neighboring regions. We believe FPSE should be a network for exchange of research, technology, education and knowledge, as well as be practical and useful for today's industry and marketplace.

Our first FPSE section sponsored conference will be the 3rd [International Conference on Processing Technologies for the Forest and Bio-based Products Industries](http://ptfbpi2014.fh-salzburg.ac.at) (PTFBPI), which will take place in Kuchl/Salzburg (Austria) on September 24-26, 2014. FPS members are provided a discount for the registration fee. Visit <http://ptfbpi2014.fh-salzburg.ac.at> for more information.

As we move forward, our direction is very simple; enhance value to FPS members in Europe and the surrounding region by establishing formal and informal networking opportunities.

In order to support the actual regional demands, FPS established different yearly membership fees:

- **25 USD** for students, PhD students and retired staff
- **35 USD** for Eastern European, Near East and worldwide developing countries
- **155 USD** for Western, Central and North European countries
- Organizational memberships: **400 USD** for bronze organizational member (2 memberships included), **800 USD** for silver organizational member (4 memberships included), and **1,200 USD** for gold organizational member (6 memberships included).

It is important to highlight the FPS initiatives in 2014, including:

- **Making all four of FPS technical journals available for free electronically to members** (*Forest Products Journal, Wood Design Focus, International Journal of Forest Engineering, & Journal of Forest Products Business Research*)
- Historical articles and issues of these four journals as well as the entire collection of Hardwood Symposium Proceedings are also be **available at no cost to members in the new online**



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Knowledge Base accessible from the FPS homepage, [www.forestprod.org](http://www.forestprod.org). One of the greatest benefits that FPS can offer is the wealth of knowledge that has been accumulated over the years by the Society.

In 2014, the FPS International Convention will be held in Quebec City (Canada) from August 10-12, 2014 in cooperation with the World Conference on Timber Engineering. We hope Europe will have a strong exposure at this Convention.

Our plan is to develop and expand FPSE over the next few years and then transition officers within the Section to include other institutions with new officers, etc. In the future, we are thinking to establish Chapters within FPSE in special topics so please let us know if you or your institution has an interest in doing this.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [fpseurope@forestprod.org](mailto:fpseurope@forestprod.org). We value your feedback, questions, etc.

All the Best!  
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