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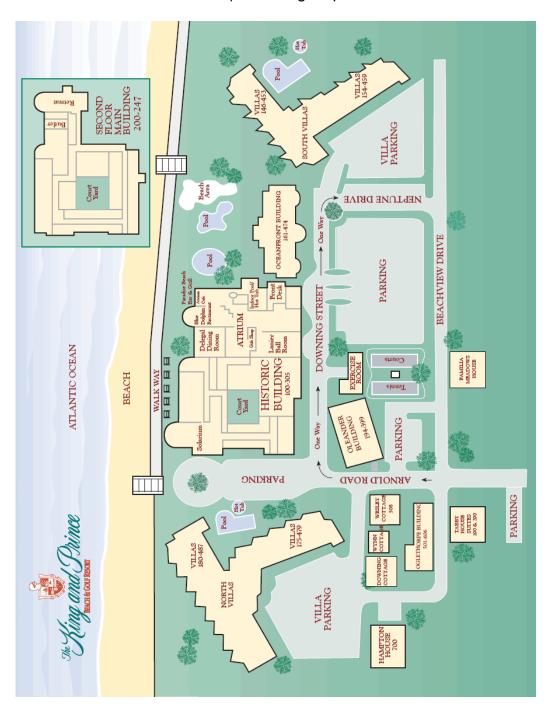




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Agenda

Monday, November 1

Golf Outing at the King and Prince Golf Course

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM Registration

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Introduction to Wood Materials and Adhesives*

Adam Taylor, PhD | The University of Tennessee Bob Breyer, PhD | Georgia-Pacific Chemicals

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Design of Experiments for Rapid Innovation*

Timothy Young, PhD | The University of Tennessee

*Pre-Registration is Required

Tuesday, November 2

7:30 AM Registration, Exhibit Hall, and Breakfast Open

8:15 AM Opening Remarks, Recognition of Sponsors, and Welcome

Keynote Presentations

8:45 AM Roy O. Martin III

Chairman, CEO, CFO, RoyOMartin

9:05 AM Kurt Koch

VP of Products Engineering and Quality, Huber Engineered

Woods

9:25 AM Wendy Owens

Founder and CEO, Hexas Biomass, LLC

9:45 AM Harold Arnold

President, Fram Renewable Fuels, LLC

10:05 AM Break with Exhibitors

Plenary Presentations

10:30 AM Charles Waddell

President, Global Plasma Solutions

How to Make Your HVAC Systems Pandemic Ready with

Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization





10:50 AM Matt Holt

Director of Quality, Roseburg Forest Products

How Data Science is Changing the Forest Products Industry

11:10 AM Charles Gale

> Strategic Business Analyst, SmartLam North America A Manufactures Review of the Supply Chain Challenges and

Opportunities, and a Summarized Southern Sawmill's Survey Results of the Perceptions, Awareness and Participation of the

CLT Market

11:30 AM **Bob Brever**

Senior Technology Manager, Georgia-Pacific Chemicals

The Future of the Forest Products Industry and How Can You

Help Us Get There

11:50 AM Open Questions and Discussion

12:00 PM **Lunch with St. Simons Historian**

Concurrent Sessions

1:30 PM Concurrent Session I: Wood Adhesives and Material Science I

Moderator: Rubin Shmulsky | Mississippi State University

David Harper | The University of Tennessee Enhancing Nature's Surfaces: Using Informed Computational Models to Improve the Function and

Performance of Biobased Materials

Brian Via | Auburn University Soy Flour Substituted pMDI for Wood Composites

Abiodun Alawode | Auburn University Performance of Different Fillers in Methylene Diphenyl

Diisocyanate (MDI) Resin

Concurrent Session II: Structural Wood Materials

Moderator: Adam Taylor | The University of Tennessee

Steve Winistorfer | TECO

General Process of Testing and Certifying CLT



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Mustafa N. Kaya | Mississippi State University Hygrothermal Behavior of Cross-Laminated Timber Panels Partially Submerged in Water

Guangmei Cao Anderson | Mississippi State University Fitting Statistical Distribution Models to MOE and MOR in Mill-Run Red Pine and Spruce Lumber Populations

Frank C. Owens | Mississippi State University Some Problems with Lower-tail Fitting in Modeling Strength Distributions of Lumber

Concurrent Session III: Data Science and Al

Moderator: Timothy Young | The University of Tennessee

Ed Sobek | Global Plasma Solutions Reducing SARS-CoV-2 Virus Air and Surface Contamination Using Ionization Technologies and Data Science

Terry Liles | Huber Engineered Woods Application of EVOP in Wood Products Industry

Anton Astner | The University of Tennessee Component Yield Maximization of Organosolv Fractioned Softwood Combines with Rapid Prediction of Lignin Thermal Properties

Chloe Ericksen | The University of Tennessee Interfacing 'R' Software with JMP for Machine Leaning and Al

Break with Exhibitors

Concurrent Session IV: Wood Adhesives and Material Science II

Moderator: Terry Liles | Huber Engineered Woods

Siqun Wang | The University of Tennessee Optimizing Wood Composite Processing and Properties Via Press Control Strategies

Sudip Chowdury | The Willamette Valley Company Commodity to Value-Added Proposition: Engineered Waxes for Enhanced Panel Performance and Improved Safety

3:00 PM

3:30 PM



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Joseph Marcinko | Polymer Synergies Solid State Deuterium NMR Used to Study the Mobility of Water in Wood and Its Influence on Moisture Cure Adhesives

Mark Gagnon | Penn State University
Pressurized Radio Frequency Heating of Wood to Meet
ISPM-15 Requirements

Concurrent Session V: Innovation in Sustainable Biomaterials and Processes

Moderator: Ronalds Gonzalez | North Carolina State University

Kim Tutin | Captis Aire Industrial Air Pollution Control Technology for Wood Processing Enables Operators to Sell Valuable Bioproducts, Sell Carbon Offsets, and Significantly Reduce Operating Costs as it Cleans the Air

Bob Breyer | Georgia-Pacific Chemicals Why We Should Transform Plywood Bond Performance Testing

Rubin Shmulsky | Mississippi State University Development of Access Mat Software for Efficient Specification, Safe Deployment, and Environmental Protection

Scott Leavengood | Oregon State University Teaching Lean Manufacturing Principles via Remote Instruction

Concurrent Session VI: Innovation in Value Added Products

Moderator: Brian Via | Auburn University

Laya Khademibami | Mississippi State University
Abrasion Resistance and Hardness Assessment of Five U.S.
Hardwoods

Levente Denes | West Virginia University Chair Development Based on Body Pressure Distribution – A Research Effort

Danijela Domjlan | University of Zagreb, Croatia School Furniture Design – A Comparison in Primary Schools in the Czech Republic, Croatia and USA





Richard Baldwin | Oak Creek Investments

Keeping Structural and Decorative Wood Products Relevant: Development of Alternative Products, Fibers, and Processes

5:30 PM Cocktails by the Ocean

6:30 PM **Dinner Banquet**

Wednesday, November 3

7:30 AM Registration, Exhibit Hall, and Breakfast Open

Concurrent Sessions

8:30 AM **Industry News**

Moderator: Fred Kurpiel | Georgia Research Institute

Roseburg Forest Products

The New Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) in Chester, SC

Egger Wood Products

The New MDF Mill at Lexington, NC

Huber Engineered Woods, LLC The New OSB Mill at Cohasset, MN

Roy O. Martin | RoyOMartin The New Mill at Corrigan, TX

8:30 AM Concurrent Session VII: Industry Trends

Moderator: Rubin Shmulsky | Mississippi State University

Ronalds Gonzalez | North Carolina State University How Global Megatrends will Shape the Forest Product

Industry in the Next 10 Years

Don Hodges | The University of Tennessee A New MS-Forestry Curriculum at The University of Tennessee with a Unique Focus in Data Science

Dick Baldwin | Oak Creek Investments

Wood Utilization and Carbon Accounting within a Forest

Based Circular Bioeconomy





Richard Poindexter | Search North America Wood Products Employment Trends & How to Keep Your Employees Engaged

10:00 AM

10:30 AM

Break with Exhibitors

Concurrent 'Virtual EU' Session I

Moderator: Tim Young | University of Tennessee

Klaus Richter | Technical University of Munich, Germany Forest Based Bioeconomy in Germany: Current Status and Recommended Action

Alexander Petutschnigg | Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, Kuchl, Austria

Test Device for Multispectral Analysis of Roundwood End Faces

Martin Reigler | BOKU University, Vienna Austria Assistance Systems for Wood Construction

Stefan Kain | Salzburg University of Applied Sciences Smart Wood Materials from Additive Manufacturing

Fernão Magalhães | LEPABE, University of Porto, Portugal New Cork-Acrylic Composite Foam Coating

10:30 AM

Concurrent 'Virtual EU' Session II

Moderator: Terry Liles | Huber Engineered Woods

Rupert Wimmer | BOKU University, Austria Smart Materials, Magnetic Wood and Air Cleaning

Nathan Koelli | University of Applied Sciences and Arts TH OWL, Germany Densification and Press-Drying of Wet Oil Palm Lumber

Csilla Csiha | Sopron University, Sopron, Hungary
The Relevance of Wood Moisture Content When Measuring
Contact Angle

Mehieddine Derbas | Wood K Plus, Vienna, Austria Tool Wear Identification by Monitoring Acoustic Emissions During Wood Milling





10:30 AM

Concurrent 'Virtual EU' Session III

Moderator: Bob Breyer | Georgia-Pacific Chemicals

Eugenia Tudor | Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, Kuchl, Austria

Biomimicry of Bark-based Composites in a Circular Economy

Sergej Medved | University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Wood-based Panels and Water: Love and Hate Relationship

Sergej Medved | University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Alternative Resin System with Liquefied Wood for Particleboard

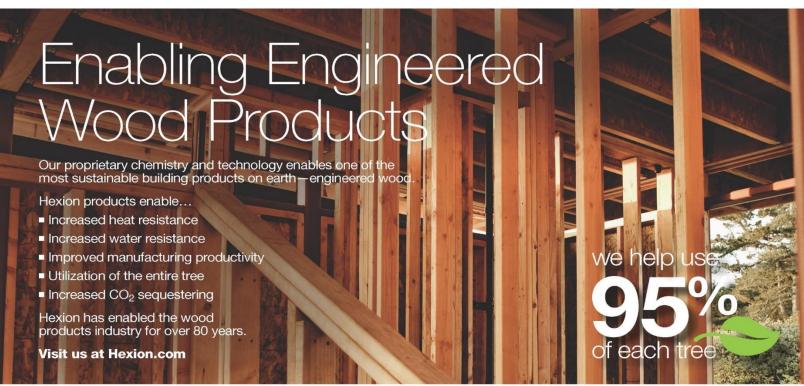
Alan Antonović | University of Zagreb, Croatia Liquefied Wood as a Catalyst for Melanine-Urea Formaldehyde Resin Polycondensation in Particleboard Production

Jorge Santos| LEPABE - University of Porto, Porto, Portugal

Exterior Grade Particleboards 100% Biobased, Made From by Products of the Food-Packaging Industry

12:00 PM

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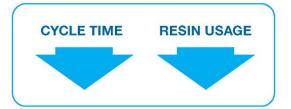




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Pre-Conference Workshops

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Introduction to Wood Materials and Adhesives

Monday, November 1 | 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Course Overview

This course will provide young industry professionals with a solid foundation and basic knowledge and understanding of the forest products sector to help build their careers. This course is ideal for suppliers, consultants, claims agents and others who do not have a formal education in the forest products sector.

Course Instructors

Adam Taylor, PhD | The University of Tennessee Center for Renewable Carbon Robert Breyer, PhD | Georgia-Pacific Chemicals

Design of Experiments for Rapid Innovation

Monday, November 1 | 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Course Overview

This four-hour course provides an overview of the principles of designed experimentation in R&D and manufacturing settings. Factorial designs, ANOVA, and Robust product design are illustrated. No prior knowledge of statistics is required to attend the course. JMP 15 and Minitab 19 software examples are used to support the concepts covered. Easy to understand training notes are provided to participants.

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Course Instructors

Timothy Young, PhD | The University of Tennessee Center for Renewable Carbon



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Keynote Speaker Information



Harold Arnold
President, Fram Renewable Fuels, LLC
Hazelhurst, Georgia, USA

Harold has been involved in the forest industry his entire working life. He spent more than 23 years in the Forest Resources Division of Hercules Inc. and held the position of Western Region Superintendent prior to his leaving Hercules in 1995. Since then, he has exported chips and other forest products through port facilities at Savannah, handled a variety of consulting projects for forest products industries in the South, and completed several

international forestry related assignments as a consultant for the United States Agency for International Development.

Harold joined Fram Renewable Fuels, LLC in October 2005. His industry knowledge led to the development of Fram's first wood pellet facility in Baxley, Georgia. Appling County Pellets was constructed and began producing in late 2007. Since then, he has played a pivotal role in the development of the business and customer relationships that are so vitally necessary in this business. As the industry continues to grow Harold enhances the profile of Fram to further develop the wood pellet industry in the Southeast United States.

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Kurt Koch

Vice President of Product Engineering and Quality, Huber Engineered Woods

Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

Kurt is the Vice President of Product Engineering & Quality for Huber Engineered Wood and works out of the Charlotte, NC corporate office. Kurt manages the Quality Assurance teams, Building Code recognition for HEW specialty products, Architect, Engineer & Builder continuing education activity and technical support services related to in-field product use.

Kurt holds a Degree in Civil Engineering from Clemson University as well as an MBA from the University of Washington in Seattle. Kurt is a professional engineer with registration in 20 States. After working as a consulting structural engineer and for Trus Joist/Weyerhaeuser as a General Manager for a new business unit, Kurt joined Huber Engineered Woods LLC in 2003.







Roy O. Martin III
Chairman, CEO, CFO, RoyOMartin
Alexandria, Louisiana, USA

Roy is the chairman, chief executive officer, and chief financial officer for RoyOMartin. A third-generation leader, Roy spent much of his youth and young-adult life working in various locations of the family business. After earning his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Louisiana State University, Roy joined the company full time in 1985 and later completed his Master of Business Administration at LSU. The grandson of Roy O. Martin, Sr., he grew up in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the only son of

Roy O. Martin, Jr. (Roy O. Martin Lumber Company president from 1962-1978).

RoyOMartin is one of several wholly owned subsidiaries of Martin Sustainable Resources L.L.C., a privately held equity investment company. The name RoyOMartin honors the business pioneer and Martin family patriarch, Roy O. Martin, Sr. (Roy Sr.), who began the family's first business with a small sawmill in Alexandria, Louisiana in 1923 and soon thereafter bought a few acres of timberland. Martin Sustainable Resources L.L.C. is owned by several generations of Roy Sr.'s descendants. Its holdings are broad but focus primarily on land, timber, and mineral resources with special emphasis on sustainable forests and forest-products manufacturing businesses.



Wendy Owens

Founder and CEO, Hexas Biomass, LLC Olympia, Washington, USA

Wendy Owens is the founder and chief executive officer of Hexas Biomass LLC (Hexas), a role that allows her to use her experience as a serial entrepreneur in the communications technology, materials engineering, biotechnology, and healthcare industries. Prior to founding Hexas, Ms. Owens was in biotech as a clinical scientist and advisor to major biopharmaceutical companies. She led research studies funded by the CDC, Biogen, Shire, Genentech, and other biotech and bio-pharmaceutical companies.

Ms. Owens also co-founded and ran an advance composite materials engineering company taking the company from technology development to patenting and commercialization. Ms. Owens served as advisor to the US Secretary of Commerce and US Trade Representative on an International Trade Advisor Committee (ITAC 8) for 14 years.





Plenary Speaker Information



Bob Breyer

Senior Technology Manager, Georgia-Pacific Chemicals Decatur, Georgia, USA

Dr. Breyer (Bob) is the R&D Manager for Thermosetting Resins for Georgia-Pacific Chemicals which he joined in 1991. Throughout his tenure, his focus has primarily been wood adhesives. He holds PhD from University of New Orleans in Organic Chemistry. He is the current Vice President of the Forest Products Society.



Charles Gale

Strategic Business Analyst, SmartLam North America Portland, Oregon, USA

Charles is currently the Strategic Business Analyst for SmartLam North America working on business process solutions for manufacturing locations in Columbia Falls MT, Dothan AL, and Galloway BC to benefit the supply chain and end customers in the mass timber industry. Previously he was principal consultant at Doug Fir Consulting LLC working directly with SmartLam and co-authored several North American mass timber supply chain studies most notably the www.masstimberreport.com. Prior to that he

was a Manufacturing business Analyst and Sales and Ops Planner at Stimson Lumber Company. In the past, Charles has published several general technical reports (GTR) on the macroeconomic wood product industry in the Northwest as well as provided foundational research. He helped secure \$12.3 million in stimulus funds for a Wood Product Revolving Loan Fund during 2008 to retain/revitalize Montana's distressed wood product industry during the great recession. He is part of the Sustainable Forest Initiative's (SFI's) task force, as well as an active member of Society of American Foresters and Forest Products Society. Charles holds a BS in Resource Conservation with an emphasis on Forest Resource Economics, and a Minor in Climate Change Studies from the University of Montana W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation.







Matt Holt
Director of Quality, Roseburg Forest Products
Raleigh, North Carolina, USA

Matt Holt is the Director of Continuous Improvement and Optimization for Roseburg Forest Products Company and works out of the Raleigh, NC region. Matt manages the Quality Assurance team, Continuous Improvement, New Product Development, and two Manufacturing Facilities.

Matt completed his undergraduate and graduate work at The University of Tennessee. After working in multiple locations across the Carolinas

manufacturing Particleboard, MDF, TFL, and treated paper for Arauco, Matt joined Roseburg in 2020.



Charles Waddell
President, Global Plasma Solutions
Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

Charles "Charlie" Waddell is the Chief Technology Officer and Founder of Global Plasma Solutions, Inc., a manufacturer of Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization (NPBI) products for the indoor air purification market. His experience includes designing HVAC systems for the residential, commercial and industrial markets as well as for the automotive, hand dryer and aviation industry. Charlie holds a BSEE from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

Charlie is an active member of ASHRAE and currently a participant of ASHRAE SSPC 62.1, TC 2.3 (Gas Phase Filtration), TRG4-IAQP, and formerly the secretary of TC 8.12 (Desiccant Dehumidification & Components). Charlie has over 18 years of HVAC design and application experience. Charlie's portfolio includes 30 patents granted, 28 patents pending, and an article published in Engineered Systems Magazine on desiccant dehumidification. Charlie is an instrument rated private pilot and enjoys flying for business and pleasure.



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