

Three FPInnovations researchers recognized for their industry contributions and achievements

Pointe-Claire, QC – March 19, 2015 – Three outstanding researchers at FPInnovations have received prestigious honours given by respected industry associations for their exceptional contributions and accomplishments in the forest industry.

Erol Karacabeyli, Advanced Building Systems Program Manager, has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by Wood WORKS!, a division of the Canadian Wood Council.

The award is given to an individual for cumulative contributions to the advancement of wood construction. It was recognized that the Advanced Building Systems research team that Erol leads is always on the leading edge and paves the way for the next advancement.

Karacabeyli was also a recipient of the Forest Product Society's 2013 Wood Engineering Lifetime Achievement Award. Significant and measurable impact must be demonstrated and tangible evidence of accomplishment in the marketplace is what is measured for those being considered for the award.

Dr. Michael Paleologou, Research Leader, Lignin Products - Pulp, Paper & Bioproducts Division, has been selected as this year's recipient of the 2015 Research and Development Technical Award and William H. Aiken Prize, given by the Technological Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI).

TAPPI's International Research Management Committee awards this prestigious honor to an individual for their outstanding accomplishments or contributions which have advanced the technology of the paper and related industries in the field of research and development.

Dr. Paleologou and his team have developed and patented several technologies and processes in the areas of system closure, chemical recovery and biorefinery which were demonstrated and implemented in the pulp and paper industry.

Dr. Paul Morris, Advanced Building Systems' Durability and Building Enclosure Group Research Leader, has been elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science (IAWS). This election is regarded as a very high honor in the wood science community and is in recognition of Dr. Morris' achievements in wood science.

Fellows of the IAWS are wood scientists who are elected as actively engaged in wood research in the broadest sense, their election being evidence of high scientific standards. New Fellows are nominated and evaluated by Fellows. The Executive Committee determines the number of nominees to be

accepted as Fellows each year, based on those evaluations. Dr. Morris was nominated by Professor Michael Barnes of Mississippi State University.

In 2013, Dr. Morris was awarded the American Wood Preservers Association (AWPA) highest honour, the Award of Merit, for his contributions to the improvement and updating of AWPA standards.

Quotes

“As a knowledge-driven not-for-profit world-leading R&D institute, FPInnovations is proud of our intellectual capital. Our people rank among the world's most knowledgeable and skillful engineers, scientists, technicians and specialists, and we are delighted that our researchers’ hard work is being recognized by such esteemed associations.”

- **Pierre Lapointe**, President and Chief Executive Officer of FPInnovations.

Associated Links

- FPInnovations’ Ontario leader recognized as forest champion: <http://ow.ly/KvzHt>
- FPInnovations Wins Two Awards at the 2014 Contech Building Exposition: <http://ow.ly/JtHSX>
- Richard Berry wins TAPPI’s first technical award in the anotechnology division: <http://ow.ly/JtI8t>

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