

# International Academy of Wood Science



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The International Academy of Wood Science (IAWS) was founded and given its name in Paris, June 2, 1966. The phrase “wood science” covers the biological, chemical, and physical sciences of lignified natural materials and products derived therefrom, as well as the scientific base of the technology of converting such substances into useful products.

The IAWS is a non-profit assembly of wood scientists, encompassing all fields of wood science with their associated technological domains, and securing worldwide activities. Currently, 36 countries are represented in the IAWS by their fellows, among them four Austrian IAWS fellows. The election of Thomas Rosenau, BOKU University Vienna, as IAWS fellow recognizes the “fundamental contributions to the chemistry of cellulose solvents and cellulose solutions, and the clarification of the general chemistry of aging and yellowing processes in cellulosic materials”.

The Academy has the objective of promoting at the international level the concerted development of wood science and its standing by recognizing meritorious wood scientists by their election as Fellows thereby honouring distinguished achievements in the science of wood, and by promoting a high standard of research and publication. In addition, the Academy holds regular (annual) plenary meetings, including business meetings and technical sessions, in the form of international scientific conferences.

For more detailed information see: <http://www.iaws.uhp-nancy.fr/>