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Forest Products Society Conference to Showcase Advancements in Mass Timber Industry

- *Global forum fosters the growth of the forest products professionals and research community*
- *Sessions tackle timely forest products issues and market opportunities facing the industry*
- *Impressive line-up of speakers features Oregon Forest Resources Institute's Timm Locke, and scientists from universities around the globe*
- *Researchers share the latest advances in wood processing, bio-mass, nanotechnology, adhesives, and composites*

PORTLAND – May 10, 2016 – Mass timber construction is growing in markets where wood hasn't been used for years – mid- to high-rise buildings. Under the theme “*New Horizons for the Forest Products Industry*,” the Forest Products Society (FPS), the global network for forest products professionals, will host the 70th International Convention on June 27-29, 2016 in Portland, Oregon, USA, highlighting a focused discussion among the global forest products community being conducted to develop cross-laminated timber and other products to support this emerging demand.

The FPS Convention's theme is reflected in the line-up of speakers, presentations and on-site activities, featuring several sessions with global experts showcasing the latest research in mass timber materials and construction, including:

- Advancements in the Mass Timber Multistory Industry
- Cross Laminated Timber Research
- Building Industry Markets

In addition, Timm Locke of Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) will present a keynote “*Mass Timber in Commercial Construction: Promise for the Forest Sector and the Environment*” Mr. Locke will also conduct a tour of several mass timber buildings currently under construction in Portland. The State of Oregon Building Codes Division approved the use of cross-laminated timber in building construction in 2015.

The FPS International Convention is a staple for the forest products community, bringing together hundreds of scientists, design professionals, managers, decision makers, and others from academia, government, nonprofit, and industry sectors from around the world to discuss the latest forest products research and how it can be applied in industry.

The Convention's partners and sponsors include: Western Wood Products Association, Hexion, Timber Products Inspection, Louisiana Forest Products Development Center/School of Renewable Natural Resources/Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, The Engineered Wood Association, TAPPI, and the Southern Forest Products Association.

For more information about the Convention, registration and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.fpsconvention.org.

About Forest Products Society

Founded in 1947, the Forest Products Society's vision is to be the international leader for advancing the sustainable use of renewable cellulosic resources through science and technology. www.forestprod.org.

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