



## FPS Wraps up 70<sup>th</sup> International Convention

A total of 205 delegates from more than 15 countries attended the Forest Products Society (FPS) 70th International Convention, June 27-29 in Portland, Oregon, USA. Participants from academia, consulting, industry and over 40 students networked and learned about latest in forest products in the heart of the Pacific Northwest forest industry.

"The Convention provided a great chance to get a glimpse of the future of wood science and marketing by interacting with top researchers and educators in our field," said Maureen Puettmann, Ph.D., Convention Chair and FPS President.

Following the theme "New Horizons for the Forest Products Industry," more than 125 speakers and 41 posters provided plenty of information on a variety of topics. Keynote speaker Thomas Robinson of Lever Architecture shared some innovations in mass timber buildings, including examples of some new structures in the Pacific Northwest. This was followed up by a session on CLT and a tour of some of Portland's mass timber buildings. More info is [available here](#).

Plans are already being made for the 71st FPS International Convention, which will be held in June 2017 in Starkville, Mississippi, USA. More details will be available soon. If you are interested in helping to plan the convention, please contact Scott Springmier, Forest Products Society Executive Director, at [scott@forestprod.org](mailto:scott@forestprod.org)