

# Short-Rotation Woody Crops Operations Working Group NEWSLETTER

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## INTRODUCTION

This is the second newsletter for the SRWC Operations Working Group. However, it is the first newsletter as a formal organization. The SRWC Operations Working Group was initiated in the Fall of 1995. The mission of the Working Group is to promote collaborative efforts in developing needed operations for SRWC plantations that comply with the principles of economic viability and ecological soundness. To fulfill its mission, the scope of the Working Group is to serve as a venue for information exchange and for the management, promotion, evaluation, and development of SRWC operations that are low-cost and environmentally acceptable. The Working Group is intended to serve as a liaison among forest industries, equipment manufacturers, electric utilities, U.S. and international agencies, and individual researchers and contractors. The focus of the Working Group is on all operational aspects of growing and harvesting SRWC plantations. Specific activities of the Working Group include: maintaining a mailing list and sponsoring a newsletter; serving as an information clearinghouse (database, home-page, etc.); sponsoring workshops, conferences, and demonstrations; promoting and prioritizing collaborative research and development; establishing protocols for the evaluation, reporting, testing, and design of equipment and systems; and assisting in research funding.

## 1998 SRWC-OWG CONFERENCE

The Second Conference of the Short-Rotation Woody Crops Program will be held August 25-27, 1998 in Vancouver, Washington (across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon). The conference will include 1 1/2 days of technical presentations and a one day tour of SRWC operations. Fort James Corporation Lower Columbia River Fiber Farm is the host of the meeting and tour at the Lower Columbia River Fiber Farm. Chuck Kaiser is the Host Chair for the meeting. An optional one-day tour of SRWC plantations and operations in Eastern Washington is planned for August 28. Hosts for the post-conference tour are Potlatch and Boise Cascade. An announcement and registration package will be mailed to all members.

Paper proposals will be accepted until March 31 on any topic relating to the growing and harvesting of SRWC for fiber,

and/or fuel. Please send a short abstract and author information to:

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## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Steering Committee of the SRWC-OWG met in Pasco, Washington during March 1997. Results of action items are summarized in this newsletter.

The full minutes of the 1996 Conference and 1997 Steering Committee are included in the Proceedings of the 1996 Conference. More details about these summarized action items are discussed in other sections of this newsletter.

## NEW OFFICERS

Officers of the SRWC-OWG include:

- Chair (1998) - Bruce Hartsough, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. Phone: (530) 752-8331, Fax: (530) 752-2640, [brhartsough@ucdavis.edu](mailto:brhartsough@ucdavis.edu)
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## ADMINISTRATIVE SPONSORS

Administrative Sponsors are non-profit organizations which have a collective interest in promoting the commercialization of SRWC. They provide the Working Group support funds and/or in-kind services and serve as points of contact for the Working Group. Each Administrative Sponsor has one voting member on the Steering Committee. Administrative Sponsors are expected to contribute at least \$5000 in funding, in-kind services, or both. Current Administrative Sponsors include the USDA Forest Service, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the Electric Power Research Institute

(EPRI), and we gladly welcome our newest Administrative Sponsor, the National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI).

### SUSTAINING SPONSORS

In order to expand Working Group activities, especially in the areas of information transfer, the Working Group Steering Committee decided to seek companies as Sustaining Sponsors. These sponsors will contribute \$500 per year. These funds will be used to collect and distribute information, to enhance homepage activities, and to sponsor the biennial workshops and topical conferences. Each company that becomes a Sustaining Sponsor will be recognized on the letterhead of the Working Group, and on all publications including workshop proceedings and newsletters. In addition, complimentary annual memberships will be provided to up to five individuals within the company.

If your company would like to become a Sustaining Sponsor, please contact Bruce Hartsough, Biological & Agricultural Engineering, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. Phone: (530) 752-8331, Fax: (530) 752-2640, [brhartsough@ucdavis.edu](mailto:brhartsough@ucdavis.edu).

### PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the *First Conference of the Short-Rotation Woody Crops Operations Working Group*, held in Paducah, Kentucky, were published in September 1997 and are available upon request. A total of twenty-one technical papers submitted by industry, government, and university personnel are included. For your free copy, please contact Dr. Bryce Stokes, USDA Forest Service, 520 Devall Drive, Auburn, AL 36849. Phone: (334) 826-8700, Fax: (334) 821-0037, [stokes@usfs.auburn.edu](mailto:stokes@usfs.auburn.edu).

### HOME PAGE

The SRWC-OWG has a Web site which can be reached at the following address:

<http://www.esd.ornl.gov/bfdp/srwcwgrp/menu.html>

The Web site includes the SRWC-OWG Charter, Steering Committee members and addresses, Steering Committee minutes, membership information, newsletters, and Proceedings of the IEA/BA International Conference held in Mobile, AL in 1994 and will soon include Proceedings of the First Conference of the SRWC-OWG.

If you have articles, publications, meeting announcements, and other information that would be of interest to other members, please send to Bob Perlack (Fax: (423) 574-8884, [perlackrd@ornl.gov](mailto:perlackrd@ornl.gov)) so they can be placed on the homepage.

### SRWC OPERATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

It was decided that the Steering Committee will consist of Administrative Sponsors plus additional members representing fuel, fiber, manufacturers, harvesting contractor/operators, and public research. Steering Committee representation will be both geographically and technically diverse, with the total voting membership not to exceed 14, or 18 including Administrative Sponsors. The Steering Committee also decided to seek non-voting affiliate members who primarily represent commercial interests.

All members of the Steering Committee will be approved by the Working Group during the business meeting. People can be nominated by letter or by recommendations of the Steering Committee. Unexpired terms will be filled by the Steering Committee subject to the general guidelines for representation.

Based on the general guidelines, the Steering Committee will seek one member who can represent agricultural equipment manufacturers, and two harvesting contractors/operators. Non-voting or affiliate memberships will be offered to chemical and irrigation equipment manufacturing interests.

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Additional Members  
 Harvesting operators (2)  
 Agricultural equipment

Non-voting Affiliate Members  
 Chemical  
 Irrigation

If you have an interest in serving on or nominating someone for the Steering Committee please send names to Bruce Hartsough. We currently need two harvesting operators and an agricultural manufacturer. Also, if you have an interest in serving as an affiliate member, please let Bruce know. Affiliate members will be invited to the next meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Since the inception of the Working Group, supporting organizations have provided financial sponsorship of the Group. The current mailing list includes 321 recipients. The Steering Committee decided to set annual dues of \$20 per person. This action was taken primarily to : (1) provide funds for additional activities, and (2) ensure resources are directed toward members who are seriously involved with the goals of the organization. Membership services will include a newsletter, access to the membership list, and development of conferences and workshops. Members will also receive the proceedings of the biennial conferences and reduced registration at these conferences.

**MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM**

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Position \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your check payable to NCASI (memo: SRWC Working Group).

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