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Bob Skiera Inducted into Forestry Hall of Fame

Robert (Bob) Skiera became the first urban forester to be inducted into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame. The former Milwaukee City Forester was nominated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a result of accomplishments spanning a 50-year career in urban forestry. As one of the most prominent and influential municipal tree managers of the 20th Century, Skiera was a major force in the urban forestry profession. During his career, Skiera served terms as president of the Wisconsin Arborist Association and ISA.

Get Your Housing for the ISA 2007 Hawaii Conference

Housing registration for ISA's annual conference is now available! [Click here](#) to make your hotel reservations today.

Conference registration will be available in mid-February, 2007. For weekly conference updates, please [click here](#).

Illinois Arborist Association Attracts US Senator's Attention



The office of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin contacted Heather Green, immediate Past President of Illinois Arborist Association (IAA), and requested if Sen. Durbin could address the attendees at their annual conference held in Tinley Park, IL.

The senator has been instrumental in procuring emergency funding to help battle the invasion of the emerald ash borer (EAB) in northern Illinois and surrounding states. Sen. Durbin addressed an audience of nearly 600 on October 18. Among other issues, Durbin discussed his support for fighting the EAB, and for wood utilization of the removed trees.

Following his speech, Durbin moved out to the tradeshow floor to view the featured bark stripping demonstration sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This demo was designed for training arborists to carefully peel back bark to help in early detection of an EAB infestation. The method allows more visibility of larvae galleries and exit holes, clear signs of the insect's presence.

Asia Pacific Meeting Recruits Asian ISA Members

The Australia Chapter and ISA hosted a meeting of industry leaders from Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia to discuss ISA opportunities and industry needs in the Asia Pacific region. An update was provided by ISA and each of the countries in attendance.

Arboriculture is a relatively young and unknown profession in many of the areas, but it is growing due to expanding urban development. The group identified a number of opportunities for collaboration and plans are under way to hold an ISA Asia Pacific regional meeting in Brisbane, Australia in May 2008. ISA will sponsor, the Australia Chapter will host, and a representative from each country will assist with planning and marketing the program throughout the region. Representatives from Japan, thought not in attendance at this year's meeting, also expressed interest in participating.

European Leadership Workshop Discussion

Several members of the Czech Republic, Germany, New Zealand, Brazil, United Kingdom, Norway, Ohio, and Western chapters met during the ISA Leadership Workshop with staff and members of the ISA Executive Committee (EC) to discuss the challenges of non North American chapters and members. Issues relating to volunteer recruitment and retention seemed to be the primary concern along with chapter member services. This is similar to most chapters around the world. The group in attendance concluded the information and training provided during the workshop would be of benefit to members in Europe as well as other parts of the world. The idea generated by the group is for ISA to expand this program and provide it in different regions so the training is more accessible and affordable. The EC and staff will present a proposal to hold a leadership workshop for Europe in March of 2007 in Prague, Czech Republic. Details will be provided at the February board meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

ISA Hosts Exhibit at FFA National Career Show

ISA was present as a first time exhibitor at the 41st Annual FFA National Agricultural Career Show, recently held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

The career show is an integral part of this national FFA convention and highlights career opportunities for agricultural students. More than 51,000 members of the FFA, their advisers, supporters, and guests attended the convention and trade show.

ISA handed out career packets highlighting the many arboricultural career opportunities and educational products available for students.

FFA students competed in many competitions at the convention including the National FFA Forestry Career Development Event. This event tests students' skills and understanding in a general forest knowledge exam, tree and equipment identification, map interpretation, and compass practicum. A total of 37 teams participated.

UAA/SMA Summit Held in Washington DC

Representatives from the Utility Arborist Association (UAA) and the Society for Municipal Arborists (SMA) recently made history in Washington DC. The group of thirteen worked together with a facilitator from the U.S. Forest Service to create a plan to help utility and municipal arborists work together. This is the first time national-level utility and municipal organizations came together to work on a more unified front.

The members drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to go back to their boards. They also planned several deliverables to work on through the next few years. Both sides agreed to make this an annual meeting.

Apply Now for the ISA Student Fellowship

ISA is currently accepting applications for the Student Fellowship program for Summer 2007. The program is open to junior and senior undergraduate students anywhere in the world, who are currently enrolled in a four-year program in arboriculture, urban forestry, horticulture, or a related field. Students will have the opportunity to work on educational projects and programs including the development of books, articles, videos, interactive CDs, surveys, presentations, and seminars. This fellowship provides a stipend for the summer to work at the ISA headquarters in Champaign, Illinois.

For more information and an application, please [click here](#).

ISA Speakers Bureau

Do you need a professional speaker? ISA's Speakers Bureau provides easy access to a wide range of speakers in the field of arboriculture. Speakers in ISA's database cover a full array of topics including pruning, tree risk assessment, climbing and rigging, tree biomechanics, and much more. For more topics and the roster of speakers, [click here](#).

Z133 Meeting Date

Now that the Z133.1-2006 has been published, the Z133 committee will begin the next five-year review cycle. The committee plans to meet twice a year, April and October, in Baltimore, Maryland. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, at Embassy Suites (BWI Airport, Linthicum, MD). For more information about the meeting, e-mail Peggy Currid, pcurrid@isa-arbor.com.

Arborists In The News

“Great Lakes Gardener,” a public television series hosted by horticulturist and ISA certified arborist Melinda Myers, is featuring arborists and arboriculture in several of its episodes this season. [Click Here](#) for more information on the program and a listing of suggested air dates and topics. Please contact your local public television station for times in your area.

Online “Certified Arborist” Application is now available

Make the application process easier and faster by applying online. Your application will come directly to the Applications Coordinator and you don’t have to worry about your application getting lost in the mail or faxing it to our office. Enjoy!

International Symposium on Trees and Lightning

ISA, Arboricultural Research and Education Academy (AREA), and the ISA Florida Chapter will host an international symposium on trees and lightning March 7-8, 2007, in Plantation (Fort Lauderdale), Florida. Lightning educators, foresters, and arborists will gather to share information on lightning; lightning’s impact on trees; and predicting, preventing, and assessing lightning damage.

Dr. Vladimir Rakov, the leading lightning researcher from the University of Florida, will provide the keynote address on lightning and the fundamentals of lightning protection. The symposium will also offer information on the basics of lightning protection systems and an outdoor demonstration, as well as paper presentations.

For more information, please [click here](#).

ISA Researcher Pruning Summit

ISA’s Science and Research Committee convened for a one-day researcher pruning summit January 8. The summit, held in Phoenix, Arizona, also coincided with a pruning workshop sponsored by ISA Western Chapter. Participants at the researcher summit were invited to present their research at the ISA Western Chapter workshop held the following day. Pruning researchers gathered at the summit to assess the current state of pruning knowledge, address promising new methodologies, prioritize research and education needs and outline a course of action for future pruning research. The results of the researcher summit will be documented in a white paper report.

2006 ANSI Z133.1 Revision

2006 ANSI Z133.1 revision is now approved. Copies will be available later this summer.

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TREES AND LIGHTNING

March 7-8, 2007

Plantation (Fort Lauderdale), Florida

Featuring

Dr. Vladimir Rakov, Dr. Kim Coder,
Dr. William Rison, & Dr. Tom Smiley

Lightning researchers, educators, and other interested parties will gather to share information on lightning's impact on trees; and predicting, preventing, and assessing lightning damage to trees. The symposium will also offer information on the basics of lightning protection systems and an outdoor demonstration, as well as paper presentations.

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