

COST E53 – Quality control for wood and wood products

Working Group 2

Meeting 15.10.2007 in Warsaw, Poland

Minutes of the Meeting

Chairman: J. Welling, minutes by J. Welling

Time: 17:00 - 18:00 hrs

Topics of the meeting:

1) Role call of delegates:

Chairman welcomed new delegates and guests

2) Review on what has been achieved up to now:

- 2 workshops (Hamburg and Riga) have been organised, Both attracted approx. 65 participants. Approx. 1/3 came from industrial practice.
- 1 training school (Hamburg) has been organised
- Decision on edition of leaflets (MC measurement, drying quality and discolorations) has been taken, task groups have been formed

3) Reports from task groups

- Task group on discolouration (Gard, Travan, Skarvelis, Mantanis, Gorisek, Bergsted) has sketched the outline of the leaflets, collected topics to be described and exchanged ideas on how to fill the leaflets. Group will meet on 16th to continue work.
- Task group on distortion (Grohmann, Baso, Aleon, Knaggs) was addressed by Rainer Grohmann by email. Response was quite low. Chairman will start new initiative to activate members
- Task group on drying quality is lead by Björn Esping who is active with up-dating the SP-Träteck publication on drying quality issues. Due to lack of reimbursed travel allowances for Swedish delegated, Björn Esping was not able to attend

All TGs were asked to provide draft version for further discussion at the next meeting in Oslo.

Special task group on quality requirements

Robert Kliger reported about his difficulty to get the TG on track and working. Quality requirements for a) logs, b) roof rafters, and products for furniture production shall be collected.

4) Future activities

- Next meeting will be in Oslo / Norway. Dates probably will be 2008, May 19.-21. Meeting will start at lunch time. Parallel sessions for all WGs will be foreseen. Organising committee comprises Sandland, de Corte, Gorisek, Welling, Gard. Possibility to meet in plenary will also be envisaged. Wednesday is foreseen for industrial workshop organised by WG 2 in cooperation with EDG.
- Additional meeting is envisaged to be held in Delft / NL. Wolfgang Gard will take care of organising this event for WG 2.
- Meeting in Ljubljana / SL in 2008
- In Zvolen / SK an event focussing on “Interaction of wood with various forms of energy” will be organised in autumn 2008. There is an offer to organize something in conjunction with COST E53