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Global Forest Products Industry Sponsors Awards Recognizing Student Architects

WASHINGTON - The International Council of Forest and Paper Associations (ICFPA) sponsored prizes to the student winners of the TREEHOUSING International Wood Design Competition, who were recognized at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's XIV World Forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa.

The winning designs can be viewed at www.treehousing-competition.com.

In the Affordable Wood Housing category, Monica Wozniak of Poland won the student prize for her design *Natural Wood Skin*. The student prize in the Tall Wood Buildings category went to Tatiana Chaatzioannou of France and Soufiane Chibani of Germany for their design *The Social Net Wood*.

"Congratulations to Ms. Wozniak, Ms. Chaatzioannou and Ms. Chibani for their prestigious accomplishments in wood design," said ICFPA President and Brazilian Tree Industry (Ibà) President Elizabeth de Carvalhaes. "Our industry provides sustainable, affordable building materials, and we are thrilled to see young architects and designers invested in the efficient use of these valuable natural resources."

"Wood in building design is seeing a resurgence around the world as architects and designers learn to work with it in more innovative and sustainable ways," said renowned architect Michael Green, who judged the competition entries. "New wood technologies are linking our rural forest economies with our growing urban environments with increasingly larger and now taller wood buildings."

The ICFPA will continue its support of students and young professionals through its soon-to-be launched Blue Sky Young Researchers Innovation Award initiative, which aims to demonstrate the global forest products sector as a vibrant and dynamic workplace for the future.

The ICFPA represents more than 30 national and regional forest and paper associations around the world. Together, ICFPA members represent over 90 percent of global paper production and more than half of global wood production.

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