

## Forum Bois Construction 2017: Scientific prologue at Epinal, Forum at Nancy



**The International Wood Construction Forum (FBC) reunites the French and international worlds of wood construction annually in France. In April 2016, the Forum in Lyon brought together 1,200 conference attendees, 149 lecturers, and 130 exhibitors. The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Epinal, then April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Nancy.**

In keeping with the historical anchoring of the Forum in the Grand Est, the event returns to the Centre Prouvé of Nancy where, in April 2015, for its fifth annual edition, the FBC crossed the one thousand participants mark. Since then, the April 2016 edition at the Cité Internationale of Lyon was marked by new developments, including the launch of scientifically themed workshops to compliment the technical and architectural workshops. In April 2017, the FBC returns, reinvented, to what is now the Grand Est region.

### **A scientific prologue**

Wednesday, April 5, a scientific prologue at the Campus Bois of Epinal will present, among others, three workshops:

- European research on broadleaf trees
- bio-sourced materials
- international competition of ideas with several wood engineering and architectural schools from around the world.

During this day, there will also be the announcement from the jury for the architectural prize “Panoramic wood towers in Roanne,” organized by Inter Forêt 42 and chaired by Professor Wolfgang Winter of the Haute Ecole d’Architecture of Vienne (Austria). This day dedicated to science will be preceded by a gala dinner at Epinal, with accommodations for the conference lecturers and the jury members in the incomparable Xertingy beechwood “Woodies.”

### **About the FBC**

Co-organized by the CNDB, l’Institut Technologique FCBA, France Bois Régions -Gipeblor, l’ENSTIB d’Epinal, l’ENSArchitecture à Nancy/l’Université de Lorraine, l’ICCB Institut de la Charpente et de la Construction Bois, IBC Ingénieurs Bois Construction and UICB Union des Industriels et Constructeurs Bois, the Forum International Bois Construction has been held annually since 2011, adapting the formula of Forum International IHF of Garmisch.



## Totems

The totems, great signals for the media and for all of the public in the wood construction industry, have accompanied the past two editions. In 2017, there will be two: one in Nancy on the esplanade before the Centre Prouvé, then as a portico to the entrance of the Jardins Éphémères; the other in in the city center of Epinal.

## On the program for Nancy

The Forum will place April 6 and 7 at the new Palais des Congrès Prouvé in Nancy, after an inaugural dinner Wednesday night at the Hôtel de Ville of Nancy.

An exhibition space will showcase scale models of the architectural prize organized by Inter Forêt 42, “Panoramic observatory wood towers in Roanne,” an exhibition of the Ecole d’Architecture of Nancy, wood architecture “from heritage to digital,” and a selection of wood architecture projects in the Grand Est of the Prix National de la Construction Bois 2016.

This year, the guest country will be Canada. The Forum will pay tribute to Paul-Henri Mathis, who, for 36 years, ran a wood company, and to Alain Cartignies, architect and professor at the architecture school of Strasbourg.

The 2017 program will grant a large space to the presentation and the analysis of french and international projects, which take on the latest technical themes: development and use of local resources (white fir, spruce, oak, beech, Douglas fir), urban concentration (extensions, vertical expansions), sport and health facilities, architectural heritage and wood maintenance, durable housing and emergency housing, collective and social housing. In total, these 150 lectures will be available in the reference book given to all of the Forum’s participants.

The finalized program will be diffused in early 2017. For the moment, the program selection committee is still gathering projects, realized or in progress, through the call for projects form, attached, which you may return to us by December 9, 2016.



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