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## **PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS**

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As I sat here over the last 2 days listening to the excellent presentations, I always had in the back of my mind that somehow I had to bring this all together – somehow wrap it all up. But how easy that was for me is a great testament to how well the program was put together, and when I think back to how often one speaker referenced a previous speaker as a lead in to the point they were about to make, it really shows that the flow of topics and the order in which they were presented was next to perfect.

Over the past two days we heard presentations from almost all aspects of wood preservation. On Day 1 we learned about the state of the industry - the technical status of the plants themselves, the fluxuations and trends in the marketplace, and some ideas on how to address those fluxuations and the pressures from alternative products. we also learned about some aspects of how preservatives behave while in the wood, and some of the issues created when they leave the wood (like corrosion on fasteners). On Day 2, I don't think there was a stone left unturned or a log left un-split on the topics of "bugs" as they relate to the wood preservation industry.

I'd like to congratulate all the speakers for fine presentations – and to congratulate Paul Morris especially along with the other members of the board that helped Paul put together a program second to none.

I would also like to thank Leon Joseph for co-ordinating all the facility arrangements – the rooms, the meals, and the audio-visual equipment, which helped run this conference so smoothly. He is so efficient that he already has everything booked for 2008!

I would also like to thank our sponsors for their support this week – namely Arch, CSI, and Timber Specialties.

And finally I would like to thank all of you in the audience for your attention and active participation over the past two days, without your enthusiasm and questions this sort of thing just doesn't work. I wish you all the best over the coming year, and we'll see you in Quebec City in October 2007!

Thank you,  
Wayne Ortiz