

**NSERC Strategic Network on Innovative Wood Products and Building Systems (NEWBuildS)**

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**News Release: Second Annual NEWBuildS Workshop**

The NSERC Strategic Research Network on Innovative Wood Products and Building Systems (NEWBuildS) hosted its second Annual Workshop on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at the Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC.

NEWBuildS ([www.NEWBuildSCanada.ca](http://www.NEWBuildSCanada.ca)) comprises the largest coordinated research program at Canadian universities that is aimed at supporting the use of wood-based products in mid-rise and non-residential construction.

Dr. Y.H. Chui, the Scientific Director, and Ms. Lynn Embury-Williams, Chair of NEWBuildS Board of Directors, welcomed all to this annual event. There were about 120 registered guests including researchers from partner universities, FPInnovations scientists, government officials, architects, fire engineers, building designers, structural engineers, builders and wood products manufacturers.

This two-day event featured 26 presentations from researchers from 11 Canadian universities, and a keynote presentation from an architect, Michael Green, of Michael Green Architecture. They presented research findings covered new applications for light wood frame systems in mid-rise construction, heavier systems built with both traditional and innovative engineered wood products and new approaches to combine wood with other materials to create hybrid building systems. The presentations addressed a range of key building system related issues such as structural performance, fire resistance, vibration serviceability, durability and energy efficiency.



Anyone interested in the NEWBuildS Workshop and its presentations, please contact the Network Liaison Manager, Mr Kenneth Koo ([kenneth.koo@fpinnovations.ca](mailto:kenneth.koo@fpinnovations.ca))