



Toronto CLT Symposium and Webcast



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Massive, solid wood panels have recently been introduced in the North American construction sector, with three Canadian manufacturers launching product lines in 2011. More commonly known as cross-laminated timber, or CLT, it is without a doubt one of the most discussed wood products in North America.

A successful Symposium on Cross-Laminated Timber was held in downtown Toronto, June 21-22, at the Westin Harbour Castle. Over the day and a half symposium – an event co-hosted by Wood WORKS! Ontario, the Canadian Wood Council, and FPIinnovations – all major aspects of CLT panels and assemblies were discussed.

Experts from Austria, Italy, the United Kingdom, United States and Canada gave presentations on architectural and structural design, manufacturing, seismic resistance, connections, fire safety, acoustics, floor vibrations, durability, and environmental performance.

Wood WORKS! and CWC also produced a live webcast of the event, making use of this new technology to better respond to the needs of their customers and target audiences. The webcast was a success, with subscribers from across North America.

This inaugural webcast also marked the live launch of the Canadian Wood Council's new e-learning centre, a joint CWC-Wood WORKS! initiative that will provide a wide range of on-demand learning opportunities for architects, engineers and other building professionals across Canada and the US. The official launch of the e-learning centre is scheduled for September 2011.

Anyone who missed the Toronto Symposium or live webcast can access the recorded presentations and handout materials on-demand through the new e-learning centre. The online version of the symposium has been approved by the AIA for 9 continuing education units (CEUs) and has HSW designation. The registration fee for this 9-hour course is \$185.

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