ISA, SAF Agree on Partnership
The Society of American Foresters and the International Society of Arboriculture recently agreed on a partnership designed to "provide mutual benefit to each organization in furthering their respective missions." The agreement includes the exchange of advertising space in ISA periodicals for advertising space in SAF periodicals, and the exchange of trade-show booth space at the annual ISA conference for trade-show booth space in the annual SAF conference.

"SAF is a natural partner to spread ISA's message about the benefits of trees and the need for professionals to care for them," said ISA executive director Caitlyn Pollihan. "Our reciprocal relationship increases the visibility of each organization and provides a building block for future initiatives. Raising awareness of the importance of professional tree care is important to both of our organizations, and we look forward to identifying opportunities to leverage our work on behalf of the members of ISA and SAF.

The International Society of Arboriculture promotes the professional practice of arboriculture. Its mission statement is "Through research, technology, and education, the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) promotes the professional practice of arboriculture and fosters a greater worldwide awareness of the benefits of trees."

"We're pleased to continue building meaningful relationships with partners," said John Barnwell, SAF's director of government affairs and external relations. "This agreement with ISA allows both organizations to advertise to audiences that may not have awareness of our organizations, but may have an interest in the programs and information we offer. Having ISA as an exhibitor and presence at the 2018 SAF Convention continues to build a strong relationship with ISA at all levels, benefiting all forestry professionals, regardless of where they work."

In March 2018, the SAF's Board of Directors approved a memorandum of agreement between SAF and the Society of Range Management (SRM). The purpose of the agreement is to "facilitate greater communication, cross-over, and member benefits between SRM and SAF. The focus is to establish co-member benefits, allowing expansion of both Societies’ memberships and reach. This commitment includes sharing relevant scientific content, news, and information between organizations and among members benefiting the scientific professional community."

Hagenstein Lectures in Portland
The annual Hagenstein Lectures continue this month at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon, on Sunday, October 14, 2018. The theme of the event is "Emerging Voices in Forestry," and speakers include Angie DiSalvo, outreach and science supervisor with the Portland Parks & Recreation's urban forestry program; Thomas RaShad Easley, assistant dean of community and inclusion at Yale University's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies; Edie Sonne Hall, founder and principal of Three Trees Consulting; Zack Parisa, cofounder and president of SilvaiTerra and coauthor of the Biometric Birs columns in The Forestry Source; Nicole Strong, an Oregon State University forestry and natural resources extension agent; and Mike Warjone, senior director of strategy at Port Blakely Co.

The Hagenstein Lectures series, presented by the World Forestry Center and Society of American Foresters, was established in 2015 to honor the life and career of professional forester W. D. "Bill" Hagenstein, who passed away at age 99 in 2014. Hagenstein was a founder of the World Forestry Center and served as president of SAF from 1966 to 1969.

The event is free with advance registration. For more information, see hagensteinlectures.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Bruce J. Cooper, of Princeton, West Virginia, World War II, Upon his death on May 17, 2018, in Princeton, West Virginia, Bruce J. Cooper was remembered as a talented and dedicated teacher and researcher who made significant contributions to the field of horticulture.

Cooper was a professor of horticulture at the University of Florida and later at the University of Georgia. He also served as director of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Cooper was known for his expertise in the areas of plant breeding and genetics, and he made important contributions to the development of new varieties of maize and sorghum.

Cooper was born on June 27, 1918, in Princeton, West Virginia, and grew up in the area. He earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture from West Virginia University in 1940, and his master's and doctoral degrees in plant breeding from the University of Illinois in 1942 and 1946, respectively.

After serving in the military during World War II, Cooper returned to West Virginia University and began his career as a teacher and researcher. He later moved to the University of Florida, where he spent much of his career.

Cooper was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society of Plant Breeders and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was also a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Cooper is survived by his wife, the former Eunice B. Cooper, three children, and five grandchildren.