

# Tree-Ring Society Newsletter



February 2024

Every year seems to be busier than the last, and it is hard to believe the first month of 2024 has already passed! 2023 was not the most stellar year on the communication front but a lot has been going on behind the scenes! To put that right and our best foot forward in 2024 we thought there was no better time to put out a Newsletter to keep everyone connected to the work of the Society and highlight some things we are particularly excited about in the next few years!

- Thank-you outgoing Executive Council
- Welcome incoming Executive Council
- Introducing the Dendrochronology Field School
- WorldDendro 2025
- DendroHub - a global dendrochronology resource!
- TRS membership renewal and donations
- January 2024 issue of Tree-Ring Research

I want to extend a huge **thank-you** to the outgoing council members: **Yu Lui** (Vice-President), **David Rasch** (Secretary), **Kelsey Copes-Gerbitz** (DEI), **Iain Roberstson** (Communications), and **Kate Kitchens** (Student). You folks have worked hard the past three years for the TRS and have been truly present to the challenges, realities, and opportunities of running a small non-profit Society. This work, done in the background, has made the TRS better!!

The thanks do not stop there. We wish to welcome, and thank in advance, the folks that return or are new to the Executive Council: **Jodi Axelson** (returning, President, British Columbia, Canada), **Grant Harley** (Vice-President, Idaho USA), **Elaine Kennedy Sutherland** (Secretary, New Mexico, USA), **Adam Csank** (returning, Treasurer, Nevada, USA), **Nicole Zampieri** (DEI, Florida, USA), **Joe Buck** (Communications, Texas, USA), **Marthie Niemand** nee Kemp (Student, Bloemfontein, South Africa), and **Steve Leavitt** (continuing, Editor of Tree-Ring Research, Arizona, USA). In addition, we have two new Members-at-Large (as of October 2023) to welcome: **Ariel Munoz** (Valparaiso, Chile), and **Justine Ngoma** (Copperbelt Province, Kitwe, Zambia).

And finally, many thanks to our long-suffering TRS Administrator **Lori Wilson** (Colorado, USA), who supports the Society with a smile and a can-do attitude!



## WorldDendro 2025 and the African Dendrochronology Fieldschool (ADF)

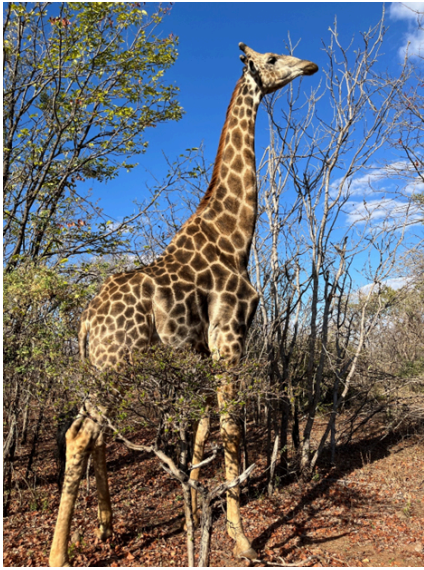
A group of local organizers in Zambia and dendrochronologists from around the world are planning the WorldDendro conference for Livingstone Zambia in July 2025. We currently plan to have the event at the Avani Resort that is a five minute walk from Victoria Falls, shares a border with the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, and has wildlife walking through their grounds (all of the pictures below were taken on the Avani grounds or within a ten minute drive, except the gorge is about a 30 minutes drive). We are arranging accommodations that range from hostels in Livingstone with dormitory beds at \$12 per night and rooms for \$60 for two beds all the way to accommodations at the conference hotel for \$240 a night and everything in between. See our website for the latest information about the conference: <https://sites.google.com/view/african-dendro/worlddendro>.

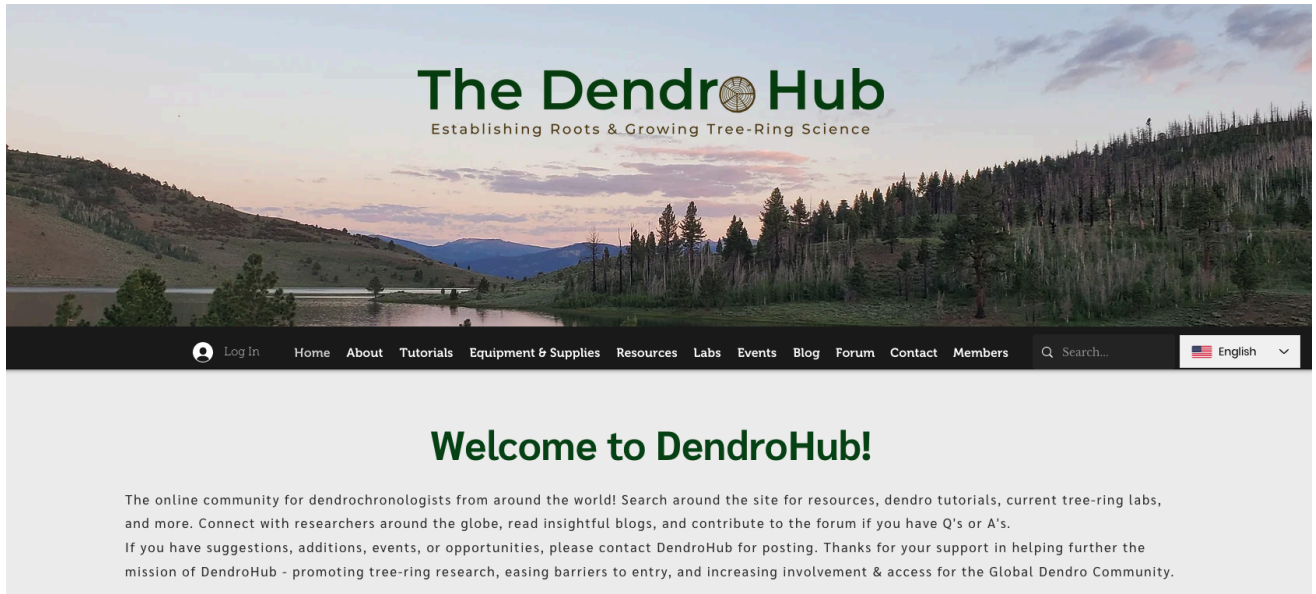
We are also organizing the African Dendrochronology Fieldschool (ADF) in Livingstone with field sites within two hours of the town at the end of June and beginning of July. The fieldweek will be for ten days and will end a day or two prior to the start of the conference. We will be sampling in the Baikiaea Forest and some southern remnants of the Miombo Woodlands with a chance that we will sample around the Chobe National Park in Botswana (a two-hour drive away). Projects will include dendroclimatology and dendroecology and work with some species that have been demonstrated to date well and exploring some species new to dendrochronology. See our website for the latest information about the African Dendrochronology Fieldschool: <https://sites.google.com/view/african-dendro/home>.

Key contacts for the **WorldDendro 2025** and **ADF**:

- Dr. Justine Ngoma (justinangoma@yahoo.com) – Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for the ADF and Co-Chair of the WorldDendro Scientific Committee
- Dr. James H. Speer (jim.speer@indstate.edu) – Co-Chair of WorldDendro
- Dr. Phillimon Ng'andwe (pngandwe2015@gmail.com) – Co-Chair of WorldDendro







**The TRS is a proud sponsor of The DendroHub!** In 2024 we will continue to work with Joe Buck, who initiated the Hub, and other tree-ring societies to develop a dendrochronology community committee structure to oversee content, accuracy and transparency of the site. Stay tuned on how you can get involved!

The DendroHub is all about growing our **community**, increasing inclusivity and bringing down the barriers to entry. The site serves as a platform where all are welcome and safe to connect and learn about our field of study. Primarily, this is a place for dendrochronologists and those in closely related fields. If you're looking for greater connection and collaboration, dendro resources and tutorials, or looking to share your experiences, become a member and join the online Global Dendro Community.

<https://www.dendrohub.com/>

## TRS Memberships and Donations

We rely on **membership dues** to provide services to our members, such as the journal and sponsoring conferences and awards.

**Please renew your TRS membership today!!**

The TRS relies **entirely** on donations to support the



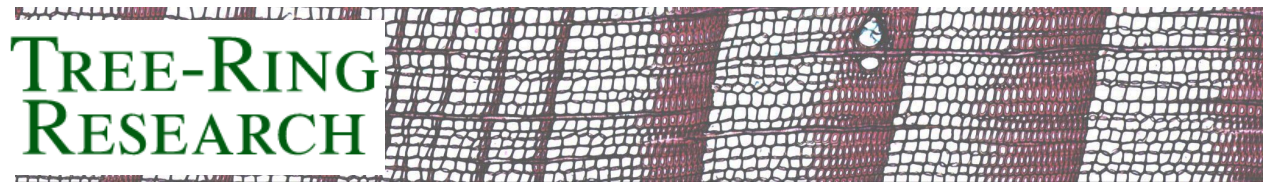
[Florence Hawley Ellis Diversity Award](#). For members within the USA, you can make tax-deductible donations within the current US tax year as the Tree-Ring Society is a 501(c)(3) USA nonprofit organization.

*To those who have donated a big Thank you - we literally cannot do it without you !!*

## Submit your work to Tree-Ring Research!

The TRS continues to invite submissions to our Society journal [Tree-Ring Research](#). As a TRS member you receive free online access and receive a discount on the cost of open-access papers. The journal's continued success depends on your interest to publish in this high-quality publication.

**We wish to thank** all our Associate Editors, Reviewers, and Authors who contribute to the success of this society-supported publication!



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cost of open-access status for their papers published in **Tree-Ring Research**. Any questions about the system can be addressed to <https://www.allenpress.com/meridian-support/>

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Also, remember that your membership in the **Tree-Ring Society** normally gives you discounted registration for tree-ring meetings that have **Tree-Ring Society** sponsorship.

## Connect with TRS

Connect with other members of the tree-ring community! Please visit the TRS web pages ([treeringsociety.org](http://treeringsociety.org)), or connect with us on **X** (@treeringsociety) or **Facebook** (search “Tree-Ring Society”).

## 2024-26 Executive Council

If you have specific questions about the TRS, please feel free to contact our TRS Administrator **Lori Wilson**, who tirelessly works for the society at [trslori \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:trslori@gmail.com) who can put you in touch with any member of the Executive Council.

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