In the first days of this year, it were released the Proceedings “Interaction of Wood with Various Forms of Energy” containing papers presented at the 4th International Scientific Symposium, that was running, under the same title, on September 9–10, 2008 at the Technical University in Zvolen, and was organized by the Department of Wood Science of the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology of the Technical University in Zvolen, in cooperation with the Slovak Timber Association, and the Union of Slovak Mathematics and Physics. The Symposium has been regularly organized since 1996, in four-year cycles.

The programme of the Symposium was aimed at meeting the research tasks set in the projects solved at the Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology: APVV-0282-06 “Wood quality as a determining factor for its final utilization” and VEGA No 1/4368/07 “Quality of wood and wood materials and their interactions with selected loading factors”. The research workers working on these projects could compare their results with those of scientific workers from the Czech Republic, Poland, Latvia and other research institutions in the Slovak Republic.

The discussed topic areas were as follows:
- Interactions in the system wood – water – heat
- Wood response to mechanical loading
- Interactions in the system wood – film-forming material
- Interactions between wood and various forms of radiation
- Wood quality parameters determining its final use

The Proceedings contain 33 works presented at the conference, and covering a wide area of wood science. We believe that every reader will find a topic of his/her interest to enhance the hitherto-obtained knowledge.

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