

# English wood carver creates showpiece for international organisation based in Oaxaca

Once again THE GRASSHOPPER reveals exclusive knowledge of new and exciting happenings in Oaxaca. Currently receiving a visitor from one's homeland, THE GRASSHOPPER was informed first-hand of the existence of a wood sculpture created by the fair hand of one Derek Woods, an acquaintance made at Loughborough University, of which the said visitor is still a member, putting the final touches to his doctoral thesis that mixes ancient philosophy with the futuristic technology of the Internet.

Commissioned by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to create a centrepiece for the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC), Derek Woods' 3-dimensional representation of the globe encompassing the FSC logo was first displayed at the FSC's stand at an international conference held at Earl's Court, London, earlier this year.

Now standing proudly at the organisation's headquarters here the centre of Oaxaca, the piece was commissioned through the recognition the artist's work gained after being awarded a grant by The Prince's Trust, a

funding body which aims to help young entrepreneurs with the costs of starting a business in creative and innovative fields.

## The Artist

Derek Woods, 24, whose company 'Fallen Woods' specialises in "Unique handcrafted wooden artifacts", boasts skills that can chip-out a range of products including: didgeridoos, pipes, masks and furniture.

His most recent work was to create an enormous wooden jellybean in the style of the logo of the band 'Jellybean' who commissioned the piece in 1997.

## The Forestry Stewardship Council

With its headquarters in central Oaxaca, the FSC's members from 40 countries worldwide make it the international organisation in the registry and certification of the world's forest areas and wood resources.

"Local people do not know that they have an international organisation

based here in Oaxaca!" said the FSC's regional coordinator for Europe and Africa, Ms Eleonore Schmidt. Not for long! In

keeping with the tradition of THE GRASSHOPPER we will be bringing you cutting edge news with a feature on the FSC in Wednesday's edition



