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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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NZIF workshops

After the Wellington workshop on Monday this week, I asked if any of those present would like to provide a comment for the Newsletter as a follow-up to Garth Cumberland's comment on the Auckland workshop last week. Several did and their comments are in the Members' Forum section.

After much arm twisting, cajoling and other encouragement we have enough support to run the last two workshops next week – Balclutha on Thursday 3 May and Christchurch on Friday 4 May. Thank you to those who have agreed to support the workshops. There is still time to register for either workshop – but please do so as soon as possible, so I don't have to share my lunch with you.

The Balclutha workshop is being followed by the Otago/Southland section AGM, which will include a discussion led by me on some of the things happening in the Institute, then dinner, and then a presentation on

illegal logging experiences in Asia from Harold Heath (more information later in the Newsletter, including the need to let Paul Cox know if you are going to the local section meeting). It should be a good day all round.

Changes proposed to NZIF Rules

At various times over the last few years I have discussed the way the Council has been moving NZIF to a more professional basis. I have indicated that the time has been approaching where we need to decide if we are going to take the next steps on that path, which are likely to include more paid assistance to take some of the load off Council.

Over the last few weeks Council has taken a hard look at the Articles of Association – the rules that NZIF operates under (and which tend to be called Rules rather than Articles these days). We have made a lot of changes to these over the last few years to fix issues as they arose, introducing Retired and Graduate Member classes, allowing internet banking and so on. In our review we have looked at what we are required to do under the Incorporated Societies Act and examined a sample set of rules on the Societies' website, and the rules for IPENZ, Institute of Primary Industry Management, Institute of Architects and Institute of Surveyors to see how they deal with things.

As a result of these investigations we are intending to present a new set of Rules for consideration at this year's AGM in Christchurch. Drafting is still underway, but I thought it might be helpful to start introducing some of the proposals we will be making. The objective is to ensure that the Institute can operate as an efficient professional body, comparable to other professional bodies and using technology where appropriate. Part of the objective is to pave the way for more assistance to Council and in some cases more efficiency in the way it can make decisions. On a personal level, I am very conscious that while I have been able to put a lot of time into NZIF in recent years (a combination of being mostly retired, kids off our hands, personal enjoyment etc), we cannot (and must not) expect our Presidents to be able to do this as a matter of course – if we do, the position will not only be difficult to fill but we may be disappointed by the Institute's performance. So I want to see NZIF in a position to deal with this when I step down in two years' time.

Our proposal includes:

- Changing the objects (or purpose) of the Institute to put greater emphasis on its role as a professional association;
- Providing for Council approved regulations for some of the more detailed material in the Rules. In the last few years, a number of the Rule changes have been around procedures for membership applications, nominations for Fellows, complaints processes and so on. In other associations much of this is handled in regulations which are approved by the Council rather than requiring AGM approval;
- Providing for Council to appoint staff, committees etc and to delegate functions to them. This provides opportunities for efficiencies within Council (such as less frequent meetings) and it sets the path for increasing paid assistance in the future;
- Giving Council more discretion to adopt a common sense approach to admissions, advancements, fee remissions etc. Currently Council has to go through more involved processes to “follow the rules” than is probably needed. For example, an Associate Member cannot apply for registration, so they apply for advancement to (full) Member and registration at the same time, with the Board delaying action until the Council has completed its action;
- Providing for Council, not the AGM, to set membership fees. This is the norm in the other associations we looked at;
- Providing for electronic voting, including having Fellows elected by electronic vote rather than at the AGM (where it can be embarrassing if members want to vote down a nomination for Fellow when the

nominee is sitting just outside the room);

- Extending the indemnity to all elected/appointed NZIF positions. At present the Institute rules provide an indemnity to members of the Registration Board but not Council or other elected or appointed officials;
- Having a common complaints process across all members. Currently there is one process for Registered Members and a separate one for all members (including Registered Members). In both cases the main basis for a complaint is a breach of the Code of Ethics;
- Adding provisions for the establishment and operation of special interest groups.

Looking in more detail at the Objects of the Institute. The current ones are:

- to be an independent advocate for forestry;
- to serve its members by:
 - affording them opportunities to express and exchange views;
 - overseeing members' ethics;
 - encouraging fraternity and "esprit de corps";
 - providing for the recognition of professional standards.

Council is proposing they be replaced with:

- establishing, maintaining and improving standards of professional forestry;
- contributing to the development and recognition of good forestry practice;
- recognising, regulating and supporting those demonstrating competence in the forestry profession;
- supporting forestry professionals in their career development;
- representing the forestry profession;
- acting as an independent advocate for forestry;
- serving members by:
 - affording them opportunities to express and exchange views;
 - encouraging fraternity and "esprit de corps".

The current Objects are still there but the proposal adds several new points to do with the more professional aspects of the Institute.

The proposal for Council to set fees rather than the AGM has been discussed by Council on a number of occasions in recent years, but has generally considered it to be too contentious to place before an AGM. But we need to consider what this means. In February 2012 Council approved a budget for the year beginning on 1 April 2012. It predicts a (modest) operating deficit. It used the fees last approved by an AGM in 2010 and which applied to the 2011/12 financial year. At the beginning of March members were invoiced using those fees.

Council can (and probably will) propose a fee rise at the AGM in July 2012 (this will be based on the budget approved in February for the 2012/13 year), but that will not have any effect until the year beginning 1 April 2013, by which time costs are likely to have gone up even further (and the recently elected Council, rather than the current one will be in office). So the proposal that Council is authorised to set the fees would mean much better links with the budgeting and invoicing cycle that we operate on.

I hear some of you say – "but Council setting fees means rampant out of control Councils can set high fees for pet projects" – sure, but then think of this scenario. Council approves a budget in February and as a result increases fees substantially for the invoices that go out in March. Members resign en-masse or just don't pay. The AGM comes up in the period May-August and the first question from the floor is "how many members have resigned or not paid their fees so far this year and how are you going to cover the deficit blow-out?" Believe me, Councils are very, very conscious of the relationship between fee increases, resignations and

censure by AGMs and are always very cautious in this respect – but if they aren't members can pass a vote of no confidence at the AGM and toss the blighters out.

I have raised some of these issues at the Auckland and Wellington workshops and will also do it at Balclutha and Christchurch in the coming week. I, and other members of Council would be very interested in your feedback – some of you may also be moved to send contributions to the Newsletter.

Reminders

We are almost at the end of April and there are a lot of matters that need to be attended to in the next seven days:

- Membership fees are due for payment by the **end of this month (Monday)**;
- Some Student Members have not yet confirmed their status for the 2012/13 year. We know some of you have finished your studies and we hope you will move on to become Graduate Members;
- Some members who were on hold for 2011/12 have still to confirm their status for the 2011/12 year;
- Registered Members must complete their annual requirements (pay and submit their CPD records and reaffirmation of the Code of Ethics) by **next Monday** if they want to maintain registration and be able to display a current annual practicing certificate;
- Nominations for Fellows close on **Friday 4 May**;
- Nominations for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year close on **Friday 4 May**;
- Applications for the Chavasse Travel Award close with the NZIF Foundation on **Friday 4 May**;
- Applications for three Student Scholarships (polytech student, university undergraduate student and postgraduate student) all close with the NZIF Foundation on **Friday 4 May**;
- Time to register for the NZIF AGM and conference in Christchurch from Sunday 1 to Wednesday 4 July. Have a look at the conference brochure ([click here](#)) and get enthused. Don't forget to book some accommodation.

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MEMBER'S FORUM

(Please keep Guest Comment and Member's Forum contributions to around 300 words. Send contributions as an email attachment (Word document) to newsletter@nzif.org.nz.)

NZIF Wellington workshop

Rob Miller, Reg. MNZIF, Wellington

A group of ten, mostly registered members from the Wellington 'hard core' came to a very useful CPD workshop held at the NZIF offices on The Terrace, Wellington on Monday 23rd April.

Phillip Merfield from Simpson Grierson provided the morning session which included his perspectives on the Real Estate Agents Act 2008 and the extent to which Forestry Consultants might be deemed to be Real Estate agents when it comes to their involvement in property and business transactions.

The important messages I took away were:

- NZIF members who are carrying out work on behalf of clients to bring about a transaction involving the

sale or leasing of land are deemed to be Real Estate Agents;

- What is a transaction is not always clear; transactions involving easements and forestry rights do not appear to be covered currently but the law may be changed to include these;
- Most of the registered members present considered that they did fall into the category of being a real estate agent – based on the kinds of transaction work they do;
- Agents are required to be licenced with the Real Estate Agents Authority – cost and competency implications;
- There are (steep) fines for acting as a Real Estate agent if not licenced.

It is possible for the NZIF to apply for an exemption if it can be shown that the NZIF has sufficient processes in place to ensure competency of Registered Members and there is no material benefit to consumers in requiring registered members to be licenced as real estate agents. The NZIF Council is exploring this option further.

In summary this is an important subject for Registered Members to understand. More information is available on the NZIF website!

Tony Gouldson from Crombie Lockwood Risk Partners started off the afternoon session with a review of the professional liability risks that forestry consultants are exposed to and how to manage that risk. Tony has talked to the Institute on a number of occasions on this subject and reminded us that there have been 4-5 claims against forestry consultants over the last 7 years with an average claim cost per registered member of \$8,000 per year. His key message of course was that registered members who are providing consultancy services to the public must have professional liability insurance. Tony recommended a minimum of \$2 million cover in most circumstances. This would likely cost \$6-8,000 per year with a \$10,000 excess.

MAF officials provided an update on the ETS scheme and answered a few curly questions on its future direction.

Andrew McEwen finished off the day with a review of the Registered Members scheme and some of the issues confronting the NZIF in its future direction. The biggest challenge is still how to grow the registered membership and what incentives are required to do this. Those present emphasised the importance of having a credible registration scheme which ensured those members were acting at the highest levels of competency in our profession.

In all it was a constructive and useful professional development workshop. I would encourage other members to attend the future workshops coming your way. A suggestion for possible improvements – I would like to have had more time to discuss the final session.

Thanks to the organisers.

Alan Bell, Reg. MNZIF, Wellington

This workshop was very important to anyone consulting in forestry. The presentation on the Real Estate Act was very useful and relevant. The lines between what forestry consultants do and what is deemed to be real estate work are not clear. This workshop showed us where the lines are drawn and what the consequences are for overstepping the mark. And believe me the consequences are big – like a \$100,000 fine just for starters. And it's not the law you have to be worried about – it's any disgruntled real estate agent who may think you are stamping on their toes because they can "dob" you in if they think you are on their territory. You need to know this stuff.

The Professional Indemnity presentation is also equally thought-provoking. To cover or not to cover ... The update from MAF as usual was dominated by questions from those in the know and bewilderment from those on the outside. But definitely worthwhile. And the discussion re the future of the registration scheme was very

important to us all. Thanks to all those involved.

Vern Harris, Reg. MNZIF, Marlborough

With the changes to legislation affecting some professional bodies over the last two to three years (Real Estate and Financial Advisors) this workshop has been timely.

While a number of Registered Members have obtained legal opinions, this workshop provided the means for discussion following the presentation by Simpson Grierson on the Real Estate Act and the ability to present a united view to the Institute regarding a way forward.

Quite simply, the fact we were discussing together rather than considering in isolation was of considerable value and benefit. The day was well organised and well presented. Presenters for Real Estate and Insurance sections were knowledgeable and informative.

The opportunity to speak with MAF staff (Emissions Trading Scheme) was valuable and with NZIF President (Andrew McEwen) and Registration Board Chair (John Schrider) was of considerable benefit.

Kelly Coghlan, Associate Member, Wellington

Garth Cumberland's workshop summary (Newsletter of 20 April) was pretty direct but also accurate after attending the recent NZIF Wellington workshop. At first glance I thought the content of the workshop did not really apply to me as I do not undertake valuations or become too involved in forest sale transactions that merge close to being considered a real estate agent. I was wrong. The big eye opener is the potential risks associated with advising forest owners written or verbally on financial matters related to forest investments, valuations, pre-harvest assessments even creating an expectation could expose you to being sued under new financial services legislation. Every day of the week many of us would be advising forest owners on market, pre-harvest financial, to cut or not cut, and if like me after 20 years we do it without thinking twice.

This workshop highlighted a total re-think on how to communicate any matters related to forest financials, especially when considering that many forest investments are not performing to original expectations, and there is an increasing number of dissatisfied owners and investors who just may be looking at someone to hang, especially considering what's been happening of late in the courts with respect to being accountable for any professional advice you deliver. I would encourage all to either attend these workshops or get up to speed on the potential risks that could be looming if the right duty of care is not applied under new compliance legislation.

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NZIF 2012 Conference

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2012 NZIF AGM and conference

Theme: Engineering Value – Growing and Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures

Date: **Sunday 1 July to Wednesday 4 July 2012**

Associated events:

Two CPD workshops and the NZIF AGM on Sunday 1 July
NZIF Awards Dinner on Monday 2 July
Field trip on Wednesday 4 July

Venue: University of Canterbury, Ilam Campus, Christchurch

Website: www.nzifconference.co.nz

Conference brochure and newsletter

The organising committee has produced a brochure for the conference ([click here](#)). It has the full program

registration details, field trips, social events, accommodation options and much more. So be sure to have a look at it, pass it on to as many people as you can, and make sure you register.

Another conference newsletter is due out early next week (probably Monday 30 April) so keep an eye out for it.

Conference sponsors

Thank you to all sponsors for your support of our conference and of the NZIF. Further sponsorship opportunities still exist. Just look at the exposure you are getting each week from now to the conference in this Newsletter, which is going to around 1,000 forestry professionals in NZ and the wider Pacific (plus a few even further afield). If you are interested in being a sponsor then get more details from the conference website or contact James Treadwell at secretary@nzif.org.nz.

A welcome this week to new Silver Sponsor FMR Risk. Those attending the current round of workshops will have heard Tony Gouldson from FMR talking about Professional Indemnity and other types of insurance, including giving us some fairly revealing statistics. Also coming on as an exhibitor this week is the Labour Department (soon to be swallowed into the latest super-Ministry).

Thank you to the new sponsors.

Conference registrations

If you haven't already done so, have a look at the programme on the Conference website, www.nzifconference.co.nz. Then continue to the registration page (link on the right-hand side of the home page) and make the commitment to support NZIF and Christchurch. Accommodation close to the conference is filling up. You need to book early to secure a place to sleep.

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NZIF BUSINESS

From the Registrar

Registration application

An application to become a Registered Member has been received from:

- Ms **Erin Leahy** of Rotorua.

Any member of the Institute has the right to object to an application. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of the first appearance (13 April) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

An application to become a Registered Member has been received from:

- Mr **Tony Groome** of Feilding

Any member of the Institute has the right to object to an application. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of the first appearance (20 April) of the notice in this Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

Five-yearly review notice

The current procedures for Registered Members require placement of a notice in the NZIF Newsletter informing NZIF members of those Registered Members whose registration status is to be reviewed during the year. The following Registered Members have their review due in the 2012/13 year:

Vern Harris, John Schrider, Anthony Watt, Piers Maclaren, Peter Wilks, Garth Cumberland, James Barton, Paul Molloy, Jon Dey, Robert Pocknall, Robin Webster, Brett Gilmore, Jeff Schnell, Julian Kohn and Branislav Zoric.

The review process as approved by Council allows any member of the Institute the right to object to the continuation of a member's registration. Any objection should be made by lodging a notice with the Registrar within 20 working days of this first appearance (30 March 2012) of the notice in the Newsletter, specifying the grounds of the objection.

Annual requirements

All Registered Members will have received their 2012/13 invoice and instructions re complying with the annual requirements. All three matters have to be completed by 30 April 2012 to meet the requirements of the articles. Please attend to this promptly.

Note that requirements must be completed by this coming Monday.

Nominations for NZIF Fellows

To be made a Fellow of the NZIF is the highest honour that the Institute can bestow on a member. It is recognition of eminence in the profession of forestry by the member's peers. Accordingly it is not lightly bestowed and the number of Fellows at any one time is likely to be relatively small. There are currently 44 Fellows of the NZIF. A list can be found on the website [here](#). Potential candidates for Fellow:

- Must be a Registered or Full Member at the time of nomination and must have been such a Member for

at least five years prior to the nomination;

- Must have had at least 15 years' experience in some branch of forestry (which can include practice, administration, teaching or research) – at least five years of that experience must have been in NZ;
- Must be nominated by two Members who must themselves be Honorary, Registered or Full Members of the NZIF.

Nominations are submitted to the NZIF Council. The nominations will be considered by the Council with the assistance of the Fellows' Committee and will determine which, if any, nominations will be placed before the NZIF AGM. Recognition of a Fellow requires a majority vote in favour of the candidate from the Honorary, Registered and Full Members present at the AGM.

The Council is now calling for nominations for consideration for recognition as Fellows of the NZIF at the 2012 AGM to be held in Christchurch on Sunday 1 July 2012. Nominations must include:

- The name and contact details of the nominee;
- The names and contact details of the two nominators;
- A statement from the nominators setting out the reasons why the nominee is worthy of recognition as a Fellow of the NZIFA curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- The nominee's consent to the nomination;
- References from two current or former employees or colleagues of some standing, which manifest the nominee's allegiance to the Institute's Code of Ethics.

Please take the time to consider those NZIF members who you believe are suitable to be recognised as Fellows and then take steps to nominate them. A nomination form is available on the NZIF website ([here](#)). Please also direct any queries about nominations for Fellows to the NZIF Secretary, James Treadwell (secretary@nzif.org.nz). Nominations must be submitted in writing to the NZIF Secretary, PO Box 10-513, The Terrace, Wellington 6143, or email to admin@nzif.org.nz no later than 5:00 pm **next Friday 4 May 2012**.

Call for nominations for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year

The NZIF Forester of the Year Award is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow. It recognises an NZIF Member who has made an outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession, or the forestry sector. The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession.

The awardee receives a certificate and the Forester of the Year carving, which they hold for one year. The award will be announced during the NZIF Awards Dinner at the NZIF Conference in Christchurch on Monday 2 July 2012.

Criteria:

- a) Open to any nominated NZIF Member who has achieved at least Member status;
- b) Consideration will be given to the nominee's:
 - contribution to NZ's economic, social and environmental development, the use of innovation and new technologies, or the creation of a new product or business of significance to forestry;
 - professional and academic achievements, broad community involvement, cultural and other achievements;
 - contribution to NZIF;

- c) Desirable attributes of the nominees for this award include:
- Publicising or promoting the interests of the profession and forestry sector;
 - Upholding the Institute's code of ethics and contribution to the profession's expertise and experience;
 - Disseminating technical information within the profession;
 - Encouraging young people to enter the profession and actively participate in Institute affairs.

Conditions of nomination

- a) Nominations must be on the NZIF Forester of the Year nomination form
- b) Nominees must be at least (full) Members of NZIF.
- c) The judges have the discretion not to bestow the award should the required standard not be reached or criteria not adequately met.
- d) The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- e) Nominations for must be received by 5:00 pm **next Friday 4 May 2012**.

Nomination forms available on the NZIF website [here](#).

Invoices and confirmation of membership status

Invoices for the NZIF financial year beginning 1 March 2012 have been emailed or posted to members. Registered Members have received details of the additional information they need to supply in order to maintain their registration. Student Members and members on hold have been asked to confirm their status for the 2012/13 year. Please attend to these matters by the due date of **30 April 2012**. If you haven't received anything, or you have any questions, please contact the Administrator (email admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421).

If you are sending credit card details to the administrator, please include the three digit security number on the back of your card – otherwise she cannot process the payment.

NZIF member workshops

The final two NZIF workshops will definitely take place as we now have sufficient numbers:

Date	Location	Time	Venue
Thur 3 May	Balclutha	10:00am – 5:00pm	Note change of venue to: Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha. Please register with admin@nzif.org.nz as soon as possible
Fri 4 May	Christchurch	9:30am – 4:30pm	Canterbury University, School of Forestry Meeting Room, 20 Kirkwood Ave, Ilam, Christchurch

The workshops will be dealing with matters such as:

- Implications of provisions in the Real Estate Agents Act for forestry professionals. What NZIF has already done, what are further options etc. May also have comments about the implications of the Financial Advisers legislation on forestry professionals;
- An update on trends, strategies and the need for managing business risk through the acquisition of business and/or personal professional indemnity insurance;
- Some legal implications for those who provide client advice on all aspects of the Emissions Trading

scheme;

- The proposed changes to the ETS;
- Where the NZIF is going, options for the registration scheme etc.

These workshops have relevance to all forestry professionals, not just Registered Members, and I urge you to attend. Bookings can be made through the NZIF website [click here](#). Online booking is available and early booking would be appreciated. Problems with bookings? Contact admin@nzif.org.nz or phone (04) 974 8421.

Note that the workshops are only for NZIF members. If you are aware of any non-member interested in attending, better help them get signed up as a member so they can attend. It would be appreciated if those wanting to attend sign up as soon as possible.

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NZIF FOUNDATION

Background to Foundation

The NZIF Foundation was established by the NZ Institute of Forestry in December 2011 to advance education in relation to forestry. This can include: encouraging and supporting forestry-related research, education and training through the provision of grants, scholarships and prizes; promoting the acquisition, development and dissemination of forestry-related knowledge and information; and other activities that do not conflict with the charitable purpose.

Enquiries regarding the Foundation can be directed to the NZIF Foundation Administrator (foundation@nzif.org.nz) or to the Chair of the Trustees (Andrew McEwen, am.mcewen@xtra.co.nz).

Awards being offered in 2012

The NZIF Foundation is offering the following awards in 2012:

- Chavasse Travel Award of up to \$3,500;
- Mary Sutherland Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ Polytechnic;
- University Undergraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree at a NZ University);
- Frank Hutchinson Postgraduate scholarship of \$1,000 – available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ University.

Chavasse Travel Award

The NZIF Foundation Chavasse Travel Award is open to any person interested or employed in NZ forestry to enable:

- The applicant to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forestry sector's experience and knowledge; or
- The applicant to assist an overseas person to travel to and within NZ for the purpose of making presentations on forestry topics to NZ audiences.

The award recognises forestry excellence and personal integrity, and aims to reward the clear dissemination

and presentation of results.

Student Scholarships

The Student Scholarships are open to all forestry students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree or diploma at a NZ tertiary institution. They recognise excellence at the student level and reward innovation and entrepreneurial potential.

Applications for the Chavasse Award and the Student Scholarships are now open. They close at **5:00 pm next Friday 4 May 2012** and it is expected that awards will be presented to successful applicants at the Awards Dinner of the NZIF Conference in Christchurch of Monday 2 July 2012.

Application forms for the award and scholarships can be obtained from the NZIF Foundation web page ([click here](#)) or from foundation@nzif.org.nz.

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SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish (murray.parrish@chh.com) is Submissions Coordinator. NZIF Members or local sections considering making submissions (even on what appear to be local issues) should advise him of their plans. Council can assist with the cost of making submissions (contact Murray for details).

Proposed changes to ETS

Council is working on a submission to the government on the proposed changes to the ETS. Contact Murray Parrish (murray.parrish@chh.com) if you have suggestions. If time permits a draft copy may be available before it needs to be submitted on **Friday 11 May**. Contact president@nzif.org.nz if you would like to see the draft (once it is ready) before it is submitted.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

Otago/Southland section

Thursday 3 May

The NZIF workshop being held at Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm this coming Thursday 3 May will be followed by two events. (Note change of venue for the workshop – it is no longer at Telford.)

OSIF AGM / Presentation NZIF President, Andrew McEwen

Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha (5:00 pm to 6.30 pm)

Following the NZIF workshop we have scheduled the Otago/Southland local section NZIF AGM from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. NZIF President, Dr Andrew McEwen, will update us on NZIF affairs and direction immediately following the AGM.

Dinner and speaker, Harold Heath

Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha (6:30 pm to circa 9:00 pm)

Dinner catered by Rosebank Lodge (allow approx. \$40/head for drinks and the menu). After dinner, Harold Heath will give a presentation on illegal logging based on his experiences working in Asia.

The OSIF Committee looks forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the above events.

Register attendance for the above with: Paul Cox, OSIF local section Secretary, fts_pmcox@xtra.co.nz

By: 5.30pm Monday 30 April

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

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STUDENT'S SECTION

Future Forests Fellowship (University of British Columbia)

As one of the world's top forestry schools, UBC Forestry – through the generous support of a private foundation – is honoured to offer the Future Forests Fellowship, the most prestigious forestry graduate award available at any Canadian University and the largest single grant for a forestry student globally. The Fellowship will enable an outstanding graduate student to undertake doctoral research focused on British Columbia (BC) in one of the following areas of excellence for the Faculty: forest products biotechnology/bioenergy; business operations and management; forest genetics/forest genomics; below-ground ecology; river and landscape ecology; climate change and advanced landscape planning; and forest management.

The Fellowship will pay \$60,000 per annum for three years, with an additional fourth year if required. This will allow the student to devote her or his time purely to pursuing excellence in research and community outreach in the field of forestry in BC. The research must be conducted, at least in part, in BC and should result in an outcome that has practical application in BC. Canadian and international students are eligible to apply.

To be considered for a Future Forests Fellowship, you must: be seeking financial support to pursue your first doctoral degree; intend to pursue full time doctoral studies beginning May 2013, September 2013 or January 2014 at the Faculty of Forestry at UBC; have achieved a first-class average, as determined by your university, in each of the past two years of full-time study or equivalent; not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from the Canadian Government or the University of British Columbia to undertake a doctoral degree; and not be a current Faculty of Forestry doctoral student.

[Click here](#) for the application and additional details. Application deadline: **1 November 2012**. All application documents must be submitted to: Dan Naidu, Coordinator of Graduate Awards & Scholarships, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Forestry 2604 – 2424 Main Mall Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z4, ph: 604-822-6177 fax: 604-822-8645, email: dan.naidu@ubc.ca.

NZIF Foundation Student Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation is offering three Student Scholarships for 2012:

- Mary Sutherland Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ Polytechnic;
- University Undergraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree at a NZ University);

- Frank Hutchinson Postgraduate scholarship of \$1,000 – available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ University.

More information in the section on the NZIF Foundation ([click here](#)). To obtain application forms and for further information contact Jay at admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421.

Please confirm student status

Student Members will have received an email from the Administrator asking you to confirm your student status for 2012 (or if no longer a student to apply to advance to Graduate Member or Associate Member). It would be great if you could do this as soon as possible, so we don't need to keep hassling you for a response.

BANZ (Bioenergy Association of NZ) Bioenergy Scholarships

BANZ has established a bioenergy scholarship scheme and is now seeking applications for the first round of applications.

BANZ is undertaking initiatives to help ensure greater development of the skills, experience and knowledge of bioenergy professionals in NZ, including attracting those in associated activities to consider specialising in bioenergy. As one of those initiatives BANZ has established a scholarship scheme which will be available for the purposes of specific training, research, travel or industry-based work experience.

Information on the scholarships and the criteria for applications is set out on the BANZ website www.bioenergy.org.nz or are available [here](#):

The first round of scholarships for 2012 are:

- *BANZ/EECA Bioenergy Scholarship* – for professional engineering practitioners
- *BANZ/Scion Masterate Scholarship* – for a student undertaking a Masterate in a topic related to bioenergy
- *BANZ/Scion Bioenergy industry-based work experience* – placement of a scientist for a fixed period within a bioenergy company, or for a company employee with Scion.

If you are interested in developing your expertise and obtaining broader experience of bioenergy by visiting practitioners in other countries, working with scientists, or gaining new knowledge and experience of any aspect of bioenergy then you should consider an application for a scholarship.

The Bioenergy Scholarship is for up to \$5,000 of travel and is also available for those in associated fields who would like to develop a broader capability in bioenergy practices.

This round of scholarships is sponsored by Scion and EECA.

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NZ conservation jobs	www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php
Department of Conservation	www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/
Australian Government	jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs

Italian forester seeks works

I am interested in working in NZ in the forest industry. I am a hard-working and enthusiastic recent graduate seeking a challenging position where my organisational, work experience and humility can make positive difference. I am employed as a Technician for Cooperative Society “Legno Servizi” (Wood Services) in Tolmezzo – Udine in Italy since July 2010 where I deal with the management of forest property, customers for the timber, and I qualify and measure of wood. For a full CV please email me. *Carlo Picotti* (carlopicotti@hotmail.it)

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

EX-NEW ZEALAND FOREST SERVICE WORKERS – WESTLAND GET TOGETHER

Giddy to all “ex Forestry workers of the West Coast”

Where has the time gone? And so much has happened since we worked for NZFS! Those good old Forestry Days stories keep coming up, and this year marks 25 years since the Government Restructure. Due to a good response and expressions of interest for the above event, we are now in the process of making the following arrangements:

Labour Weekend 2012

Friday 19th from 7:00 pm

A get together at the O’Connor Bar, Beachfront Hotel (formerly the Southland Hotel) on Revell Street, Hokitika.

Saturday 20th around 5:00 pm

Drinks followed by a buffet meal commencing about 7:00 pm and then a social function to follow – held at a

most suitable venue. For a good old social time, to talk and reminisce, this event should not be missed! There will be a display, photos, memorial list and hopefully a PowerPoint or theatre screening, guest speakers and more.

Sunday 21st

A commemorative tree planting and a café cuppa.

We now require registrations so arrangements can be confirmed. You will need to send a cheque payable to 'Forestry West Coast Reunion' for \$80 per person to cover costs by 30 June 2012. Wives, partners and families are very welcome. As the registration cost doesn't include beverages, you will be required to pay for your own at the bar provided. Please arrange your own accommodation asap. Feel free to send along stories/memorabilia of our forestry days. We are considering doing a booklet.

For more information contact: Rex Keenan, email keenanr@kinect.co.nz, ph (03) 755 8374; or Ray Kingi (03) 755 7492. Alternatively contact the Reunion Committee, 240 Kaniere Road, Hokitika, West Coast.

SCION WORKSHOP ON FOREST ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Scion cordially invites you to attend a workshop on Forest Ecosystem Services (FES). This workshop will be held on **Wednesday 16 May 2012** from 9:30 to 4:00 pm at Te Papa in Wellington. [Click here](#) for the FES workshop link where you can find registration details. The morning will be presentations, first around current work and then overviews from different stakeholders, with a workshop in the afternoon.

If you have any questions in regard to the workshop contact Richard Yao, Scientist – Resource Economist, Scion (ph 07 343 5747 or 021 0247 3234 or email Richard.yao@scionresearch.com).

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CALENDAR

The events in this calendar have come from a range of sources and no responsibility can be taken for errors. Contact the organisers to check times, locations, costs etc. New events are marked in moss green.

April 2012

Fri 27 [Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar](#), Christchurch

Mon 30 CFA Young Forester Award 2012 applications close, www.cfa-international.org

May 2012

Tue 1 [Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar](#), Auckland

Thur 3 NZIF Workshop, Balclutha, www.nzif.org.nz

Fri 4 NZIF Workshop, Christchurch, www.nzif.org.nz

Fri 4 Nominations close for NZIF Fellows
Nominations close for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year
Nominations close for Chavasse Award
Nominations close for Student Scholarships

Wed 16 Scion Forest Ecosystem Services workshop, Wellington, www.scionresearch.com/fes-workshop-2012

Thur 31 FITEC National Training Awards nominations close, www.fitec.org.nz/awards

July 2012

Sun 1 NZIF AGM, Christchurch

Sun 1 – Wed 4 NZIF Conference, Christchurch, www.nzifconference.co.nz

October 2012

Fri 19 – Sun 21 Ex-New Zealand Forest Service workers – Westland get together, keenanr@kinect.co.nz

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