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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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Scientific sabotage

I was absolutely disgusted to receive advice yesterday of the total destruction of Scion's field trial of genetically modified radiata pine over the Easter weekend. Apparently the perpetrators cut through the perimeter fence, dug under the electrified security fence around the field trial site and then cut down all 375 trees at ground level.

In 2009, the NZIF made a submission to ERMA in support of the application by Scion for approval to conduct the trial. The full submission is available on the NZIF website. My verbal presentation to the hearing included:

- GM technology has been around for some time and has been in commercial use for at least 14 years;
- NZ has stringent rules around research into and use of GM technology. These rules have come from the very comprehensive Royal Commission in 2001, and from legislation enacted in the NZ Parliament. Through this process they have been sanctioned by NZ society;
- We acknowledge that some members of society do have concerns about the impact of GM technology. Our response to this is that the only way we can resolve such concerns is through quality research – in the laboratory and in the field. This is a normal and accepted practice in forestry;
- Research into use of GM technology in trees began at least 24 years ago and is being undertaken in many countries. The first field tests were initiated in 1988. Prohibiting research into GM trees in NZ will not stop research and is a symptom of the “not in my back-yard” syndrome – we want to know what the risks, if any, are, but we want someone else, in some other country, to do the research to find out;
- Undertaking research under reasonable controls is consistent with my understanding of the precautionary principle. My analogy is what happens when we want to cross a road. We don’t come up to the road, say there are risks associated with crossing this so we must not cross (which is the interpretation of the principle that some people seem to make). Rather we take out our iPod earphones, we look right, we look left, we look right and if the road is clear, we cross the road but paying careful attention to what might be happening;
- The development and trialling of GM trees for commercial planting is progressing in a number of countries including the United States and Brazil. China released GM trees in 2002. The fact that there are major forest growing and consuming countries advancing GM technology makes it all the more important that further research into the potential risks and benefits is undertaken to determine if and how we want to make use of this technology in NZ. It also makes it important that this research is undertaken with species used commercially in NZ, under NZ conditions and under the regulations that apply in NZ;
- There is potential for forestry to benefit in many ways from GM technology and the Scion application has listed some of these. But the fact that they have been listed does not mean that because of this trial, the benefits will be realised or that forest investors will pick up the technology. Adoption of new technology into a commercial situation must take into account a wide range of factors, including costs, risks and predicted return. Forestry is a long-term investment and subject to a lot of risks – weather, fire, disease, likely markets and product prices many years into the future, future government regulation and public opinion to mention just a few. Trials such as that for which approval is sought will help to determine and quantify the potential benefits and provide information that investors can add to the other factors that they already take into account when contemplating a new investment;
- The NZIF Council has adopted a position that advocates an informed, regulated and risk management based approach to the use of GM organisms in research and commercial forestry in NZ, aimed at minimising the potential for adverse environmental impacts while providing opportunities to enhance the competitiveness of NZ forestry. We also advocate a case by case approach to the assessment of the potential benefits and risks of GM technology, based on scientific evidence;
- The application by Scion for a field test in containment of genetically modified pine trees appears to meet the NZIF position. Accordingly, the Institute welcomes and encourages the research proposed and asks the Authority to approve this application.

Apart from those of us who supported the application, there were a number of submitters opposed to it, some of whom also presented their submissions at the hearing.

Following the hearing, ERMA approved the trial but subject to a number of conditions in addition to those proposed by Scion. Thus the trial was approved after careful consideration, including public scrutiny, under the applicable NZ legislation – legislation that was approved by Parliament under the process generally acceptable to

NZ society.

The destruction of a properly approved scientific research trial involving access through several layers of security fencing is not some mindless act of vandalism, but must have been a deliberate act by someone who has a deep-seated objection to GM technology. It is an act by someone who appears to have no respect for legislation acceptable to NZ society generally. It is presumably an act by someone who, while they may have some concerns about the safety of genetically modified organisms, has no interest in research that might either allay or confirm those concerns. The actions of this person or persons have not only put back the gaining of knowledge on the safety or otherwise of genetic modification techniques in NZ forestry, they have destroyed property and they have wasted scarce forest research funding.

NZ forestry cannot ignore new technology and that means it has to be able to assess the potential risks and benefits that may arise from its use. This comes before any commercial decisions on whether or not to actually use the technology. In the case of GM and other technologies covered by the HSNO Act, NZ science is already paying costs to obtain approval for trials that appear to be far higher than those reported from other countries, and the cost of meeting the conditions placed on those trials that are approved also appear high in international comparisons. This is already a significant deterrent to research aimed at learning more about the technology, without the threat (and incidence) of sabotage.

While it could just be a coincidence, there was a similar act of sabotage in a Hawkes Bay last weekend when 1,500 young apple trees, worth around \$100,000, were destroyed.

I cannot condemn those responsible for this act of anarchy too strongly and I urge other NZIF members to do the same. I also ask any NZIF member who has any information that might help bring the perpetrator(s) to justice to contact the police and/or Scion as soon as possible.

Rotorua workshop cancelled, others under review

I am very frustrated that we have had to pull the plug on the NZIF workshop scheduled for Rotorua next week. The Registration Board and Council have worked hard to put together the workshops on topics that are of some importance to forestry professionals. To have only six people register for the Rotorua one (the heart of the largest NZIF local section with nearly 250 members or 28% of total membership) concerns me. We are a professional association and one of the norms of such associations is that members keep abreast of developments that affect their profession. The evidence from the workshop registrations suggests that our members are just not interested in this. If so, how can they feel comfortable about being identified as professionals and what does this say about the future of NZIF as a professional association?

Despite only 10 members having registered we have decided to continue with the Auckland workshop on Wednesday next week (18 April) and I encourage members who have not already done so to register and attend.

We will also run the Wellington workshop (nine registrants so far) on Monday 23 April. One of the reasons for sticking with the Auckland and Wellington workshops is because the ETS consultation roadshow being run by MfE and MAF is not visiting either Auckland or Wellington, but we have arranged for the MAF speakers at all the workshops to cover aspects of the consultation during their session. So if you want to be part of that process, register for a workshop.

The Balclutha workshop on Thursday 3 May (no registrants so far) is looking very unlikely to take place unless there is a sudden spate of registrations in the next few days. We are still assessing the Christchurch workshop (eight registrants). If there is no more interest in the next few days we may have to cancel it as well.

I would, however, like to thank those who have already registered to attend a workshop and I apologise to those who registered for Rotorua who will now miss out unless they can get to one of the other venues. I would also like to apologise for a few glitches that some members struck when trying to register for the workshops. We were not aware that a credit limit operates when a booking is being made but not being paid by credit card and that the

credit limit had been reached for those who had not already paid their annual membership fees.

A second glitch is in the way the pricing was set up. Despite the cost for unregistered members being more than for registered members, the system has applied the same price for all registrants. Jay is working on this and invoicing those affected for the correct amount. Again I apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused.

Auckland local section meeting

Next Wednesday the Auckland section is planning a meeting to follow the workshop. Further information (time, place, etc) is likely to follow this Newsletter, but I will be present and I want to talk about future developments for NZIF, including some significant changes that we are hoping to seek approval for at the AGM this year. Murray Parrish is also scheduled to talk about some of the issues that we have been grappling with in recent weeks.

ETS consultation

The government this week released a consultation document on proposed changes to the ETS. These include:

- Slower phase out of the “one for two” transition measures;
- Maintaining the \$25 fixed price option until at least 2015 and providing power to extend this beyond 2015;
- Providing power to delay the entry of emissions from animal livestock and fertiliser use for up to three years;
- Including offsetting for pre-1990 forest to allow for more flexible land use change, but accompanied by withdrawal of some or all of the second tranche of pre-1990 NZ units allocated to those forests;
- Introducing powers to enable auctioning of NZUs;
- Provide for quantitative restrictions on the use of international units.

The government is running a series of consultation sessions between Tuesday next week (17 April) and the following Tuesday (24 April).

Further information on the proposals and consultation is available [here](#).

NZIF will be making a submission, so we welcome any comments that members might like to make. My initial impression is that the changes are mainly tinkering in a manner that has already been indicated in previous government statements, and that they are likely to make forestry less rather than more attractive (for example the first three bullet points are all likely to reduce the market for forestry units and to maintain the high price of land for agriculture with no compensatory influence on the value of land for forestry). I don't believe that the possibility of offsetting will mean all that much, because of the costs associated with creating new forest and infrastructure.

Death of NZIF Honorary Member

Last weekend I issued the following media statement recording the death of NZIF Honorary Member Sir Peter Tapsell:

Members of the New Zealand Institute of Forestry, Te Pūtahi Ngāherehere o Aotearoa, are saddened by news of the death of Honorary Member, Sir Peter Tapsell. “Our thoughts are with his family,” said Dr Andrew McEwen, President of the Institute.

Sir Peter was made an Honorary Member of the Institute in 1990 after serving as Minister of Forests from August 1987 to February 1990, during the second term of the fourth Labour Government. His three overseas missions in which forestry was a major interest – to Scandinavia, Canada and Chile, to Korea and Japan, and to Scandinavia, the United Kingdom and USSR reinforced Minister Tapsell's conviction that forestry had much to offer New Zealand and he became an advocate for a closer working relationship between the radiata pine growers of New Zealand, Australia and Chile.

Following the disestablishment of the Forest Service in March 1987 and with the subsequent proposed sale of State forests to the private sector Sir Peter became concerned about the maintenance of New Zealand's forest management standards. He saw a Forest Policy, and maybe a new Forest Act, as a contribution to maintaining a high standard of forest stewardship in New Zealand. He recognised that dialogue was the key to acceptance of both the Policy and the Act and began the process with interested parties. Unfortunately he lost his ministerial position before he could complete the task.

“Our members always found Peter Tapsell very approachable and a good listener. He was recognised as a champion of forestry,” said Dr Wink Sutton, NZIF President, when Sir Peter was elected as an Honorary Member of the Institute.

25 years without the Forest Service

Some members have noted that 31 March marked 25 years since the end of the New Zealand Forest Service, a government department that started life as the State Forest Service and lasted for 68 years. While some NZIF members had not arrived in the world in 1987, others spent their entire career employed by that department. For some others, including me, it means that our careers have been longer without the Forest Service than with it.

Reminders

A few reminders of other things going on in the NZIF world:

- Membership fees are due for payment by the end of this month;
- 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 the end of the month 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.)

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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 programme 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.

Members should also have received a conference newsletter. It introduced another international speaker, Jose Pablo Jordan, a Chilean forest engineer involved with new product development at the largest wood products company in Chile (CMPC). This is a role that includes coordinating research and development activities between the forest growing and sawmilling divisions of the company.

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.

Conference registrations rising

Registrations for the conference continue to arrive. 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.

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 Schridder, 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.

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 on **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 on **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

Four NZIF workshops have been scheduled as follows **(the one scheduled for Rotorua has been cancelled through lack of interest)**.

Date	Location	Time	Venue
Wed 18 April	Auckland	9:00am – 4:00pm	USR Meeting Room, 13-15 College Hill, Auckland.
Mon 23 April	Wellington	9:00am – 4:00pm	Forest Wood Centre, 9th Floor, 93 The Terrace, Wellington
Thur 3 May	Balclutha	10:00am – 5:00pm	Telford Ploytechnic Meeting Room, 498 Owaka Highway, Balclutha
Fri 4 May	Christchurch	9:30am – 4:30pm	Canterbury University, School of Forestry Meeting Room, 20 Kirkwood Ave, Ilam, Christchurch

Note that the Christchurch and Balclutha workshops are under review and may be cancelled if more registrations are not received.

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. If there are insufficient bookings, some workshops may have to be cancelled.

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. NZIF reserves the right to cancel a workshop if there is insufficient interest. Contact John Schrider john@forme.co.nz, (04) 232 7155 (5) or 027 446 9296, if you have any suggestions for other topics you would like to see included.

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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.

In the Trust Deed, “forestry” has been given a broad definition – “Forestry includes all those activities involved in the management and use of forests and their products, the objects of which are the production of wood or other forest benefits and the maintenance of the environment in its most beneficial form”. In determining this definition, the NZIF Council wanted to ensure that the Foundation could operate across the full spectrum of forests and forestry in NZ – both production and for other purposes. The initial Trustees, who are appointed by the NZIF Council, are: Andrew McEwen, President NZIF (Chair), James Treadwell, NZIF (Secretary), and David Evison (NZIF Councillor).

The NZIF Council has agreed to make a donation to the Foundation of \$85,000, which are the funds previously held by NZIF for awards and scholarships. The NZIF Council has also agreed that it will provide administration service for the Foundation, at no cost. For NZIF this is a very significant investment into the future of forests and forestry in NZ, which NZIF hopes will appeal to (and be matched by others).

The Trustees will need to increase the capital of the Foundation if they are to be able to realise the objective of significant support to forestry education in NZ. To assist in fund raising, the Trustees applied to the Charities Commission in December 2011 for registration as a Charitable Trust. If granted, donations by individuals to the

Trust Fund will be eligible for tax rebates while donations by companies and other entities are regarded as tax-deductible expenses. The Commission was still processing the application in mid-March 2012. Once it has achieved charitable status, the Trustees intend to commence seeking donations to the fund.

The NZIF Council requested that the Foundation continue, in 2012, with the three Student Scholarships (Polytechnic Institute, University Undergraduate and Postgraduate) and the Chavasse Travel Award, previously made available by NZIF. NZIF will continue to make the Kirk and Forester of the Year awards which are the highest NZIF awards (neither of which carries a monetary prize).

The Trustees will also be exploring ideas for expanding the range of opportunities for scholarships, awards etc, that it might be able to make when sufficient funds become available. They are interested in receiving suggestions for particular awards or scholarships or other initiatives that you would like to see being offered by the NZIF Foundation.

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 on 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).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

Auckland section

The Auckland section is planning a meeting to follow the workshop being held on Wednesday 17 April (next week). Details will be emailed separately.

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Publications on Pacific Island forests

Noted in a recent publications catalogue from the USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station:

- Republic of the Marshall Islands' forest resources 2008. Donnegan, J.A.; Trimble, S.T.; Kusto, K. et al, 2011, Resource Bulletin PNW-RB-263.
- Federated States of Micronesia's forest resources 2006. Donnegan, J.A.; Butler, S.L.; Kuegler, O.; Hiserote, B.A. 2011. Resource Bulletin PNW-RB-262.
- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' forest resources 2004. Donnegan, J.A.; Butler, S.L.; Kuegler, O.; Hiserote, B.A. 2011. Resource Bulletin PNW-RB-261.

Further information [here](#).

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STUDENT'S SECTION

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.

Survey request from NZIF student member

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LAND MANAGER, TIMBERLANDS, ROTORUA

Timberlands is a leading NZ owned and operated independent Forest Management Company with particular expertise in forest management and operations on a significant scale. The company manages 180,000 ha of pine plantations in the Central North Island on behalf of Kaingaroa Timberlands and other clients.

Applications are invited for the position of Land Manager based in Timberlands' offices in Rotorua. This position, reporting to the Technical Manager, will manage land-related issues on behalf of our clients including:

- Land rental reviews
- Land use management, including hand backs
- Landlord relationships.

Personal skills we are seeking are:

- Ability to build relationships and communicate well with a diverse range of people
- Professionalism and ability to manage pressure situations with diplomacy
- Proactive engagement to minimise risks
- Strong negotiation skills
- Excellent record keeping.

Serious consideration will be given to applicants with:

- A tertiary qualification in Forestry or other land-based fields
- 3-5 years of relevant land-based management experience
- Relevant commercial/legal qualifications and/or experience.

A position description is available from Timberlands' Human Resources Manager, Belinda Bird, tel +64 7 343 1080, email belinda.bird@tll.co.nz. Postal address: Timberlands Ltd, PO Box 1284, Rotorua. All enquiries or applications will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Closing date: a letter of application with a CV should be submitted (by email or post) by 5:00 pm on Friday 27 April 2012. For further information visit the Timberlands website: www.tll.co.nz



**ERNSLAW ONE LTD, WHANGAPOUA SUPERVISOR
(three-year fixed-term position)**

Ernslaw One is a forest owner and manager with offices & forest estate throughout NZ. Applications are invited for the position of Whangapoua Supervisor, based in the Coromandel (fixed-term three years). The purpose of this position is to assist the Whangapoua Manager with management of forestry and harvesting operations. Key responsibilities are:

- Health and Safety management
- Harvesting production supervision
- Silvicultural management
- Environmental management.

Serious consideration will be given to applicants with:

- A tertiary qualification and/or relevant operations experience.
- Knowledge of silvicultural operations and management.
- Ability in managing people.

Ernslaw One Ltd is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment. The successful applicant would require a pre-employment medical, drug and alcohol assessment. A position description and application form is available from Steve Couper on 0274 954 802, or email jobs@ernslaw.co.nz. **Closing date:** a letter, application form with a CV should be submitted by **4:00 pm on Thursday 26 April 2012.**

JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	fusionz.rsnz.org/
MAF	careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx
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
FAO projects and professional vacancies	www.fao.org/employment/project-vacancies/en/ www.fao.org/employment/empl-professionalvacancies/en/

Master of Sustainable Forest Management, University of British Columbia

Our new Master of Sustainable Forest Management (MSFM) is a one-year course-based program that provides students with opportunities for advanced scholarship in natural resource management. It prepares students for careers as forestry professionals in temperate forests in North America and overseas, and sets the stage for life-long learning. The MSFM will begin in August 2012 with two weeks of classes and field work at one of our

research forests.

Fellowships: UBC's Faculty of Forestry offers \$10,000 as part of an *International Student Fellowship in Sustainable Resource Management* to assist international students (U.S.A. or overseas) with their costs for the MSFM program. The award criteria are as follows: being an international student (non-Canadian citizen, non-Permanent resident); academic excellence; leadership; and a demonstrated commitment to sustainable resource management. For more information please visit www.forestry.ubc.ca/grad or email mfm.program@ubc.ca

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

TREES ON FARMS: EXPLORING HILL COUNTRY OPTIONS WORKSHOP

26 April 2012, Tatham Property, 206 Mangaotaki Road, Piopio

Following successful workshops in Gisborne and Hawke's Bay, the next Trees on Farms workshop will be held on the King Country property of Barrie and Jude Tatham, and will explore the role of trees in hill country farm management, particularly in marginal or less productive areas. Barrie and Jude own a 500 ha drystock farm near Piopio, which they operate in a share-farming arrangement with Kieran and Shona Bradley, running cattle, dairy grazers and sheep. The Tathams are previous Waikato Farm Environment Award winners, and their farm is notable for the diversity of species they have planted for nutrient buffering, stock shade and beautification.

Tree plantings on the farm include a mix of radiata pine and other exotic species, as well as natives. They have planted thousands of native trees in recent years and around 40 ha of land has been covenanted with the QEII National Trust. Pole planting has been used to stabilise potential slip areas, and with the help of Environment Waikato's Clean Streams initiative, the Tathams are also protecting areas alongside the Mangaotaki River. Selected areas have been fenced off and planted with native species to protect the riverbank.

However the Tathams' property is dotted with rocky limestone outcrops and tomos. Where fencing off stream banks is not possible, they have focused on providing alternative water and stock shade away from streams. They have found this reduces the time stock spend in and around natural water and vulnerable gullies. Specifically designed by knowledgeable, experienced tree-planting farmers and AgFirst consultants to meet local needs, this unique workshop will look at trees as an integral part of the whole agribusiness, with particular emphasis on choosing the appropriate species in the context of:

- *Trees in the farm business:* How integrated land use strategies spread risk – and cash flow – and deliver both short-term and inter-generational benefits
- *Trees as a land management strategy:* Wise land use and “fit for purpose” planting – erosion control, riparian management and water quality, weed control, managing trouble spots and erosion, and protecting valuable soils
- *Trees for animal welfare:* Trees for shelter and fodder, managing waterways
- *Biodiversity:* Saving remnants of native bush (it's easy)
- *Trees and the ETS:* Improving forestry cash flow and planting to offset on-farm emissions.

The programme starts at 9:30 am and will finish at 3:30 pm. All participants will receive complimentary hand-outs and a DVD of farm videos and workshop proceedings. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$10, with proceeds going to the Waitanguru & Districts Rural Women. For catering purposes please register by 20 April. For more information and to register contact Malcolm Mackenzie, (07) 873 7728, email malcmac@ihug.co.nz.

The Trees on Farms workshops are being run as part of a three-year programme throughout NZ with support from the Sustainable Farming Fund. Upcoming workshops include Palmerston North (Pohangina Valley, 21 May),

Wairarapa (Carterton, 23 May), Otaki (26 May), Taranaki (Inglewood, 6 June) and Waikato (Putaruru, 27 June). For more information about these workshops contact the project manager, Ian Nicholas, phone 07 348 5923, email i.nicholas@clear.net.nz

Programme

9:30 – 9:55 am	Coffee/mingle
10:00 am – 12:35 pm	Woolshed presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding marginal land options• Videos of successful local farm foresters - Tatham, Cumberland & Mackenzie• Opportunities for natives and specialty timbers: species options including natives, eucalypt, cypress, redwood, pine• Panel discussion
12:35 pm:	Lunch provided in woolshed
1:05 pm:	Discussion in field (4 wheel drive suggested): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Council activities• QEII opportunities• Carbon opportunities• Tree planting options
3:30 pm:	Finish

WATER QUALITY IN NZ: UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENCE

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has launched a major water quality report. The report aims to provide scientific context for the divisive issue of water quality in NZ. It considers the historical context of land use changes and water quality issues, before breaking down the topic into a discussion of water-borne diseases, sediment and excess nutrients (i.e. nitrogen and phosphorus). It also includes a case study of the Manawatu River. The report is available [here](#).

INFORMATION WANTED ON FOREST PESTS

I am a Northern Arizona University MS:F student and am currently enrolled in our forest entomology course. Grad students will be presenting on major forest pests outside of the US, while undergrads present on US forest pests. I have chosen NZ as my area of interest, as I've travelled to Australia, Tasmania and NZ in the past. I've found a good deal of information on NZ forest pests by searching primary literature and visiting a variety of local websites (Ministry of Agriculture, NZ Farm Forestry, Scion etc). What I haven't found is what the most important forest pests in NZ are currently. Obviously I will need to pick only a handful of insects to cover. Could I get your perspective on this?

Additionally, I would appreciate your suggestion on the best online resource for information on your "top 5" pests. I found that the NZ Farm Forestry website had good info on specific pests, similar to an extension service pamphlet here in the US. But if you know of a better source, and/or have favorite publications for particular insects, I would be grateful for anything you would like to share. Thank you for your consideration on this. Any help is appreciated. *Erik Nelson* (enelson@tanelorn.us)

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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

Tue 17	Closing date for Biodiversity Condition and Advice Funds, www.biodiversity.govt.nz/biofunds
Wed 18	NZIF Workshop, Auckland, www.nzif.org.nz
Thur 19	NZIF Workshop, Rotorua, www.nzif.org.nz
Mon 23	NZIF Workshop, Wellington, www.nzif.org.nz
Thur 26	Trees on Farms workshop, Piopio (i.nicholas@clear.net.nz)
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
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

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