

economically viable. Forest operations must be structured and managed so as to be sufficiently profitable, without detriment to the forest resource, ecosystem or affected communities.

13. Management of indigenous forests must be environmentally appropriate. Harvest of timber and non-timber products need to maintain the forest biodiversity, productivity and ecological processes.

14. The above principles can be best understood by visiting sustainably managed indigenous forests.

On 13 January an invitation was sent to the Chairman of the Primary Production Select Committee to choose from a list of suggested forests to have the Select Committee visit and understand the principles of sustainable forest management. The Institute would welcome the opportunity to facilitate visits to various private forests.

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Principles basis of parliamentary submission

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The Institute's oral submission to the Primary Production Parliamentary Select Committee was on the basis of principles rather than specific issues. Probably the most fundamental of the principles was that members of the Committee see for themselves the practice of sustainable management of indigenous forests.

As a consequence of negotiations since November last year the Institute has been able to host the Select Committee on visits to the black beech forest of John and Rosily Wardle at Oxford and the silver beech forest of Iain MacDonald at Winton. Still on the agenda is a visit to Russell & Jean Adams' podocarp/hardwood forest at Inchbonnie.

What was most satisfying about the forest visits was a number of members of the Select Committee saying, "previously I thought any human intervention in management of indigenous forests destroyed them; now I know that human intervention can not only protect the forests but also enhance their productivity, biodiversity and usefulness to local communities."

A challenge now is to get our critics into such forests and have them tell us what we are doing that is harmful.

Nominations called for NZIF Registration Board

Nominations are called for one position on the Registration Board, to take effect from 1 June 2001. The term will be for four years.

Board Members attending meetings of the Board are paid expenses incurred plus an attendance fee. Nominees must be Registered Forestry Consultants.

For more information and to obtain a Nomination Form and return to:

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Christchurch

Calendar 2001

The following conferences, expos, courses and other events will be of interest to readers. Details are brief, so please contact the organisers for more information.

5 June-16 July 2001

Agroforestry for Sustainable Development (AGFOR)

Training course, Los Banos, Philippines (6 weeks)
Training Center for Tropical Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability (TREES), University of the Philippines Los Banos, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, College, Laguna, Philippines

Contact: trees@laguna.net

9-13 July 2001

International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS).

Sydney, Australia

URL: <http://www.igarss.org/future.html>

25-27 July 2001

World Woodchip Technology Conference 2001
Tasmania, Australia

(no details at this stage)

URL: www.britesite.com/events

12-16 August 2001

93rd Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Canadian Institute of Forestry
Resort Municipality of Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

Contact: Robin Clark, Co-Chair, HAMPCO 2001,
3431 West 21st Avenue, Vancouver BC, V6S 1G6, Canada

URL: <http://cif-ifc.org/agm2001/default.htm>

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17-21 September 2001

12th Fundamental Research Symposium
Oxford, United Kingdom

Contact: frc@butlers-court.co.uk

9 November 2001

Appita NZ Section, one day conference

Tel: 09-532 9364; email: appita.nz@xtra.co.nz

12-16 March 2002

New Zealand Forest Expo 2002

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