

NZIF Awards 2002 - exciting opportunities

Balneaves Travel Award



Nick Ledgard from Forest Research has been awarded the John Balneaves Travel Award. Nick will use the award to attend the IUFRO conference on 'Ecological and Economic Benefits of Mountain Forests' in Innsbruck, Austria.

The conference is an integral part of celebrating the International Year of Mountains 2002.

Nick's paper to the conference will review mountainland forestry issues in this country.

He will present the results of research that show how we are world leaders not only in developing successful silvicultural techniques for species such as Douglas-fir, and Corsican and ponderosa pine, but also how we are very conscious of environmental impacts, and the importance of careful integration of forestry into existing montane land uses and cultures.

On the way to this conference Nick will visit Nepal to review progress in the Nepal forestry aid project in Sagarmatha (Everest) National Park (SNP), Nepal.

New Zealand's Himalayan Trust and the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation of Canada fund the project.

The objective is to promote management by the local people of the forests and shrublands of the SNP area, to provide stable soils, desirable habitats for fauna and flora, and sustainable production of the forest products essential for the long-term survival of local communities. Nick has managed this project since 1989.

Applications invited for 2003 Maxwell Ralph Jacobs Fund

The late Dr Max Jacobs was one of Australia's most distinguished foresters. In 1983 the Australian Academy of Science in conjunction with the Institute of Foresters of Australia and the New Zealand Institute of Forestry established a fund to commemorate his life and work. The fund is used to support worthy projects in forestry research which reflect the enduring interests of Dr Jacobs and to provide graduates within Australasia with support not readily available from other sources. There is a total of \$3000 (inclusive of GST) available for grants.

The following broad categories of activity may be supported:

- work to be carried out in or related to Australasia in any field of forestry science;
- field orientated research in Australia and New Zealand in fields reflecting Max Jacobs's particular interests. For an account of Dr Jacobs's interests see Australian Forestry 42(3): 139-141, 1979;
- overseas travel for either administrators or scientists.

Application forms are available at <http://www.science.org.au/awards/jacobsap.rtf>.

Deadline for applications: 30 September 2002.

NZIF Frank Hutchinson Scholarship



Katy Amundsen has been awarded the Frank Hutchinson Scholarship for Postgraduates.

Originally from Wanganui, Katy attended Wanganui Girls College and Wanganui Collegiate.

She attended Aoraki Polytechnic for a year and completed a Certificate in Adventure Tourism.

She spent a year at the University of Canterbury before transferring to Lincoln University where she completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in Conservation and Ecology last year.

This year Katy has commenced study on an Honours degree at Lincoln. Her dissertation objective is to determine if plants from the Eurasian region are more likely to become established and be invasive weeds in New Zealand compared to plants from other parts of the world. This study has potential implications for New Zealand biosecurity.

NZIF Undergraduate Scholarship



James Kerr has been awarded the NZIF Undergraduate Scholarship.

James is currently in the third year of a Bachelor of Forestry Science degree at the University of Canterbury.

He attended Westlake Boys High School, Auckland, from 1994 to 1998 before spending a GAP year in Nottinghamshire teaching at a prep school.

James commenced study at

the School of Forestry in 2000

Last summer he worked for P F Olsen and Company at Richmond doing noxious weed control, pruning, road maintenance, inventory and quality control tasks.

New application for Registration

The follow has applied for registration as a NZ Registered Forestry Consultant:

Brett Reed Gilmore

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The Registrar, PO Box 1860, WHANGAREI.