

For a number of you my name is familiar as a person who has been around the forestry scene looking at forestry from a number of angles and in doing so having explored new territory for women. This has included forester for the NZ Forest Service, recognised forestry consultant with Jaakko Poyry, forestry and environmental adviser to NZ Aid programmes in Asia and the Pacific, Executive Officer for the NZ Farm Forestry Association and more recently I managed the Waste/Resources Group in the Ministry for the Environment where we prepared and launched the NZ Waste Strategy.

I cut my teeth on forestry politics during the 1980s as secretary/treasurer and executive member of the Marlborough Forest Industry Association. This was followed by a stint on the NZIF Council in the early 1990s during the reign of Peter Olsen.

My current work, leading the Ministry for the Environment's work on the voluntary government-industry NZ Packaged Goods Accord, brings me into contact with the diverse manufacturing and retailing sectors. My recent visit to the Carter Holt Harvey Penrose paperboard plant showed me how my two worlds, forestry and waste, are becoming more integrated. A few years ago I would have looked at the plant thinking that it was replacing virgin fibre, whereas

from a resource recovery perspective it was great to see so much paper and packaging being recovered rather than ending up in a landfill.

So what can I bring to the Institute? I'm a team player and enjoy leading effective teams. I believe there are ample opportunities for us to show leadership and be an independent voice in areas such as forest certification and more broadly in the area of sustainability. From the "waste" perspective, we need as an industry to "close the loop" and think about how our products can be recovered or disposed rather than accepting waste as an inevitable part of doing business. Producers need to expand their thinking and understand the implications if, in the future, they are required to take back their products. In the central North Island, forest residues are now seen as a valuable source of bio energy and old landfills are being dug up for hog fuel.

In a few years I'll begin harvesting the wide range of exotic trees in my forest in Marlborough. Hopefully my grandchildren will be able to harvest the indigenous timber species. My plan is to have a continuous canopy regime with reclaimed wetlands and healthy indigenous pockets. In the meantime I'm looking forward to leading the Institute and working with both the existing and new councillors.

2004 NZIF Awards

The NZIF Awards for 2004 were announced at the Conference Dinner in Gisborne.

Balneaves Travel Award (\$5000)



Lisa Langer, scientist with Forest Research in Christchurch, received the Balneaves Travel Award. Lisa will undertake a study tour to learn more about riparian forest management in the state of Oregon and to attend a speciality conference on biosolid management in plantation forests and public participation in the process.

Frank Hutchinson – Post Graduate Scholarship (\$1000)



Rosa Rivas Palma is studying for a PhD at the School of Forestry. The PhD project is "Social and environmental valuation of plantation forest ecosystems in New Zealand". As part of this Rosa will attempt to quantify the social and environmental benefits of plantations. A major part of the

study involves interviews and surveys with the stakeholders of case study forests in order to evaluate their perceptions of the value of the forest.

Undergraduate Scholarship (\$1000)



Adie Fortune is a fourth year BForSc (Hons) Student at the School of Forestry. During her degree Adie has worked over summer for CHH and Forest Research and has also worked as a research assistant with the University of Dublin. Adie hopes to undertake a PhD once she has completed her degree.

Mary Sutherland – NZ Polytechnic (\$1000)



Joshua Clauson is in his final year of a National Diploma of Forest Management at Waiariki Polytechnic. He has worked for Harvest Pro during his course. The scholarship will assist with his course fees and related costs.