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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
President, NZ Institute of Forestry
president@nzif.org.nz

Nominations for Registration Board & 2012/14 NZIF Council

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5:00 pm ON MONDAY – TIME TO TAKE ACTION

It is not too late to get in your nominations for the NZIF Council and the two vacancies coming up on the Registration Board. But you only have this weekend, because nominations close at 5:00 pm on Monday (13 February), so please make sure you get on to it – if you don't you will have to put up with those others have nominated and you will have no right to complain about what the next Council gets up to.

Conference registrations now being accepted

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2012 NZIF Conference being held in Christchurch from Sunday 1



July to Wednesday 4 July – go to www.nzifconference.co.nz. You can do it online (nice and painless and then nothing to worry about) or by downloading a registration form, completing it and posting it off. But be quick as I understand there are already some registrations and this is not a Conference you want to miss – just check out the programme on the same web page.

You can also book accommodation with your Conference registration. The quicker you act, the shorter the trip home after the dinner.

Want to arrange a special interest meeting at the Conference?

The NZIF Fellows' Committee and the NZIF Women in Forestry Special Interest Group are investigating the possibility of having meetings (of Fellows/Honorary members and women members respectively) during the Conference. The programme is pretty busy, but if some other group is interested in convening a short session (possibly over lunch, for breakfast on Monday, before the workshops on Sunday etc) then could you please get in touch with me as soon as possible so I can talk to the Conference Committee about suitable times and arrangements.

Levy proposal

I attended the first of the levy proposal road show presentations this week (Wellington on Wednesday evening). What really pleased me was that the Forest Owners Association has realised that the timetable set out on its website to hold the referendum in late February-early March this year is unrealistic. They are now suggesting that this could be late this year or early next year. This will give more time for discussions and for those likely to be affected to have some input into the process and the development of the proposal.

I would like to congratulate the Association for making this decision.

In my comment on the levy last week I suggested that one hurdle to be achieved in a referendum was:

- During the 12 months prior to the referendum, the total quantity of production (i.e. the quantity of harvested logs and chips) produced by those vote who “yes” was more than the quantity produced by those who vote “no”.

I have since learnt that it is possible in the referendum to use a proxy for the product to be levied (i.e. harvested volume). It has been proposed that as a proxy, the vote is based on the area of forest aged over 10 years owned by those who vote.

I have also been told that I was incorrect to say that the levy “is effectively a government approved tax collected and used by a sector organisation rather than the government”. I was informed that to qualify as a tax, the money has to be paid to and used by the government.

I urge you to attend one of the presentations (Nelson tonight, various venues next week – see venues later in this Newsletter) if at all possible and to engage in debate on this important issue.

AMINZ seminars

Later in this Newsletter there is notice of two seminars being run by the Arbitrators Mediators Institute. We have arranged that NZIF Registered Members can attend at the AMINZ member price, so please make sure you communicate this to the organisers when booking.

Format of Newsletter

At present we are sending you two copies of the newsletter – one in PDF format and one in Word format. The reason for this is we have not sorted out how to make some of the links work in the PDF version. So, for



example, if you click on the “Back to Contents” at the end of this item in the Word version, it will take you back to the table of contents, but in the PDF version, nothing happens at all. And if we have a web address embedded in something, that link won’t work either (which is why we try to remember to give full web addresses). So:

- does anyone have a solution (in which case you will all just get the PDF version)?
- would you all like to get just the PDF version with dysfunctional links?
- would you all like to get just the Word version with working links? or
- shall we carry on as we are?

I look forward to some suggestions.

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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.

Proposed levy

John Rawson, Retired Registered Member, Whangarei

Before supporting any levy, the industry should be very clear on what it would be used for. For example, will it be an excuse for Government to shovel research costs totally over to the industry?² (which does pay its share of taxes)?

A proposed levy in the floriculture industry on *Zantedeschias* (callas & arums) and orchids was resoundingly defeated a few years ago, and for good reasons. MAF saw it as a source of funds, probably to enable stupid restrictions on quality control etc, as well as for research. It was masterminded by one fairly prominent group in the calla industry who saw it as a means, among other things, of junketing overseas promoting sales i.e. butting into the job that exporters do well. It would have served the big growers at the expense of smaller ones.

Having been part of the group that did a lot to head off this threat, perhaps I am biased. This is a totally different industry, and the rate seems very low. For a start!

Wink Sutton FNZIF, Retired Member, Rotorua

I am convinced there has to be a levy. I am well aware that the NZIF does not represent forest owners but we are all interested in the future of the industry. I don’t think there is any place for freeloaders.

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NZIF 2012 Conference

► Engineering Value Growing & Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures



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2012 NZIF AGM and Conference

The theme for the 2012 NZIF Conference is: *Engineering Value – Growing and Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures.*

Date: Sunday 1 July to Wednesday 4 July. A CPD workshop and the NZIF AGM will take place on the Sunday. The Conference on the Monday and Tuesday and a field trip on Wednesday.

Venue: University of Canterbury, Ilam Campus, Christchurch.

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Conference website now available

The 2012 Conference website is now up and running with information being loaded as it comes to hand www.nzifconference.co.nz. Check it out for initial details of the venue and programme – also details of sponsorships.

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Online and postal registrations now being accepted for 2012 NZIF Conference

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2012 NZIF Conference, being held in Christchurch from Sunday 1 July to Wednesday 4 July.

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.

AWARDS DINNER



Sponsorship opportunities for 2012 NZIF Conference now available

Sponsorship opportunities for the NZIF Annual Conference to be held in Christchurch from 1 to 4 July 2012 are now available. This event will have something for everyone. If you are interested in being a sponsor then get more details from the Conference website or contact James

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Treadwell at secretary@nzif.org.nz. Many thanks to those listed in the side panel who have already become sponsors.

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Special Interest Group Meetings

The Fellows Committee has asked if a meeting of NZIF Fellows and Honorary Members can be scheduled during the Conference. This is being checked. Please contact the chair of the Committee at john.galbraith@xtra.co.nz if you are thinking of being at the Conference and would like to attend such a session.

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The Women in Forestry Special Interest Group is looking at the possibility of a get together during the Conference. Please contact Sarah Orton sarah.orton@atlastech.co.nz if you are thinking of going to the conference and would like to be included. Sarah is also looking for ideas of what you would like to discuss.

If anyone else is interested in organising a special interest discussion, could you please contact Andrew McEwen (president@nzif.org.nz). Please be aware that the Conference programme is pretty tight and it may not be possible to accommodate all (or any) requests, so the sooner you make contact, the easier it will be to accommodate you.

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Conference Organising Committee

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NZIF BUSINESS

Call for nominations for NZIF Council and Registration Board

A call for nominations for the next NZIF Council and for two forthcoming vacancies for the NZIF Registration Board has been emailed or posted (to those without email) to NZIF Members. The notice and nomination forms are also available on the NZIF website (under <About NZIF><2012 NZIF elections>).

Nominations for Council

Nominations are called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Councillors to make up the NZIF Council to serve from the earlier of 1 June 2012 or the 2012 NZIF AGM until the earlier of 31 May 2014 or the 2014 NZIF AGM.

Those nominated must be Honorary Members or Retired Members or Registered Members or Members or Associate Members of the Institute, but Retired Associate and Associate Members may only be nominated for the position of Councillor and only if they have been a member of the Institute for at least five years at the time of nomination (see Article 47). Only one Retired Associate or Associate Member can be elected as a Councillor. The procedure if more than one is in the six highest polling nominees is set out in Article 59.

Nominations for Registration Board

The terms of Registration Board members Mr Don Hammond and Mr Peter Gorman terminate on the earlier of 1 June 2012 or the 2012 NZIF AGM.

Nominations are therefore called for the following vacancies:

1. One Retired Registered or Registered Member of the Institute. In the event of more than one nomination, a postal vote will be held in which only Registered Members will be eligible to participate;
2. One Retired (but not Retired Associate) Member or Registered Member or Member of the Institute. In the event of more than one nomination, a postal vote will be held in which all members except Student Members will be eligible to participate.

The four-year term of those elected to fill the vacancies will begin on the earlier of 1 June 2012 or the 2012 NZIF AGM and will end on the earlier of 31 May 2016 or the 2016 NZIF AGM.

Registration Board members receive attendance fees and reimbursement of expenses.

General information about nominations

Each nomination must be made by no fewer than two NZIF members who may be any category of member except Student Member.

Nominations must be in the hands of the NZIF Secretary no later than **5:00 pm on Monday 13 February 2012**



by sending to one of the following contacts:

Postal:

**New Zealand Institute of Forestry
PO Box 10-513
The Terrace
WELLINGTON 6143**

Email: admin@nzif.org.nz

Emailed nominations do not need signatures, but the nominee and nominators will be contacted to confirm their agreement.

In the event that an election is needed for any position, candidate information will be sought from each nominee. It is expected that ballot papers will be distributed no later than Thursday 1 March 2012 and that the ballot will close no later than Friday 30 March 2012.

The NZIF Articles of Association can be found on the NZIF website (www.nzif.org.nz, click on <about NZIF> <Constitution>).

Too many members still have to pay their subscriptions

At latest count, there are still 34 members who have not yet paid their 2011/12 membership subscription that was due for payment no later than 30 April last year – yes they are 10 months overdue. They include 11 Associates, two Graduates, four Retired and 17 Members. If you are one of these, please do something about it.

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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).

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING

A summary of submissions received in response to the consultation on “Measuring Up: Environmental Reporting – A Discussion Document” is available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/environmental-reporting/about/>. The NZIF submission on this topic, made in October last year, is available on the NZIF website.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

Local section contacts can be found on the NZIF website (www.nzif.org.nz).

CANTERBURY SECTION

You are invited to the next local NZIF meeting:

When: Wednesday 29 February at 6:00 pm – drinks and nibbles followed by a short AGM, then a talk by Simon Rapley (NZ Redwood Co)

Topic: 'Redwood in New Zealand'

Where: Lecture Theatre F3, School of Forestry, University of Canterbury

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance to Mark Bloomberg (Secretary/Treasurer) by email by Monday 27 February (mark.bloomberg@canterbury.ac.nz).

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PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Fijian wildlife book for sale



NatureFiji-MareqetiViti has available for sale a book by Dick Watling called *Mai Veikau, Tales of Fijian Wildlife*. The book originally published in 1986 contains 14 short stories recounting local folklore and providing substantiating scientific background to these traditional myths. It is beautifully illustrated in watercolours and pencil art of the Fijian wildlife described within. Most of the stories are based on articles written for the "Weekly Look at Nature" column, which appeared in the *Sunday Times* between March 1984 and 1985. If you are interested in purchasing some copies the prices are:

Retail: \$15 per copy

Wholesale: \$10 for five or more copies.

For international and local orders please visit our website on the link provided under 'additional downloads' (bottom of article):

<http://www.naturefiji.org/newsstory.php?id=149>

Kelera, Conservation Officer/Membership Secretary, NatureFiji-MareqetiViti (Ph: 3100 598; Fax: 3100 582, Email: kmacedru@naturefiji.org).

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ADVERTISEMENTS

The NZIF has no view on the service or product sought or advertised. Follow up any item directly with the advertiser, not with NZIF. A charge may be imposed, depending on the nature of the advertisement. If you respond to an advertiser, tell them that you saw it in the *NZIF Newsletter*.



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- Dynamic working environment based around research, science and technology
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Reporting to the Research Leader – Nursery Propagation, you will manage all aspects of the Scion nursery that will enable the successful production of seed and seedlings for forestation, restoration and scientific applications. To be successful in this role you will have:

- Demonstrated management experience in successful nursery operations
- Knowledge of business and management principles involved in planning, resource allocation, leadership and coordination of resources and people
- The ability to work effectively independently and demonstrate initiative
- The capability to communicate information and ideas so others will understand
- The ability to liaise and develop constructive relationships with key stakeholders and end users
- Excellent teamwork skills with an interest in collaborative research outcomes.

If you want to be part of an exciting growth area of the business then this could be the opportunity for you.

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For further information and to apply online please refer to our website: www.scionresearch.com. **Closing date: Monday 20 February 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	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs



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FAO projects and professional vacancies

www.fao.org/employment/project-vacancies/en/
www.fao.org/employment/empl-professionalvacancies/en/

SCOTTISH FORESTRY STUDENT SEEKS WORK

My name is Samuel Riley and I am studying at the Scottish School of Forestry UK for a BSc Sustainable Forest Management with Forest Conservation. I am looking for a work placement for September 2012 to June 2013. It is my hope to eventually live in New Zealand. Can you assist in my search? Please email paulchrissam@gmail.com.

FRENCH STUDENT SEEKS WORK

I am a French student in a gap year before my last year of studies. Finishing a first engineering internship in France, I am coming to New Zealand for the next six months, from March to September 2012. I am coming to New Zealand with a work holiday visa. The reason I contact you, is that I am available if you have any jobs for a student. I am a highly-motivated person, passionate about technology and construction. Competencies are in project management, website creation, electrical things. I am interested in carrying out this internship in your company, as assistant project engineer or equivalent. I have already moved a lot, following my father's job transfers. Thanks to this nomadic life I fully realise how travels and exchanges are opportunities to enrich a personality. For more information please email me.

Louis de Clebsattel (lmdeclebsattel@gmail.com)



CIFOR DIRECTOR GENERAL

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) advances human wellbeing, environmental conservation and equity by conducting research to inform policies and practices that affect forests in developing countries. We are one of 15 centers within the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and the Lead Center of the CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry. Our headquarters are in Bogor, Indonesia, and we have offices in Asia, Africa and South America.

We are looking for a Director General who shares our passion for enhancing the role of forests in human wellbeing and environmental conservation, and our commitment to professionalism, innovation, impact, and collaboration. The Director General is the Chief Executive Officer of the Center and is responsible to the Board of Trustees for the overall scientific leadership, operations and management of CIFOR.

To learn more about CIFOR and this opportunity, please go to the CIFOR website at <http://www.cifor.org>. Interested applicants are invited to submit their curriculum vitae and a letter of interest, including contact information for three referees to: CIFOR-ExecutiveSearch@cgiar.org. Closing date: the application deadline is **29 February 2012**. CIFOR is an equal opportunity employer. Staff diversity contributes to excellence.

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

CFA YOUNG FORESTER AWARD 2012



The Commonwealth Forestry Association is committed to supporting the professional development of young foresters. It does this in several ways: through the involvement of young people on the Governing Council of the CFA; the establishment of the Young Scientist Publication Award; assistance with writing scientific papers; publication of news and information in the CFA newsletter of relevance to young foresters; and through the Young Forester Award.

The award is designed to support the professional development of foresters below 35 years of age through the provision of a short-term work placement in a country other than their own. It consists of a designated placement combined with a bursary of between 1000 and 1500 UK pounds to cover a stay of between three and six months (depending on the placement selected) with established and renowned forestry organisations in order to meet their professional interest. The hosts might be a major timber company, a research organisation or an NGO, but they all share the desire to support the development of the next generation of foresters.

The CFA is pleased to announce the launch of the Young Forester Award 2012. Applications for the award are invited from students and young professionals below the age of 35 years on 30 June 2012 who are nationals of Commonwealth countries. Please note that as part of the CFA's continuing support to Small Island Developing States (SIDS), for the 2012 Young Forester Award we particularly encourage applications from foresters from SIDS within the Commonwealth. In addition, we encourage applications from women, those with disabilities, and nationals of developing countries.

Anyone who wishes to apply for the Young Forester Award should complete the application form (download at www.cfa-international.org). The selection committee will discuss placement options with short-listed applicants who will then be asked to write up to 500 words on what they want to achieve on the placement. Applications should be sent to cfa@cfa-international.org. **Closing date: 30 April 2012.**

Please note: the award is restricted to CFA members (applicants must have taken out an individual membership to qualify for application i.e. membership via subscribing organisations or national forestry organisations does not entitle application for the award).

INVITATION TO FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION PROPOSED COMMODITY LEVY REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

The Forest Owners Association (FOA) is currently looking at a compulsory commodity levy under the Commodities Levy Act. This would involve forest owners voting on whether the industry should compulsorily fund the FOA.

The current FOA membership fee and targeted levy structure brings in income from FOA members. There are thousands of small forest owners in New Zealand. Therefore on an area basis almost one-third of forest owners do not contribute to the Association, and on a number of owners basis only a small percentage contribute. A voluntary levy is inequitable as it allows non-paying growers to benefit from the contributions of others. It is not possible to restrict the flow of industry benefits arising from FOA activities to FOA members. The results of FOA input to communication, policy development and research for example are nearly always available across the industry and cannot be restricted to FOA members. Projects undertaken by FOA benefit the industry generally. A compulsory levy on log production is equitable, as eventually the majority of forests are harvested, and the levy will be imposed at the time of greatest cash input for the forest grower.

The proposed commodity levy will be on all harvested logs from plantation forests that are either exported in log



form or processed in NZ. This includes all species and all production that leaves the forest in log or chip form. A referendum to obtain approval for the commodity levy from potential payers will commence on 22 February 2012.

The levy will be administered by New Zealand Forest Owners Association Incorporated with the funds used to address issues affecting plantation forest owners. The reasons for moving to a commodity levy, and how levy payers can have their views listened to and incorporated into Association activities, will be presented at regional workshops.

We want your feedback and views. This is an opportunity that you can't afford to miss! Come along and be informed, and then tell us what you think.

Schedule for workshops:

City	Date	Time	Venue
Nelson	Friday 10 Feb	6.00 – 7.00pm	Tahuna Conference Centre, Tahunanui, Nelson
Napier	Monday 13 Feb	6.00 – 7.00pm	Napier War Memorial Hall, Marine Parade, Napier
Rotorua	Tuesday 14 Feb	6.00 – 7.00pm	Rimu Room, Scion, 49 Sala St, Rotorua
Gisborne	Wednesday 15 Feb	6.00 – 7.00pm	Juken NZ Boardroom, 74 MacDonald Rd, Matawhero, Gisborne
Auckland	Thursday 16 Feb	6.00 – 7.00pm	Rayonier NZ Boardroom, 32-34 Mahuhu Cres, Auckland
Whangarei	Friday 17 Feb	6.00 – 7.00pm	NZRC Lounge, Toll Stadium, Okara Dr, Whangarei

Contact: Diane Davidson (Diane.davidson@nzfoa.org.nz). Full details of background, reasons for and other supporting information is available on the FOA website at www.nzfoa.org.nz

AMINZ SEMINARS

Interested NZIF Members have been invited to register and attend two seminars being run by the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute.

Rural Disputes Seminar 16-18 March 2012, Wellington

This intensive seminar will help develop in-depth tools to assist anyone with a rural dispute resolution practice or anyone wanting to more fully understand how to deal with disputes in the rural context. It will review and update a broad range of practical and technical material. The programme includes sessions on dispute resolution in relation to:

- Farm ownership structures
- Resource management
- Employment
- Technical issues
- Maori land issues
- Environmental issues
- Valuation and lease disputes
- Land tenure.



Presenters include: Ian Blackman, Ranald Gordon, Brett Gould, David Hosking, John Larmer, David Patten and Roger Pitchforth. For more information and to register: www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=337. Kindly sponsored by Fonterra and DairyNZ and supported by Federated Farmers.

Conducting Safe Investigations

12 March 2012, Wellington

27 April 2012, Christchurch

1 May 2012, Auckland

Investigations are often necessary in the workplace, but getting a good result is challenging. Those investigating and those in a management position need to well understand how to conduct a safe investigation. You can expect to extend your skills, build your confidence, and fine-tune your investigation process. You will learn best practice on how to avoid pitfalls of investigation and the minefield that lies between you and the solution. You will learn how to turn the trauma of an investigation into a healing process for the parties and the wider organisation.

This practical one day seminar will include short lectures, interactive workshops and practice exercises. Written materials to assist you to conduct a safe investigation will be supplied. Post-seminar mentoring is also available on request. The emphasis of the seminar will be on employment matters.

Topics covered include:

- The fundamentals of a safe investigation
- Relevant legislation and case law
- Preparing for and scoping an investigation
- Convening the investigation
- The role of the investigator
- Investigation process
- Writing the report
- Solving difficult scenarios
- Whistle-blowing
- Using internal or external investigators
- Post-investigation support.

Presenters: Chris Rowe and David Patten.

The workshops are strictly limited to a maximum number of participants in order for you to receive small group coaching and feedback.

For more information and to register see: www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=341. NZIF Registered Members can attend at the same price as AMINZ members, so make sure that you advise AMINZ of this when you reserve a place.

MAF ADVICE TO MINISTER

If you are interested in the MAF Briefing Paper to the Minister of Primary Industries it can be found at: www.maf.govt.nz/Default.aspx?TabId=126&id=1262. You can find briefings from other Departments and Ministries through www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/briefings-incoming-ministers-bims.

NZFOA WORKSHOP: INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR BIOSECURITY PROBLEMS – DOES GE HAVE A ROLE?

The NZFOA is holding the 10th annual Forest Biosecurity workshop in Rotorua on 28-29 February 2012. This



year the focus is on the potential role of genetic engineering in providing solutions to biosecurity problems.

Biosecurity issues are increasing worldwide in all primary production sectors. Forestry is no exception as trade and travel increase and pests and diseases hitchhike to new destinations, establish in new environments, and often evolve into bigger threats. Breeding is the conventional tried and true method for combating plant diseases, but for conifer trees in particular it is very slow, and also cannot provide complete resistance. The main research goal of the NZ forest industry is to increase productivity while decreasing the incidence of foliar diseases, goals that are perfectly compatible. In light of rapidly evolving and spreading pathogens, innovative solutions are being sought that will provide robust and enduring benefits. This workshop will explore the option of GE and will discuss technical, social and environmental issues.

There is an outstanding line-up of speakers presenting at the workshop and it will kick off with an update by Dave Tanner, GM PSA Innovation for Zespri, on what has happened with the kiwifruit PSA incursion 12 months on. The role of GE in providing potential solutions will be covered from a variety of angles including technical, environmental, social and market perspectives.

For more information and registration contact the NZFOA Forest Biosecurity Manager – Bill Dyck (BillDyck@xtra.co.nz). The workshop is by invitation only and forest industry and MAF reps will have priority for the limited spaces available.

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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.

February 2012

Fri 10 – Fri 17 FOA commodity levy regional workshops (nationwide), Diane.davidson@nzfoa.org.nz

Thur 9 – Fri 10 Biochar Workshop, Massey University, Palmerston North, www.biochar.co.nz

Fri 10 NZIF Council Meeting, Wellington

Mon 13 Nominations close for NZIF Council and Registration Board vacancies

Wed 15 Trees on farms workshop, Central Hawke's Bay, i.nicholas@clear.net.nz

Wed 29 Feb Canterbury section meeting, mark.bloomberg@canterbury.ac.nz

Wed 29 Feb –
Thur 1 Mar Landcare Trust Conference, Hamilton, www.landcare.org.nz/conference

March 2012

Frid 16 – Sun
18 Mar Rural Disputes Seminar, www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=337

Mon 12 Mar Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar, Wellington,
www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=341

Wed 7 – Wed
28 2012 Leonard Cockayne Memorial Lecture Tour,
<http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/awards/cockayne-lecture/>

Wed 21 ForestWood Conference, Wellington, www.forestwood.org.nz

Sat 31 Charles Fleming Fund Call for Applications close,
<http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/funds/fleming/>



April 2012

Fri 27 Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar, Christchurch,
www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=341

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

May 2012

Tue 1 Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar, Auckland,
www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=341

July 2012

Sun 1 NZIF AGM, Christchurch

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

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