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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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Another book for Christmas

The NZIF Foundation is finalising another opportunity for members and friends to buy a book for Christmas and contribute to the Foundation funds. This time it is the *Fire in the Hills – A History of Rural Firefighting in New Zealand* by Helen Beaglehole. The book will be sold through NZIF at the same price as in bookstores (\$50 to be confirmed), but with a proportion of the sale price going to the Foundation.

Former NZIF President Bill Studholme describes the book as:

Helen Beaglehole presents a very readable and objective account of the place of fire in both the development and destruction of the New Zealand environment. Equally importantly, she brings an historian's analysis ... in a well-balanced account of the gut wrenching work at the fire face as well as the thoughtful organisation and science behind it.

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If you would like to purchase your copies through NZIF so that the Foundation can benefit, please contact NZIF Administrator Jay Matthes (admin@nzif.org.nz).

NZIF Council meeting

The NZIF Council met in Wellington on Monday this week. Under the new rules, we have been able to set up committees that can get on with tasks between meetings and this has let us reduce full Council meetings to quarterly instead of every two months. Some Council decision-making has been delegated to committees.

It was sobering to see the number and breadth of issues that NZIF has been involved with in the last three months including:

- More investigation of investigations around the import of rail sleepers from Peru – including an interview on Radio NZ's Nine to Noon programme;
- Submission on the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading and Other Matters) Amendment Bill;
- Continuing discussions on issues around the Australian illegal logging legislation;
- Some comments on a proposed Royal Society publication on *Sustainable Carrying Capacity of NZ*;
- Submission on the Lobbying Disclosure Bill;
- Involvement in the Land & Water Forum;
- A NZIF policy paper on education and training is being prepared.

The organising committee for the NZIF 2013 AGM and Conference is well into planning. Council was given details of the programme being worked on which will cover a broad range of issues affecting forestry and land use in Taranaki. Make sure you have marked it in your diary – Sunday 30 June to Wednesday 3 July 2013.

Forest policy

It is probably about time that we had a look at the NZIF forest policies – *NZIF National Policy on Forestry* and *NZIF Indigenous Forest Policy*. I encourage members to have a look at these documents (they are both on the NZIF website) and let me know if you think they need revising and, if so, what suggestions you have.

Former newsletter online

Some members will recall the printed newsletter that NZIF produced between 1962 and 1987. The full set has been scanned and placed on the website. It contains such gems as the Huki Puki working plan. It is only accessible to members.

The printed membership lists that used to be distributed to members have also been scanned and are in the members' area of the website.

National Science Challenge

Members will have seen advertisements for the national science challenge on TV. If you think NZIF should propose a topic, have a look at the material in the submissions section of this newsletter and on the web site referenced in that item and let me know what topic you think we should propose.

Time is limited so please contact me as soon as possible.

Christchurch Epic Centre

The new Enterprise Precinct Innovation Centre (EPIC) facility has been officially opened in Christchurch this



week. Those who attended the NZIF Conference in Christchurch this year will recall visiting this building, just outside the Red Centre, on one of the field trips.

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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.)

Forestry nostalgia

Dave Field, Fellow and Retired MNZIF, Rotorua

I have recently been given the retirement testimonial book for A.D. McGavock, Director of the State Forest Service 1931–1939. The book was discovered amongst bric-a-brac in a honey shop near Te Anau, by a cousin who saw my father's signature in the pages of Forest Service staff in Head Office and the seven conservancies.

The leather bound book has an 'illuminated script' tribute to Mr McGavock, two watercolour paintings of 'Tane's forests' by A.H. Messenger, and 192 signatures of staff. McGavock worked for the Department of Lands and Forest Service for 47 years and was an inaugural member of the Institute of Forestry. He came from Invercargill, was a keen duck shooter, and was succeeded by Alex Entrican. Many of the signatories in the book were well-known Forest Service leaders, Directors and Conservators including a number who interviewed me as a Forester trainee and some still working when I was a young Forester from 1964. My father was a young Ranger at Balmoral in 1939 and signed with his Canterbury Conservancy colleagues.

The artist A.H. Messenger was an accomplished sketcher of ships and forests. He was raised at Pukearuhe, a military redoubt north of New Plymouth, and played in the bush with siblings and Maori friends including Maui Pomare who became a prominent doctor and politician. Messenger was working for the S.F. Service in the 1930s, became a co-founder of the Forest and Bird Society, and knew Whakarewarewa guide Rangi through his role as a NZ Tourist Officer.

I would be pleased to show the book to anyone interested who can call on me in Rotorua.

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NZIF BUSINESS

Membership changes

The following membership changes occurred in the three months to the end of October:

Admitted as a member

Peter Bennett	Rotorua	Ordinary Member
Campbell Harvey	Christchurch	Student Member
Patrick Murray	Woodville	Associate Member
Bill Lu	Auckland	Ordinary Member

Resignations

Tom Adams	Wellington	Graduate Member
Chas Perry	Nelson	Retired Member
Philippa Wright	Napier	Associate Member

Removed from Register of Members (2 years in arrears)

Paul Andrews	Christchurch	Ordinary Member
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Martin Bayley	Gisborne	Graduate Member
Julia Beijeman	Christchurch	Graduate member
Karina Bohle	Rotorua	Associate Member
Martin Cleland	Nelson	Ordinary Member
Mark Farnsworth	Mangawhai	Ordinary Member
Eoin Garden	Roxburgh	Ordinary Member
Chris Karamea Insley	Gisborne	Ordinary Member
Lindsay Robinson	Whakatane	Ordinary Member
Ronald Taylor	Australia	Associate Member

Removed from Register of Members (lost contact)

Samantha Kennerson	Rotorua	Student Member
Patrick Dempsey-Morgan	Rotorua	Student Member

Summary of Membership

Membership at 31 October, including six with membership on-hold, was:

Honorary	9
Retired	76
Registered	94
Ordinary	433
Graduate	47
Associate	108
Student	<u>17</u>
Total	<u>849</u>

Unpaid membership fees

Congratulations to all those members who have paid this year's membership fees. We would be grateful if the 12 members who have not yet done so would pay up.

Latest Journal of Forestry online

The latest *Journal of Forestry* (Volume 57, No 3) is now available on the NZIF website.

2013 Conference – mark your diaries

The 2013 NZIF AGM and Conference is scheduled to be held in New Plymouth from Sunday 30 June to Wednesday 3 July 2013. Make a decision to attend and block out the dates in your diary now.

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Further Christmas present opportunity

See President's comments at the beginning of this newsletter for the opportunity to contribute to the NZIF Foundation by purchasing copies of *Fire in the Hills – A History of Rural Fire Fighting in New Zealand* through NZIF (contact admin@nzif.org.nz).



Another Christmas present opportunity

Bateson publishing has offered to donate \$10 to the NZIF Foundation for every copy of the book *With Hillary at Scott Base, A Kiwi among the penguins* that it sells as a result of this item, by 31 December 2012. Place orders with bateson.publish@xtra.co.nz, phone (04) 385 9705, and mention the NZIF Foundation offer.

With Hillary at Scott Base A Kiwi Among the Penguins

Written by Vern Gerard

150 pages full colour and black and white photographs \$30

This account of the early days at the New Zealand Antarctic Base, known as Scott Base, was first written over half a century ago from the author's diary and memory. The text was revised with additions in 2012. The book is about the establishment of the base for the International Geophysical Year team of scientists which started under the leadership of Sir Edmund Hillary.

This book is believed to be the only first-hand account by a scientist who was actually involved in the creation and operation of New Zealand's Scott Base. Vern was one of the first party of 23, including Sir Edmund Hilary, to winter over in 1957 at the newly constructed Scott Base, which he helped erect. Much of this book came from Vern's Antarctic diary, as well as from his remarkable memory.

Vern was made a Fellow of the Institute of Physics in 1963 and he is also a Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society. He was awarded the Polar Medal by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in 1960.

Save on Christmas presents and help the Foundation

The NZIF Foundation is delighted to announce that it has negotiated an arrangement with Craig Potton Publishing that will not only save you money as you do your Christmas shopping, it will also benefit Foundation funds that are used to support education and research in NZ forestry.

This opportunity is open now and runs until 31 December 2012. Four superb publications are on offer:

Field Guide to New Zealand Native Trees by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (RRP \$49.99)

New Zealand Native Trees by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (RRP \$120.00)

Craig Potton New Zealand by Craig Potton (RRP \$79.99 or \$120.00 for the delux edition)

Above the Treeline by Alan F. Mark (RRP \$49.99)

Please tell your friends about the offer (suggesting that they use it to buy you a Christmas present) and others who may welcome this opportunity to contribute to the NZIF Foundation. The books can be purchased at a discount of 15% to the recommended retail price plus free delivery in NZ. The publisher will donate a commission of 10% to the NZIF Foundation, so the more books sold through this offer, the more the Foundation funds will benefit.

To order go online at www.craigpotton.co.nz and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email foundation@nzif.org.nz to request a flyer/order form. Please support the Foundation through this offer (you can also make donations directly to the Foundation).

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Do you want to support the next generation of forestry professionals?

This year the NZIF Foundation awarded three student scholarships each worth \$1,000 and the Chavasse Travel award of \$3,500. I am sure all NZIF members are proud to be associated with a charity that was able to provide this sort of visible and financial support to those who are the future of our profession. But how much more our chests would swell if the Foundation could award more scholarships and of greater values. Generally university undergraduate scholarships seem to be in the order of \$3-5,000/year and may extend for three years, and postgraduate scholarships are in the order of \$5-10,000 and upwards.

Ponder what it takes to generate the funds necessary to support annual scholarships. With term deposit interest rates hovering between 4% and 5%, capital of at least \$150,000 is needed just to continue the \$6,500/year that the Foundation distributed at the NZIF Conference dinner in July.

How much do you care about the quality of the next generation of forestry professionals? Some of us were supported through our training and education in a number of ways. Are we prepared to help the Foundation to provide some support for those that follow us and maintain the professional standards that we expect? If so, why not show this by making a donation to the fund.

Email foundation@nzif.org.nz for painless ways to make a tax deductible donation.

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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).

National Science Challenge

The Government has announced an initiative to identify 10 or so big challenges that are crucial for New Zealand's future. You may have seen TV advertisements about it.

A challenge will typically have the following characteristics:

- The challenge is directed at achieving a goal that benefits New Zealand,
- The challenge addresses a national-scale issue or opportunity,
- Science is essential to solving or addressing the issue or opportunity,
- The challenge involves a broad portfolio of research activity that could be undertaken across a number of research providers,
- There is wide consensus that the challenge addresses an issue or opportunity that is important for New Zealand.

The government has suggested a number of possible topics to get us thinking about the big science issues facing New Zealand:

- Land and Water - this is about land productivity and how we can get the most out of our land while protecting our lakes and rivers.
- Our rich seas - this is about New Zealand's marine resources and how we can build a greater understanding of what lies beneath.
- Our changing climate - this is about climate change and what we can do to adapt to our changing environment.
- Protecting New Zealand's biodiversity - this is about protecting New Zealand's borders and natural resources from pests and other threats. Resilience to natural hazards - this is about protecting New



Zealanders from the threat of natural hazards.

- Foods for health - this is about creating and using advanced foods to create a healthier society.
- Fighting disease - this is about improving the health of New Zealanders, particularly cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and dementia.
- Advanced materials and manufacturing - about using advanced materials and more efficient manufacturing techniques to boost our country's productivity.

More information about the initiative can be found [here](#).

If you want to suggest topics that NZIF might propose, please contact Andrew McEwen (president@nzif.org.nz) as soon as possible. Submissions have to be made by 10th December.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

CANTERBURY SECTION

You and your partner or friend are invited to the next local NZIF meeting:

- Date:** Tuesday 4 December at 6:00 pm
Guest speaker: Phil Taylor, Fellow of NZIF, Managing Director, Blakely Pacific Ltd and Chairman Future Forests Research Ltd
Cost: \$30 per person – pay for your own drinks
Topic: ‘A forester’s photo essay on US National Parks and other notable landscapes – California and the Colorado Plateau’
Venue: Café Euro, 45 Merrin Street, Avonhead

Phil is a skilled photographer with a passion for US National Parks. Dinner is a choice of stuffed breast of chicken, ribeye steak, or mushroom and sun-dried pesto penne pasta, followed by two choices of dessert. Please email your confirmation (and any vegetarian or special dietary requirements) to Yannina Whiteley by Friday 30 November (yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz).

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SECTION

Telford Farm Tour and End of Year Dinner

Telford is one of NZ’s largest land-based training providers, with courses covering Agriculture (sheep, dairy, beef and deer), Equine, Forestry, Apiculture (beekeeping) and Rural Business. Telford recently merged with Lincoln University and the combined institution is working to provide students with improved training and educational opportunities. The Telford Campus covers 20 hectares and includes training facilities, technical workshops, a gymnasium and halls of residence.

Telford Farms (owned by the Telford Farm Training Institute) supports the academic training of the institution by providing a realistic outdoor classroom for developing farm, forestry and rural business skills. Students gain practical training from experienced farming tutors and forestry trainers. Telford Farms is also an important resource for the South Otago community through research and field demonstrations. The farming operation covers 880 hectares and includes 85 hectares of commercial forestry.

Field day details: Tuesday 11 December 2012 (starting at 3:00 pm). The field day will commence at the car park opposite the main administration block. The campus is located five minutes from Balclutha on the Owaka (Southern Scenic) Highway. If you are driving, turn off the main street of Balclutha onto High Street and



continue over the railway line. Follow the road for six kilometres and Telford is on the right.

The afternoon will be hosted by Allan Gorton (Farm Director) and will include: an inspection of the new rotary shed, which has a viewing area to observe milking; a walk round of the new wintering shed system, and associated large-scale AgResearch dairy effluent nutrient trial; and a tour of the property – focusing on the extensive woodlots, shelterbelts and forestry trials. Several vans will be provided but if you can bring a 4WD this would be appreciated

Dinner and social time: Dinner has been arranged for 6:00 pm at Telford and will consist of a roast and dessert. The cost of the dinner will be \$20 (incl. GST). If time permits, you may like to walk round the plantings on the main campus and visit the arboretum.

Numbers required: For catering and tour arrangements please provide numbers to Paul Cox by 3 December (email: fts_pmcox@xtra.co.nz).

CNI SECTION

Xmas BBQ

Monday 3 December, Waiariki Institute of Technology Waipa Campus

Join us for a Christmas outing as we take a tour of the Waipa Campus and facilities including inspection of their new 'Biomass Gasifier'. Together with a BBQ and a stimulating presentation by Rob Guest. It will be held from 4.30-5.15pm for Xmas drinks and BBQ 5.15-6.30 tour and speakers.

Speakers

John Kelly, A Tour and Update on Waiariki IT Waipa Campus Development

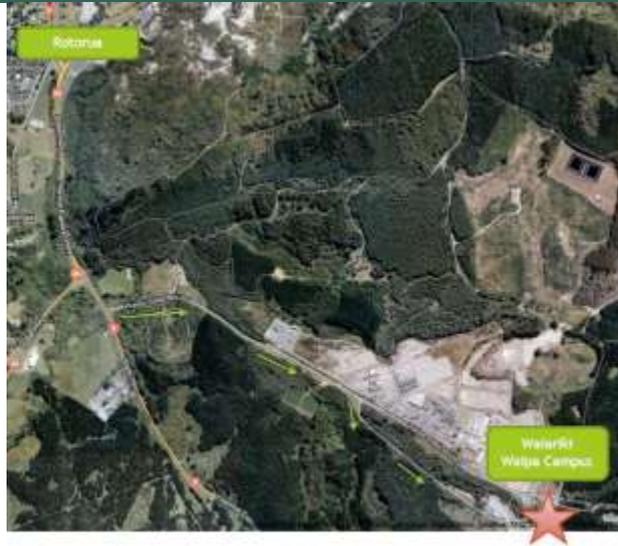
A tour of the Waipa Campus and facilities including inspection of the new 'Biomass Gasifier'. Over the last year Waiariki has spent \$2.5 million on developments at its Waipa campus site, the first significant investment there since the sawmill was built in 1995.

Rob Guest, The Royal Forest of Dean & UK Forestry Commission Experiences

Rob worked for the NZ Forest Service and MoF, but returned to England in the 1990s to take up a role with the Forestry Commission. He remained a member of the Institute. He retired from the Forestry Commission last year, having been the Regional Manager for SW England and also holding the historic position of Deputy Surveyor for the Forest of Dean. In that position he was the public face of the Forestry Commission, and was responsible for managing many of the issues that confront the Commission in that part of the world.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Contact: david.herries@interpine.co.nz

Location: Waiariki Waipa Campus, Waipa By-pass Road



Call for nominations for chairman and vice chairman positions for the NZIF CNI local section

The chairman and a new position of vice chairman are now open for nominations. David Herries would be happy to stay on as vice chairman if needed to assist with the local section, but a new chairman is required to be filled. Nominations are welcome and can be addressed to the National Secretary. Elections of the positions will be at the next local section meeting in late November. The new position of vice chairman is to assist in succession planning for local sections.

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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 the 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. To advertise in the Newsletter contact the NZIF Administrator, admin@nzif.org.nz, ph (04) 974 8421.

FORESTRY SILVICULTURE BUSINESS FOR SALE

Well established (31 years) in Taranaki. Ongoing work. Experienced reliable staff. For further information contact: Morris Fisher (06) 278 8643.

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-vacanc
Australian Government	jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs

Welsh student seeks internship

I am writing to enquire about internship opportunities. The internship I am looking for is a 12-month placement within the forestry industry as part of my sandwich degree course. I am a second year student of Forestry at Bangor University in Wales and I am aiming to spend a year in industry prior to returning to complete my final year of study to attain a B.Sc degree in Forestry. I have focused on a career in Forestry since before taking my Year 11 (GCSE) exams at school, choosing to take BTEC qualifications in Arboriculture & Forestry and taking a year out to gain practical experience in the industry before going to university. I am particularly interested to learn about different Forestry Management Plans and Directives, including silviculture practices. I look forward to hearing from you in the hope that there is a suitable opportunity. To contact me and for a CV please email: tobyhosker@hotmail.co.uk.

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

MATHURIN – SONG OF THE KAURI

Song of the Kauri film screens across New Zealand. *Song of the Kauri*, my first documentary feature film (six years in the making!), started its general release to the world on Thursday 15 November at the Rialto cinemas. It will then go on to screen at 18 cinemas in New Zealand. So far, we've had had 22 well received screenings during the New Zealand International Film Festival. The film was recently selected for the Hot Springs International Documentary Festival in Arkansas, and is now in the official selection of the 2013 National



Geographic Environmental Film Festival as well.

Here's the film trailer (2:30) – pass it around – http://youtu.be/gDsA_hP2sBI. Now the film gets released to the unsuspecting public. I would greatly appreciate you telling anyone in earshot, exploiting your email lists, friends and even people you don't know or like. The great New Zealand cinema tour began at the Rialto (Auckland and Dunedin) on 15 November and now wanders right through the country to 18 (and counting) cinemas and if you fill the cinemas it will go on and on and on.

The complete schedule and session times and such are on the website and will be updated as screenings get added. Here is a list of the cinemas booked thus far (most seasons are a week or two): <http://www.songofthekauri.com/screenings/new-zealand-screenings/>. Please visit the website for more information on screenings, and to learn a little more about this magical little film www.songofthekauri.com. If so inclined you could go to the facebook page and have a chat. www.facebook.com/songofthekauri – I've also attached the film flyer – enjoy!

Ciao, Mathurin (beachnz@gmail.com)

ROYAL SOCIETY OF NZ NEWS

Palmerston North secondary students recognised for project on treated timber in vineyards



Year 13 Palmerston North Girls' High School students Apurva Kasture and Eleanor Pepper have received a Team Gold CREST for their project called "*CCA Treated Timber – A Risk Assessment.*"

Apurva and Eleanor's project was to carry out an assessment of CCA (a compound containing a mixture of copper, chromium and arsenic) treated timber in vineyards to determine the effect of leaching.

They looked at two factors of soil health by testing the microbial activity and mineral nitrogen content of soil and attempted to develop a new, less expensive method to quantify the leaching of CCA from CCA treated timber.

CREST is the Royal Society of New Zealand's international awards scheme designed to encourage Years 6-13 students to be innovative, creative, and to problem solve in science, technology and environmental studies.

Gold CREST requires students to expand their knowledge of specific techniques, language and analysis methods used in their area of research. Student achievement is assessed on creativity, perseverance and the application of knowledge.

Jessie McKenzie from the Royal Society of New Zealand says Apurva and Eleanor showed great diligence in



their project, trying new approaches and repeating measurements.

“Perseverance is an important aspect of the scientific process that the CREST program aims to teach students, and Apurva and Eleanor have demonstrated a high level of perseverance with their project.”

More information [here](#).

CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMICS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A range of challenges from volatile oil and food prices, financial, economic and debt crises to climate change are threatening global efforts to achieve development that is sustainable, or that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. These multi-dimensional challenges do not have purely economic solutions, or purely social or environmental ones. They require integrated solutions that combine economic, social and environmental elements.

The Worldwide Fund for Sustainable Development (WWFSD) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan research institution devoted to the study of world economy and Sustainable Development. The Centre provides timely analysis, and concrete solutions to a wide range of international economic and financial problems. The pursuit of sustainable development requires adequate attention and interactions among the environment, society and the economy. As such, our organisation explores: how the environment is valued; how public policy instruments can be designed better; and how abject poverty can be addressed sustainably.

The WWFSD analyses how the financial, economic and debt crisis will affect humanitarian and development funding and how to develop a counter-cyclical strategy building. The conference programme is dedicated to the current situation and offers an open international forum for the discussion of this topic. The aim is to establish new design perspectives and actions through dialogue with representatives from civil society, politics, economics, and science, individuals amongst others.

Conferences dates and locations:

- 10-14 December 2012 in New York City, USA
- 17-21 December 2012 in Accra-Ghana.

We expect participants from governments and international organizations and civil society. The business public and private sectors, academic institutions and leaders and private individuals amongst others. *Registration:* Please email the conference organizing committee at: wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net with copy to intl.organizing.committee@secretary.net and request the registration form. Further information, including a detailed timetable with task distribution and materials for discussion, will be communicated to you. The deadline for registration is no later than Monday 26 November 2012.

MPI NEWS

Forestry in the Emissions Trading Scheme

The ETS has recently been amended to improve its operation. These amendments affect forestry in the ETS. Join us at one of our workshops to find out how this may impact you. Topics to be covered include: Mandatory emissions returns; Pre-1990 forest offsetting; Field Measurement Approach data collection; Tree Weeds eligibility in the ETS; Other minor amendments specific to forestry. To be held in:

- Rotorua (10 December)
- Christchurch (11 December)
- Palmerston North (12 December).



Call 0800 CLIMATE (254628), or visit www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets for further details.

ICPR update for China

The ICPR relating to forest products exported to China has been updated to include requirements for 'Wood/Timber – Chips'. This ICPR update is available [here](#).

Phytosanitary requirements for Exports of Forest products to Australia

On the evening of Sunday 11 November, *Arhopalus fesus* (burn pine longhorn beetle, BPL) exceeded an agreed threshold at Marsden Point. This means that the BPL season for 2012/13 commences at 6:30 pm, Monday 12 November. All consignments that are the subject of the BPL regulation have to be treated before departure in order to ensure access to Australia.

At commencement of the flight season (i.e. 6:30 pm Monday 12 November):

1. Consignments already loaded onto vessels are exempt from fumigation. MPI will inform DAFF of any vessel that have consignments of timber loaded on 11 and 12 November. AQIS can then subject these vessels to increased surveillance.
2. Consignments already loaded and sealed into containers are exempt from fumigation. MPI will inform DAFF of any vessel that has consignments of timber loaded on 11 and 12 November. AQIS can then subject these consignments to increased surveillance.

Please ensure that you observe the conditions governing entry of forestry produce subject to BPL regulation to Australia. These conditions can be found [here](#).

BIOCHAR WORKSHOP



The Biochar 2013 Workshop will be held on 4-5 July 2013 at Massey University in Palmerston North. If you wish to present a poster or paper please submit your title to Linda Lowe – L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz by 15 April 2013. The areas of interest are:

- Production technology
- Biochar economics
- Characterisation of biochars
- Biochar-soil-plant interactions
- Application case studies
- Life-cycle assessment
- Biochar in GhG mitigation.

More details [here](#).

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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.

November 2012

Sun 25 NZ Ecological Society Annual Conference, <http://www.nzes.org.nz/events/conference-2012>

Thur 29 –
Fri 30 Symposium honouring John Buchanan, hewitson@knoxcollege.ac.nz

December 2012

Mon 3 CNI section Xmas BBQ, david.herries@interpine.co.nz

Tue 4 NZIF Canterbury Section meeting and dinner, yannina.whiteley@xtra.co.nz

Tue 4 –
Wed 5 ForestTECH 2012 – Improving Wood Transport & Logistics, Melbourne, Rotorua
www.foresttechevents.com

Mon 10 –
Fri 14 Conference on Economics of Sustainable Development in New York,
wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net

Tue 11 Otago-Southland Section Telford Farm Tour and End of Year Dinner,
fts_pmcox@xtra.co.nz

Mon 17 –
Fri 21 Conference on Economics of Sustainable Development in Accra-Ghana,
wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net

April 2013

Sun 7 –
Thur 11 Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, www.forestryconference.org.au

Sat 20 –
Tue 23 NZFFA AGM and National Conference, www.nzffa.org.nz/conference

May 2013

Thur 16 –
Tue 21 Third International Congress on Planted Forests,
http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf

June-July 2013

Sun 30 –
Wed 3 NZIF AGM and Conference, New Plymouth

Thur 4 –
Fri 5 Biochar Workshop 2013, L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz

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