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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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### Request

As 2012 draws to a close, it is appropriate to think about targets for 2013. What do you think the Council should focus on over the next 12 months? Should it be growing membership, reducing fees, running a great conference, making more submissions, developing a NZ forest policy, running training courses or what? It could be that you would like to see us to stop doing something (this newsletter, annual conference, making submissions, stop promoting the registration scheme).

I invite each of you to tell me what you think we should try to do or not do next year. Doesn't need to be a long list or even neatly set out. Even one or two ideas would help.

Send an email to [president@nzif.org.nz](mailto:president@nzif.org.nz). I will put the suggestions together (with sender's identity removed) in a newsletter in the new year.



## Forest policy

I have been thinking a bit about New Zealand forest policy. I have already canvassed some members for some ideas but want to extend this to other members. I would love some feedback on a few questions:

- If you were asked by a visitor to NZ for a copy of the current NZ forest policy, what would you give them?
- Do you believe NZ should have a forest policy and if so why? If you favour having a policy, what is it about forestry that marks it out from other parts of NZ economy, society, environment, etc, that do not have or do not need a policy?
- Whose policy should it be? A political party, government, the “forestry sector”, the “forestry industry”, NZIF, all of these?
- What should be the definition of “forest” or “forestry” in a NZ forest policy or NZ forestry policy – and which of the two is it (forest or forestry)?
- What would you expect to find in the policy (not talking about the details, but more the “section headings” or what aspects of forests/forestry should be included in the policy)?

Answers don’t need to be detailed or complete. A few jottings on even some of the above would be helpful. Email them to [president@nzif.org.nz](mailto:president@nzif.org.nz).

## Another NZIF submission

This week we lodged a submission on a proposed BRANZ project to develop environmental profiles for materials and products used in buildings. It is available on the NZIF website for those interested.

## Registered Members

Good to see the Board has approved three more applications for registration bringing the total to 95. How many other members will make a New Year resolution to apply?

## Last newsletter for 2012 is next week

Next week will be the last newsletter for the year, so make sure you get your notices and contributions in.

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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](mailto:newsletter@nzif.org.nz))

## Widening our vision

*Howard Moore MNZIF, SNI*

Ten of the most unusual wooden products ever made may be seen on this website: <http://eandt.theiet.org/magazine/2012/09/one2ten.cfm>. Products include a watch, a supercar, a cell phone and a TV. Perhaps we should be widening our vision of how we might add value to our export logs ...

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## NZIF BUSINESS

### From the Registration Board

At its recent meeting the Registration Board:

1. Approved Registration applications from:

- Mr van Rossen of Auckland
- Mr C Goulding of Rotorua
- Mr S Chandler of Invercargill.

2. Reviewed and approved the continuing Registration of:

- Mr B Pocknall of Napier
- Mr P Molloy of Gore
- Mr J Barton of Wellington
- Mr J Dey of Wellington.

3. Removed from the Register:

- Mr T Watt of Havelock North
- Mr B Zoric of Melbourne.

4. Changed CPD process as follows:

- CPD will now be recorded on calendar year
- CPD reporting will only be accepted via the website for the annual requirements due 30 April 2013.

### Fellows' Committee – call for nominations coming soon

Nominations for members of the next NZIF Fellows' Committee will be called for shortly. The NZIF Rules provide for a Fellows' Committee whose function is to provide advice to the NZIF Council on matters of concern to Fellows and Honorary Members or on request from the Council. The convenor of the committee has a casting vote in the event of equal votes being cast for the position of NZIF President.

The committee is made up of three Fellows or Honorary Members, elected by the Fellows and Honorary members. The committee elects one of its members as Convenor. The current committee is John Galbraith (Convenor), Peter Berg and Russell Dale.

Any two Honorary, Retired (other than Retired Associate), Registered or Ordinary Members may make nominations. The term of the new committee will be two years, beginning on 1 June 2013. Please start thinking about those you would like to see on the committee.

### Toward a Culture of Wood Architecture

NZIF national office has a couple of copies of Jim Taggart's book available for sale. If you missed out on the last order, here is your chance. Contact Jay at [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz) to place an order (first in, first served). NZIF price \$65.00 (free delivery in NZ).

Canadian Architect Jim Taggart was a guest speaker at the NZIF conference in Christchurch in July. He also made presentations to the SNI and Auckland local section.



## 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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## Christmas present opportunities

Earlier this week we sent a separate email describing the six books that can earn a donation to the Foundation. Thank you to those that have already taken up this opportunity – we understand that the Foundation will benefit by over \$100 from books already sold.

We hope many more of you will also take up this opportunity. In summary the books are:

- **Fire in the Hills – A History of Rural Firefighting**, by Helen Beaglehole (Canterbury University Press). Price \$50, order from [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz)
- **With Hillary at Scott Base, A Kiwi Among the Penguins**, written by Vern Gerard (Bateson Publishing Ltd). 150 pages full colour and black and white photographs, price \$30. Place orders with [bateson.publish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bateson.publish@xtra.co.nz), phone (04) 385 9705, and mention the NZIF Foundation offer.
- **Field Guide to New Zealand Native Trees**, by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (Craig Potton Publications). NZIF price \$42.49 (free delivery in NZ). Order online at [www.craigpotton.co.nz](http://www.craigpotton.co.nz) and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email [foundation@nzif.org.nz](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz) to request a flyer/order form.
- **New Zealand Native Trees**, by John Dawson & Rob Lucas (Craig Potton Publications). NZIF price \$102.00 (free delivery in NZ). Order online at [www.craigpotton.co.nz](http://www.craigpotton.co.nz) and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email [foundation@nzif.org.nz](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz) to request a flyer/order form.
- **Craig Potton New Zealand**, by Craig Potton (Craig Potton Publishing). NZIF price \$67.99 or \$102.00 for the delux edition (free delivery in NZ). Order online at [www.craigpotton.co.nz](http://www.craigpotton.co.nz) and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email [foundation@nzif.org.nz](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz) to request a flyer/order form.
- **Above the Treeline**, by Alan F Mark (Craig Potton Publishing). NZIF price \$42.49 (free delivery in NZ). This title is due early January 2013. Pre-order your copy today! Order online at [www.craigpotton.co.nz](http://www.craigpotton.co.nz) and make sure you use the **discount code NZIFF12** or email [foundation@nzif.org.nz](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz) to request a flyer/order form.

## 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](mailto:foundation@nzif.org.nz) for painless ways to make a tax deductible donation.

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## SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish ([murray.parrish@chh.com](mailto: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).

### More RMA changes announced

The Government introduced the Resource Management Reform Bill to Parliament this week. It will presumably be referred to a select committee and submissions called for.

The Bill can be viewed [here](#).

### DOC invites public submissions on its conservation strategies

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is giving the public the chance to make submissions on its management of public conservation areas in the upper half of the North Island over the next 10 years. DOC has today released its draft Conservation Management Strategies (CMS) for its Northland, Auckland and Waikato conservancies. These will guide the management of the areas DOC manages in these regions for the next 10 years.

Members of the public can read the three draft CMS for the Northland, Auckland and Waikato conservancies on the DOC website at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/cms>. This webpage also includes a submission form and information on how people can make a submission. The submission process is open until 15 March next year (2013).

### 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 – about land productivity and how we can get the most out of our land while protecting our lakes and rivers.
- Our rich seas – about NZ'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 NZ's biodiversity – about protecting NZ'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 – about creating and using advanced foods to create a healthier society.
- Fighting disease – 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](mailto:president@nzif.org.nz)) as soon as possible. Submissions have to be made by **10 December**.

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## LOCAL SECTIONS

### 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 (email: [fts\\_pmcox@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fts_pmcox@xtra.co.nz)).

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## PACIFIC FORESTRY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The NZ Institute of Forestry set up a Pacific Forestry Special Interest Group after the Pacific Forestry ANZIF Conference in Auckland last year. All those in the group receive the NZIF weekly electronic newsletter (i.e. the newsletter you are reading now), whether or not they are members of NZIF.

The objectives for the group include helping NZIF members to learn more about what is happening in forestry in our Pacific country neighbours, to make opportunities for NZIF to support our Pacific professional forestry colleagues and to provide a means for Pacific forestry professionals to interact with NZIF members, seek information, etc.

We have included items relating to Pacific forestry in this newsletter as they have come to hand and we have also included some requests for information on specific topics, or notices about job vacancies.

There are currently 173 names on the list for the group although we do not have functioning email addresses for 17. Only 24 are members of NZIF. Those on the list come from at least 31 countries:

American Samoa	3	Marshall Islands	1	Solomon Islands	5
Australia	16	Micronesia	3	Thailand	1
Canada	1	Nauru	2	Tokelau	2
Cook Islands	4	New Caledonia	1	Tonga	3
Fiji	38	New Zealand	24	Tuvalu	3
French Polynesia	2	Niue	1	UK	1
Guam	2	Northern Mariana	1	USA	1
Indonesia (West Papua)	1	Palau	2	Vanuatu	2
Italy	1	Papua New Guinea	22	Wallis & Futuna	2
Kiribati	2	Pitcairn	1	Country not known	16
Malaysia	1	Samoa	8		

This week I emailed all members of the group (with an email address) seeking some feedback on what we were doing and what we might do. Thank you to those who have responded so far and I encourage others to do so.

If any other NZIF members would like to join the special interest group, you can add your name to the list (under preferences in the membership database).

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## PEOPLE NEWS

### School of Forestry news

Dr Bruce Manley, Head of School of Forestry, has been promoted to Professor. Dr Clemens Altaner, Wood Science, has been promoted to Senior Lecturer. Congratulations to Bruce and Clemens. *David Evison*

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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](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz), ph (04) 974 8421.

### FORESTER/RESOURCE ANALYST, NZ FOREST MANAGERS LTD, TURANGI



NZ Forest Managers Ltd is a company that provides management services to a range of forest owners in the North Island of NZ. It has a vacancy in its Turangi office for a Forester/Resource Analyst to join the Planning team. The role involves management of the forest inventory program, estate modelling, harvest scheduling and performance monitoring, and technical support functions. This key role provides an opportunity for involvement in the full range of forest management functions.

Flexibility exists to tailor the specifics of the role, so candidates with a range of experience are encouraged to apply. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate technical and analytical competence, familiarity with contemporary forest planning tools, an ability to communicate effectively, along with a pragmatic and flexible approach.

Applicants are expected to have a tertiary qualification in forestry, science, or related disciplines. They are invited to submit a detailed resume to the address below by **21 December 2012**. For further information please contact: The Planning Manager, NZ Forest Managers Ltd, PO Box 304, Turangi. Phone: (07) 386 8757 or email John Hura ([john@nzfm.co.nz](mailto:john@nzfm.co.nz))

## JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs

[fusionz.rsnz.org/](http://fusionz.rsnz.org/)

MAF

[careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx](http://careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx)

NZ conservation jobs

[www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php](http://www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php)



Department of Conservation	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/">www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/</a>
Australian Government	<a href="http://jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0">jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0</a>
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	<a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs">www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs</a>

## French engineering student seeks internship

I am a French engineering student, currently enrolled in a French National School of Agronomy, in Toulouse, France. I am looking for an internship starting in October 2013, which will be a part of my education as an engineering student in agriculture. I would like to work on a project related to the forest i.e. understand the interactions between the forest (trees and animals) and other fields: climate change, erosion, agriculture work, social links. I would be really interested in working with you as you are dealing with all this issues. Do you know any person or company that could be interested in my application? I would be happy to do a six-month internship, and even longer if needed. Please email me for a copy of my CV. Regards, *Annabel Fourcade* ([Annabel.Fourcade@etu.inp-toulouse.fr](mailto:Annabel.Fourcade@etu.inp-toulouse.fr))

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## PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

### AUSTRALIAN ILLEGAL LOGGING PROHIBITION ACT NOW OPERATIVE

The Australian *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* is now operative following passage through the Australian Parliament on 19 November 2012.

The legislation supports Australia's commitment to promote the trade of legally harvested timber and will be applied consistently regardless of where the timber or timber product originates. In doing so, the Bill aims to reduce the harmful environmental, social and economic impacts of illegal logging and is consistent with Australia's international trade obligations. It supports Australia's commitment to promote the trade of legally harvested timber and will be applied consistently regardless of where the timber or timber product originates.

A number of key provisions of the Act are now in effect, most notably the immediate prohibitions for: importing timber and timber products that contain illegally logged timber; and processing domestic raw logs that have been illegally logged. It is now a criminal offence to import illegally logged timber and timber products into Australia or to process Australian raw logs that have been harvested illegally. Australian importers and processors must not knowingly, intentionally or recklessly import or process illegally logged timber.

If you receive information that the timber you are sourcing is illegally logged, believe the timber is illegally logged or are made aware that there is a substantial risk that the timber was illegally logged, be aware that penalties may apply if the timber or timber product is in fact illegally logged.

If you suspect that the timber or timber product you are processing is from an illegal source, you should ask your supplier to confirm its legality. If you are still in doubt, or you have further inquiries about how the new laws may apply to you please call the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on 1800 657 313.

Regulations are due to take effect in November 2014 that will outline steps that importers and processors should take to check the legality of the product they are receiving. Obligations for importers and processors to undertake due diligence do not commence until that time.

DAFF will release discussion draft regulations shortly so that businesses have time to develop due diligence



systems to support the product they are importing or processing.

To find out more visit the [DAFF website](#).

## 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON PLANTED FORESTS

The 3rd International Congress on Planted Forests is being held in Europe on 16-21 May 2013 (five locations for the scientific workshops and then the plenary in Lisbon). The first conference was held in Chile in 1999 and the second in New Zealand in 2003. Call for papers deadline 14 December 2012. For more details see: [http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/2013\\_icpf/](http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/2013_icpf/).

## 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. Call 0800 CLIMATE (254628), or visit [www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets) for further details. To be held in:

- Rotorua (10 December)
- Christchurch (11 December)
- Palmerston North (12 December)
- **New** – Wellington (Pastoral House – MPI, Room 11.3, 25 The Terrace at 2:30 pm) 13 December. Please remember to register interest by emailing [climatechange@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:climatechange@mpi.govt.nz), letting us know if you will be attending this workshop.

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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.

### December 2012

Mon 10 MPI ETS workshop, Rotorua, [www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets)

Mon 10 – Conference on Economics of Sustainable Development in New York,

Fri 14 [wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net](mailto:wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net)

Tue 11 Otago-Southland Section Telford Farm Tour and End of Year Dinner,  
[fts\\_pmcox@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fts_pmcox@xtra.co.nz)

Tue 11 MPI ETS workshop, Christchurch, [www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets)

Wed 12 MPI ETS workshop, Palmerston North, [www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets)

Thur 13 MPI ETS workshop, Wellington, [www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-the-ets)

Mon 17 – Conference on Economics of Sustainable Development in Accra-Ghana,

Fri 21 [wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net](mailto:wwfsdev.conferences@secretary.net)

### April 2013

Sun 7 – Institute of Foresters of Australia National Conference, [www.forestryconference.org.au](http://www.forestryconference.org.au)

Thur 11

Sat 20 – NZFFA AGM and National Conference, [www.nzffa.org.nz/conference](http://www.nzffa.org.nz/conference)

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Thur 16 –

Third International Congress on Planted Forests,

Tue 21

[http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013\\_icpf](http://www.efiatlantic.efi.int/portal/events/2013_icpf)

## June-July 2013

Sun 30 –

NZIF AGM and Conference, New Plymouth

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Thur 4 –

Biochar Workshop 2013, [L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz](mailto:L.M.Lowe@massey.ac.nz)

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