

## NZIF Newsletter 2017-01 (30 January 2017)

### President's Column



It is with much pleasure I wish you all a great 2017. I am sure some of you are only just starting back to work, but some of you (like me) have been at it since the beginning of the month, and boy it seems like there is a lot to do this year. It will be an interesting year with an election coming up and we will be finally presenting the Forest Policy.

It will also be a busy year for NZIF. Please open your calendars and put in the following dates; 3rd to 6th September. These are the planned dates for the annual conference. This year the conference will be held in Rotorua and we have a fantastic young committee organising it. I have seen the draft planning and I am very excited about this conference. Not only will we endeavour to hear from each political party, but the committee are putting a fantastic program together on the future of forestry, discussion on interesting tools which are starting to be used, and they are organising a fantastic field trip. I hope all of you will support the committee and NZIF and plan to attend. It would be great if you know you are going to attend, if you register early. I know foresters like leaving everything to the last minute, but it does cause our conference committee stress and worry when only 30% of the planned attendees have registered 2 weeks out!

As mentioned above, the Forest Policy Project committee will be presenting a 'final draft' to the sector very soon. Many members have volunteered a lot of their time to this project, and whilst the Policy can not ever please everyone, I am impressed with what they have managed to put together, in a very readable format. Like all policy, the New Zealand Forest Policy must be a 'living' document which will be reviewed and up dated at regular points in time. I hope you all take the time to read it and provide feedback to the committee on potential future improvements or additions. It would be even better if you volunteered to help write any improvements or additions!

I am in the final stages of agreeing with the IFA and the Prince of Wales the wording for the application of the awards we discussed last year. We will be getting the applications out soon and I encourage our younger members to apply. This will become a prestigious award and it would be an achievement for you to be able to say you were the first to receive it.

Council meets in a couple of weeks. We will be planning our goals for the year and looking at ways to offer you, the members, better services. I am always interested in any feedback, either via this newsletter or directly. Please do not hesitate to provide feedback, ideas or thoughts. NZIF is based around you the members. You join as an individual and I am sure you have opinions and views. Don't be afraid to share them, they may help the rest of us improve our knowledge, or perhaps counter responses may

help you improve yours. I encourage you all to make use of the networking abilities of NZIF and to do your bit to make NZIF a vibrant, growing, membership based organisation.

I look forward to talking to as many of you as possible this year.

Regards

James Treadwell

## **Institute News**

### **NZIF Conference 2017**

The 2017 NZIF conference “ **The Future of the NZ Forestry Industry**” and AGM will be held at the Novotel Lakeside, Rotorua between the **3rd and the 6th September 2017**. Please add this date to your diaries now! A host of international and domestic speakers will provide insight into the technologies, policies, and market drivers that will shape our structure, position in the landscape and the composition of our workforce. The conference field trip will take advantage of Rotorua’s unique position at the heart of the industry and will offer a unique opportunity to visit processing sites, research trials and local forests. More details of the programme will be published shortly. This conference will offer something to a broad range of industry professionals, students and associated industry sectors.

If you are interested in sponsoring the NZIF Conference or would like to book a Trade Stand please contact our President, [James Treadwell](#).

### **From NZIF Administration**

#### **NZIF Registered Members**

All CPD Hours for the 2016 year – 1st January to 31st December 2016 should now be entered into your membership dashboard.

If you would like further advice on how to input the hours please contact [Jay](#).

#### **Members Voice**

We would love to hear your thoughts on forestry in NZ! Whether it's praise or criticism, information about new ideas or products, ideas on how NZIF can help its members, stories about the work of past members or current members, anything that can be shared with our membership..... we want to know! Write a paragraph for the fortnightly newsletter. All articles will need to be emailed to **admin@nzif.org.nz** by the Friday before the fortnightly newsletter. Get involved and lets hear from you!

#### **LinkedIn NZIF Group**

As a member of the NZIF have you thought about joining the LinkedIn - NZ Institute of Forestry group? Send a request to join the member’s only group and join in the lively debate.

## **NZIF Council**

The NZIF Council meets every two months in Wellington. Do you have anything you wish to bring to the Council's attention? Please email [Jay](mailto:jay@nzif.org.nz) at [admin@nzif.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzif.org.nz) prior to the meeting.

Meeting dates for 2017 are: 13th Feb, 27th March, 29th May, 31st July, 25th Sept, 27th Nov.

## **In the News**

### **NZIF Members – Increase your CPD while leading the way for the next generation.**

The Futureintech programme aims to address New Zealand's need for a more highly skilled workforce in the technology, engineering and science industries by promoting the wide range of challenging and rewarding careers available in these fields.

Futureintech are recruiting volunteer Ambassadors who are working in these industries and who would like to promote their careers to school students through sharing and learning.

There are many potential benefits in becoming a Futureintech Ambassador, including:

- Contributing to your Continued Professional Development
- Opportunities to improve public speaking skills
- Giving something valuable back to the community by sharing experience and inspiration for young people
- Helping to raise the profile of your company or industry in the community
- Contact your local [Futureintech Facilitator](#)

to talk about how you could be involved. You can also find out more about being an Ambassador in the online [Handbook](#).

Read more about this program [here](#).

*Philip Elworthy*

National Log Procurement Manager, Rayonier, Matariki Forests

### **The Commonwealth Forestry Association - Young Forester Award 2017**

As part of the Commonwealth Forestry Association's (CFA) commitment to supporting the professional development of young foresters CFA are pleased to announce the launch of the CFA Young Forester Award 2017 in conjunction with the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia.

The CFA Young Forester Award provides a short-term work placement of three months hosted by the University of British Columbia at their Malcolm Knapp Research Forest,

between September and December 2017, where the successful applicant will be able to develop their practical skills. The Award covers flights, accommodation, local travel, subsistence costs and a small bursary to cover the period of the placement.

More details on this award, including eligibility criteria, can be found [here](#). The Application Form should be completed and submitted via [email](#) by March 15th 2017.

### **Technology key to forest safety advances - Forest Safety Summit 1st/2nd March - Rotorua**

“Technology is vital in many new safety improvements in the forest industry – and the upcoming Forest Safety Summit will be showcasing them and the people who established them,” says Forest Industry Engineering Association event manager, Gordon Thomson.

Since early December, FIEA has been extremely busy with Safety Summit registrations. The industry response has been huge, says Thomson. Forest industry leaders have been very proactive in safety even before health and safety laws were reformed he added.

Only four exhibitor stands are still available and well over half of the conference seats are sold already. Now is the time to register to make sure you don't miss out. Special offers are now being made available to members of other industry associations across the forest industries. To take advantage of this offer, click [here](#).

“At our March conference people will see technology is key to new safety advances that industry leaders have made. The speed of adoption by practical forestry people has been encouraging. Many innovators have already provided safety outcomes for their teams and clients. So, the case studies they will bring are proven to deliver results,” adds Thomson.

“For the first time, FIEA has teamed up with the Forest Industry Safety Council (FISC) to organise a workshop as part of the Safety Summit,” says Thomson. “Working with Fiona Ewing of FISC has led us to include a series of workshops and panel sessions for people to interact – from the forest floor to the CEOs.”

Two key technology speakers are:

- Richard Lawler, Director of Engineering, Forestry for John Deere Forestry from USA. Richard has worked closely with developments in steep slope harvesting in both North America and New Zealand.
- Jim French is an industry solutions specialist across Australasia for Teletrac Navman. For over 20 years he has shared his passion for GPS asset tracking with practical contractors to satisfy their needs.

FIEA is pleased that so many local industry leaders and safety champions have come forward to support the 3rd FIEA Forest Industry Safety Summit. This conference series sold out in previous years, and is running again in March 2017 in Rotorua and Melbourne.

The summit runs 1st & 2nd March 2017 in Rotorua at the Distinction Hotel. The following week it moves to the Bayview Eden Hotel in Melbourne running on 7th & 8th March. For full details visit the FIEA [website](#).

## **Ministry for Primary Industries - Afforestation Grant Scheme Moves Ahead**

The dates for the 2017 funding round of the AGS have been confirmed. The round will open on 13 March 2017 and close on 27 April.

The purpose of the fund is to achieve a better environment through planting new forests. Whether it be carbon absorption or reducing land erosion, the scheme is already making a real contribution.

Next year's round is expected to see the momentum of the first two rounds continue. MPI was very pleased with the number and quality of applications in this year's round, and approved 81 grants for a total of 4,818ha of new forests.

That is the same number of grants as last year, but with an additional 1,918ha of land which will result in over 5.5 million new seedlings planted during winter 2017.

This shows how the AGS is becoming better utilised by land owners, and means that after two funding rounds the scheme is well on track to meet the target of planting 15,000ha of new trees by 2020.

Click the link [here](#) for more information, including eligibility and how to apply.

## **Internship wanted**

### **French student seeking employment in the Forestry Sector**

Thomas Litzler works currently in France in the fields of environment and sustainable development (see CV [attached](#)). He says that he is looking for opportunities in New Zealand in order to have a new professional experience in our beautiful country. He is equally interested in short-term jobs (a few months with a working holiday visa) or more important missions (more than 1 year with a work visa).

His studies included two years on natural spaces management and another year focused on sustainable management of forest areas. He studied three other years dedicated to land planning and environmental policies. His main interest is about making bridges between different subjects, in a cross-disciplinary way, in order to develop new answers to both global and local stakes. To reach such goal, he strongly believes in the abilities of local communities, that can arise from an adapted governance system based on shared confidence and transparency.

Thomas would be really happy to develop such approach in New Zealand. He can deal with different kinds of projects, such as for instance the Emission Trade Scheme (making links with biodiversity or water quality), wood-energy industries, agroforestry, etc.

Thomas would also be interested in field work such as natural reserve management. Contact details for Thomas can be found in his CV.



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