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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

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

Nominations for NZIF Forester of the Year 2014

I hope you are tidying up and submitting nominations for the NZIF Forester of the Year – they need to be in the hands of the administrator no later than 5:00 pm on Monday. Members are urged to nominate those they consider have made some difference to NZ forestry, particularly over the last year.

Please don't just assume that this is a task that someone else will do – take some responsibility for ensuring recognition of those who have made a difference.



Good science

In last week's newsletter I was asked what I meant by "good science in climate change" in my comment *Relevance of NZIF and why you need to support it* the week before. A discussion on the topic is also running in the NZIF LinkedIn group.

My words came from an email to a member who had tendered his resignation because, at the end of his professional career, he was finding forestry in NZ depressing and felt that he had wasted his professional life on it. My aim was to persuade him to withdraw the resignation and to continue to support what NZIF has been doing to counter the issues he had commented on.

What I said, and reproduced in the newsletter, was:

We [i.e. NZIF] have persistently, and I have every confidence the incoming Council will do the same, campaigned against the erosion of good forestry in NZ. Unlike most other forestry associations we have not supported the takeover and closing of FFR, we have done what we can to support research and education (such as our successful campaign earlier this year to encourage more enrolments at Waiariki and avert a possible shut down of the first year diploma course), we have at least one and potentially two political parties taking an interest in forestry and forest policy. We support domestic processing (although not the inefficient processing that is quite prevalent), we make the case for good science in climate change, certification (including Green Building), use of genetic technologies, biosecurity, etc.

You will note my use of the term "good science" was not specific to climate change – it was a general comment applied to many issues. It relates to our stressing in submissions the need for good science in policy, legislation, etc., whether it be climate change, certification, etc., etc. To get a view on that, read the report from the Prime Minister's Chief Science Adviser's report "*Towards better use of evidence in policy formation: a discussion paper*" of April 2011 – a report we have referred to in a number of NZIF submissions to government – you can see it [here](#). So no, NZIF does not have a definition of "good science in climate change" or in other issue – we are not climatologists. But we can require that when government makes policy or enacts legislation that affects NZ's forests and forestry operations, the government ensures that policy or legislation is based on the best scientific evidence that is available at the time.

This approach is consistent with a set of guidelines the NZIF Council developed some years ago as a framework for considering proposals relating to legislation, policy, etc. This includes that what is being proposed should be:

1. **Effective.** Policy and legislation should clearly be seen to be making a positive contribution to the topic under consideration;
2. **Simple.** Policy objectives should be easily understood and implemented by those who are affected by it;
3. **Equitable.** There should be equity across different sectors of the economy;
4. **Relevant to NZ.** The policies need to recognise the characteristics of the NZ economy, environment and society and be developed accordingly;
5. **Sustainable.**
6. **Scientifically supportable.**

For another view of good or sound science in policy, media reporting, etc., try the book *Bad Science* by Ben Goldacre, a British physician, academic and science writer. He has also recorded a Ted Talk. Just Google "Ben Goldacre". And last night I went to *Science Express* at Te Papa and heard freshwater ecologist Mike Joy talking about some of the science and misuse of that science in freshwater policy and proposals in NZ.



Conference update

Conference registrations continue to be received. Make sure that you will be one of those you want to participate in this important event on the NZIF calendar, to learn what is going on in the forestry world, to meet new people and catch up with old friends, and as a consequence to show your support for the organizing committee that has spent many hours ensuring this will be another conference to remember.

Online registration is available [here](#).

We are getting very good support for the conference from a wide range of companies and organisations. Make sure you don't miss this opportunity to have your business showcased at this year's gathering of forestry professionals.

This week we welcome Drug Free Sites as a conference exhibitor – thank you.

Annual subscriptions – now overdue

Annual subscriptions are due by last Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, make sure you keep your membership alive. If you have paid, thank you.

So please spend a little bit of time in the next few days to complete the task.

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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

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NZIF BUSINESS

Nominations for NZIF Forester of the Year 2014

Nominations are now called for NZIF Forester of the Year 2014. Members are urged to nominate those they consider have made some difference to NZ forestry, particularly over the last year.

The NZIF Forester of the Year Award is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow. It recognises an NZIF member who has made an outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession, or the forestry sector, over the last 12 months. The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession.

The awardee receives a certificate and the Forester of the Year carving, which they hold for one year. Nominations forms and further information are available on the [NZIF website](#). Nominations close at 5:00 pm on **Monday 7 May 2014**.

Kirk Horn award

The Kirk Horn Award is an award for eminence in forestry in NZ and is offered every second year. It is available in 2014. The purpose of the award is to recognise outstanding contributions in the field of forestry



with those eligible being NZIF members currently working in, or who have worked in, forestry in NZ. No applications are called for, with the recipient being selected by a committee appointed by Council. If you wish to suggest names of potential recipients of the Kirk Horn Award, please email the [NZIF President](#) and/or the [Convener](#) of the NZIF Fellows Committee.

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CONFERENCE 2014

Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value



New Zealand Institute of Forestry Conference · 6 July – 9 July 2014 · Napier

Conference dates

The NZIF 2014 Conference will be held at the War Memorial Conference Centre in Napier from Sunday 6 to Wednesday 9 July 2014. The theme is “Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value”. Please mark your diaries now and plan to attend.

Conference website is [here](#).

Conference registration now online

We are now pleased to advise that registration to the NZIF 2014 Conference *Tackling Challenges and Delivering Value* is now open. To Register [click here](#).

We have an exciting programme set for Napier on the 6th to 9th July 2014 at the War Memorial Conference Centre. To see the conference programme [click here](#).

As members of the Institute you will be required to sign into the members’ area on the NZIF website to register and receive the members’ conference rates. If you have forgotten your password! Click on “Trouble logging in?” and then “Forgotten your Password?” Then you can reset your password.

For non-members wishing to register for the Conference, you will be required to set up a log in to the NZIF website. If you have any problem please contact Jay Matthes at admin@nzif.org.nz.

Student poster competition

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by each conference attendee. The prize winners will be announced on the Tuesday afternoon. Prize money: 1st \$800; 2nd \$400; 3rd \$200. Free entry to the conference for Student Institute members. Posters will need to be in Napier on **Sunday 6 July** for hanging. For more details please contact: Matt Croft on phone 0274 360 714 or matthew.croft@rayonier.com.

Programme update

The latest version of the conference programme is on the conference website.

Conference field trip – 9 July

A second field trip has been added to the conference programme. Details are:

Field Trip 2

8.00 am Board buses at War Memorial Conference Centre
Pan Pac – stem optimisation and by product utilisation
Clonal trial Esk Forest followed by lunch
Glengarry Forest Peninsula road trial, ex FRI
4:00 pm Venue and hotel drop off.

Sponsorship

This week we welcome Drug Free Sites as a conference exhibitor – thank you.

Sponsors who have signed up for the conference are:

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Sponsorship enquiries should be directed to James Treadwell (vice-president@nzif.org.nz).

Conference committee

The conference organising committee is:

Bob Pocknall	Chair
Brett Gilmore	
Matthew Croft	
James Powrie	
Mark Morice	
James Treadwell	Sponsorship
Ian Lyver	Treasurer
Jay Matthes	Conference Manager (admin@nzif.org.nz)

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2014 Awards and Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation is inviting applications for the following awards and scholarships. **Applications close at 5:00 pm on Monday 26 May 2014:**

Chavasse Travel Award

Open to any person interested or employed in NZ forestry to enable:

- The applicant to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forestry sector's experience and knowledge; or
- The applicant to assist an overseas person to travel to and within NZ for the purpose of making presentations on forestry topics to NZ audiences.

The award recognises forestry excellence and personal integrity, and aims to reward the clear dissemination and presentation of results. One award of up to \$3,500 is available.



Student scholarships

The student scholarships are open to students enrolled for degree or diploma of relevance to the broad field of forestry at a NZ tertiary institution. They recognise excellence at the student level and reward innovation and entrepreneurial potential. Each award is for \$1000.

The three student scholarships being offered by the Foundation in 2014 are:

Undergraduate Scholarship: available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree at a NZ university;

Frank Hutchinson Scholarship: available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ university;

Mary Sutherland Scholarship: available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ polytechnic.

Please apply if you are interested and please tell others who might be interested in applying. Visit the Foundation website or [click here](#) for further information. Please advertise the Awards around your office, universities etc. You do not have to be a NZIF member to apply. The awards will be announced at the NZIF 2014 conference in Napier on Monday 7 July 2014 ([see here](#) for more details on the conference).

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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)

NZ Wilding Conifer Management Strategy – closes today (2 May)

The Ministry for Primary Industries is seeking comment feedback on a draft strategy ([download here](#)) to improve the management of wilding conifers in NZ. The strategy aims to enable key parties to address the spread of wilding conifers, and contain or eradicate established areas of wilding conifers by 2030. The strategy sets out a number of high-level actions to support that goal. MPI has worked closely with a working group of key stakeholders to develop the draft strategy. The Working Group includes representatives from; the forestry and farming industries, regional and district councils, Department of Conservation, Land Information NZ, the NZ Defence Force, SCION and community groups. This strategy builds on an MPI commissioned Pacific Eco-Logic status report on wilding conifer management that was developed with input from members of the NZ Wilding Conifer Management Group. Please provide submissions to wildingconifer@mpi.govt.nz by 2 May.

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LOCAL SECTIONS

WEST COAST SECTION

Trees on Farms workshops: West Coast

Topic: Opportunities for farm forestry on the West Coast

Date: Friday 9 May from 9:45 am

Venue: Hokitika's Regent Theatre, 23 Weld Street, Hokitika



Local contact: for more NZFFA information contact Michael Orchard, (03) 755 7310, orchards@xtra.co.nz

Morning presentations

- 10.15 Welcome: *Jack Davidson, President, West Coast branch of NZFFA*
- 10.20 Introduction to the workshop: *Harriet Palmer, Trees on Farms workshops co-ordinator*
- 10.25 Farm forestry opportunities on the Coast: *Michael Orchard*
- 10.45 Videos: local farm foresters describe the role of trees on their properties
- 11.15 Role of trees in nutrient budgeting and whole farm planning: *Nicola Chisholm, AgFirst Consultants*
- 11.30 Farm planning (incl. Sustainable Dairying & Water Accord riparian management plans): *Jan Derks*
- 11.45 Updates: (i) Forest certification for small growers and (ii) the ETS
- 11.55 Opportunities for specialty timbers and growing methods
- 12.10 Discussion/questions: led by *Nick Ledgard /Harriet Palmer*
- 12.30 Lunch: bring your own or purchase from Stapletons Milk Bar and Café at the theatre
- 1.00 Depart for Davidson property

Afternoon venue: Jack Davidson property, south bank Arahura Valley, Hokitika

- 1.20 Introduction to the farm, my reasons for planting trees: *Jack Davidson*
- 1.30 Inspect plantings, presentations to include:
 - Growing high value timber logs
 - Retaining, managing and protecting West Coast native forest remnants
 - Riparian plantings for soil conservation and water quality, ongoing maintenance of riparian plantings and funding available
- 3.00 Approximate finish.

HAWKE'S BAY SECTION

NZIF Members may be interested in the following event:

RSNZ Branch event: *'The Climate and Weather of Hawke's Bay'*

Date: Tuesday 6 May at 7:30 pm

Venue: National Aquarium of NZ, Marine Parade, Napier

Cost: Gold coin donation appreciated.

The Hawke's Bay Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand, in association with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and NIWA, presents 'The Climate and Weather of Hawke's Bay', by **Dr Andrew Tait**, Principal Scientist at NIWA.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report released on 31 March reminds us that climate change is generally accepted as having a future impact on Hawke's Bay. A changing climate presents challenges to 'how we do things now', but also presents new opportunities to adapt, growing different crops and creating efficiencies in our management of water.

Dr Tait and colleagues will discuss the IPCC report and the results of work done by NIWA scientists to predict the influence of climate change on the Hawke's Bay environment.

For more information, refer: <http://www.hbrc.govt.nz/News-Events/Media-Releases/Pages/Climate-Change-and-Hawke's-Bay.aspx>



OTAGO-SOUTHLAND SECTION

AGM and evening meeting in association with NZFAA

Speaker: Nick Ledgard

Date and time: Tuesday 13 May; NZIF AGM starts at 6.00 pm and NZFFA workshop at 7.30 pm

Location: Toitu Settlers Museum Dunedin, 31 Queens Gardens, Dunedin

Theme: Changing Times for Trees on Otago Hill and High Country Farms

Confirmation: The evening is free but confirmation of attendance is required for catering – tea/coffee and light finger food will be available. Please register your attendance with Murray Harris on (03) 476 6251 or email: landfors@ihug.co.nz

The Otago-Southland section of the NZIF will hold its AGM in conjunction with a workshop to be run by the Mid-Otago Branch of the NZ Farm Forestry Association. The workshop theme, ‘Changing Times for Trees on Otago Hill and High Country Farms’, will include a presentation by retired forest researcher, Nick Ledgard. Nick will also demonstrate the use of the Wilding risk calculator during his presentation. For further information on the workshop go to: www.nzffa.org.nz/trees-on-farms-workshops/

NELSON-MARLBOROUGH SECTION

NZIF members may be interested in the following event:

Presenters: Nick Ledgard and Harriet Palmer

Date and time: Wednesday 7 May at 7:00 pm

Location: Club Waimea (new name) on Lower Queen Street, Richmond, across from the A&P Showgrounds

Theme: Trees on Farms

Entry: The entry is free and open to the public

The NZ Farm Forestry Association is hosting this evening road show presentation of ‘Trees on Farms’. The presenters, Nick Ledgard and Harriet Palmer, have been around the country giving 20 plus day-long workshops, but are compressing this into a couple of hours of videos of model farms covering commercial woodlots, amenity, riparian and shelterbelt plantings, nutrient management etc.

PJ Kenney, Chair for the NZ Farm Forestry Association

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HARVEST MANAGER, PF OLSEN, KERIKERI



PF Olsen Ltd is a progressive forestry servicing company committed to maximising returns for its clients. We require a qualified harvest manager to join our Northland harvest management team based at Kerikeri in the Bay of Islands. This role would suit applicants with a tertiary qualification in Forestry, Harvest Engineering, Management degree or equivalent plus experience in harvesting and supply chain management. While previous experience is preferred, this should not preclude new or recent graduates from applying.

You will need to have strong relationship skills and be capable of managing a range of harvesting contract suppliers. You will ensure quality, value, environmental, health and safety and cost aspects of the business are well managed, reporting is timely and accurate, and contractor and customer relationships are maintained. You will be willing to work as part of a team and contribute to team performance. The salary offered will reflect qualifications and experience. We also offer an attractive employee benefits package. Applicants must already be eligible to work in NZ.

Apply in confidence by sending your application letter and CV to: "Northland Harvest Manager", PF Olsen Ltd, PO 1127 Rotorua 3040, or email rachel.baucke@pfolsen.com. Also visit our website: www.pfolsen.com. **Closing date:** 30 May 2014.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, PF OLSEN LTD, WHANGAREI



PF Olsen Ltd is a progressive forestry servicing company committed to maximising returns for its clients. We are seeking a Business Development Manager to grow our forestry and harvesting business in the Northland region. The position will be based in Whangarei and report to the Regional Manager in Kerikeri.

This role will suit a highly motivated person with skills in marketing, strong interpersonal skills and the unique ability to lead forest owners through the process of obtaining maximum value from their forest investment. The role will also suit a forester or forest engineer with experience in planning and managing forest, harvest and roading operations, and who also has a passion for developing a successful business. The salary offered will reflect qualifications and experience. We also offer an attractive employee benefits package. Applicants must already be eligible to work in NZ.

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HARVESTING FORESTER, HANCOCK FOREST MANAGEMENT, NORTHLAND



Hancock Forest Management is a Forest Stewardship Certified forest manager responsible for the management of 204,000 hectares throughout NZ. We combine leading forest management techniques with outstanding environmental stewardship to provide maximum value to our clients.

We are currently inviting applications for the position of Harvesting Forester in the Northland area, based in our Whangarei office. Reporting to the Harvesting and Distribution Manager you will oversee the health and safety, value recovery, log quality, environmental and production performance of harvesting crews, as well as contributing to the overall business performance by way of budget setting and monitoring.

The successful applicant will ideally hold a tertiary qualification in forestry or a related field and/or have experience in harvesting or forestry operations. We need a great team player who has strong relationship and people management skills and a commitment to health and safety and the environment. Sound computing skills are also desirable.

In return, this role offers a prime opportunity to become part of a friendly and supportive team within a global organisation. You will be rewarded with a stimulating work environment, career development opportunities and a competitive salary, including bonus tied to performance.

If this sounds like the challenge you are seeking then send your CV and a covering letter to Jo Burrell, Human Resources Manager, jburrell@hnrng.com by 2 May 2014.

JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	fusionz.rsnz.org/
MPI	http://careers.haines.co.nz/MPI/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 & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs

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PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA / NOTICES

HYPERSPETRAL REMOTE SENSING

A seminar on Hyperspectral remote sensing by Aerial Surveys and Specim (Finland)

Monday 5th May, 10:30 to 12:00, Rimu Room, Scion.

The presentation includes:

- Aerial Surveys Limited flying and capture capabilities within New Zealand and previous hyperspectral trails in NZ.
- A short introduction to Specim, a leading hyperspectral manufacturer from Finland.
- A detailed presentation on hyperspectral technology, including the AisaFENIX hyperspectral unit which is currently in NZ and the applications for this technology with a focus on forestry.
- Open discussion in using hyperspectral technology for the forestry Industry. What are your current issues in the field, and can hyperspectral technology

Please contact Andrew Dunningham (Andrew.Dunningham@scionresearch.com) if you wish to attend via scopia. If you want to come in person – just come along to the usual Rimu Room location.

NZFFA AND MPI SUSTAINABLE FARMING FUND

Trees on Farms workshops – South Island and Northland tour

The NZFFA/MPI Trees on Farms workshops tour is underway, with a busy schedule of workshops over the next four weeks. The workshops aim to help farmers and landowners with ideas for planting the right trees in the right place to boost farm profitability and deliver multiple benefits. This week the tour covers the mid-South Island, with workshops in North Otago, South Canterbury, Ashburton and the Southern High Country.

“Anyone is welcome to attend these free workshops,” says Trees on Farms project manager, Harriet Palmer. “Our aim is to provide some fresh ideas for landowners interested in tree-planting as part of best land use. We will be focusing on options which make economic and environmental sense.”

Themes covered in the forthcoming week include the potential for trees on intensive sheep and beef farms, and on irrigated farms. All workshops comprise a morning indoor session with a range of speakers followed by an afternoon out on a nearby farm, looking at practical examples of how trees have been incorporated into sustainable land use. This week’s line-up of speakers includes agricultural consultants, local tree-nursery representatives, and irrigation specialists.

“We will also be showing some short videos featuring local farmers talking about their trees, and how trees fit into their farming business,” says Harriet Palmer. “The videos are a real highlight. They are a fantastic resource, and all those attending will receive a free DVD featuring numerous short videos from their region.”

In total the tour comprises 15 workshops, 12 in the South Island and three in Northland. Each workshop will be structured to suit its particular region by local branches of the NZFFA. For full workshop details please visit: www.nzffa.org.nz. Contact for media: Harriet Palmer, 021 0253 2529, harriet.e.palmer@gmail.com.

Date	Venue	Theme	Field visit	Local contact
Fri 2 May	Tekapo, Southern High	High country tree opportunities	Balmoral High Country Station (A and N	Bob Douglas (03) 688 4096



	Country	Simpson)	bdouglas@fedfarm.org.nz
Date	Venue	Theme	
Tue 6 May	Sefton, North Canterbury	Exploring hill country opportunities	
Wed 7 May	Carlisle, Marlborough	Trees, farming and waterways	
Wed 7 May	Nelson (evening meeting)	A bright future for trees on farms	
Fri 9 May	Hokitika, West Coast	Opportunities for trees on West Coast farms and small holdings	
Tue 13 May	Dunedin (evening meeting)	A bright future for trees on farms	
Wed 14 May	Balclutha, South Otago	Trees on dairy farms: new ideas for an old problem	
Wed 14 May	Whangaroa Harbour, Far North	Trees as part of wise land use	
Thur 15 May	Winton, Southland	Trees on intensively managed farms	
Thur 15 May	Wellsford, Lower Northland	Adding value with trees	
Wed 21 May	Poroti, nr Whangarei, Mid-Northland	Believe us! Trees can make you money	

3RD FOREST ECOSYSTEM SERVICES FORUM, TE PAPA, WELLINGTON

You are invited to attend the 3rd Forest Ecosystem Services (FES) forum on Tuesday 20 May 2014 at Te Papa in Wellington organised by Scion (NZ Forest Research Institute Ltd). The theme for the forum this year is ‘Protecting and enhancing NZ’s freshwater resources through forestry’. The forum is about considering the role of forests in the water cycle, from improving water quality, to reducing bank erosion and sedimentation, to water recycling and uptake. It also aims to discuss the positive and negative impacts of forests on the provision of water ecosystem services, e.g. nutrient load, water quality, water yield, recreation. We will be discussing freshwater policy and how it relates to forestry, current examples, and future directions of forest ecosystem services in this area.

We expect to have about 60 participants mostly from across NZ including representatives from national government agencies, regional councils, forest industry, research organisations and academic institutions. Please find attached the draft agenda. Please note that this link to the FES forum event website: <http://www.scionresearch.com/general/news-and-events/events/calendar-events/fs/forest-ecosystem-services-forum-2014> also provides access to the presentations of the previous FES forums in 2012 and 2013. There is no cost to attend this event, however, registration is essential and would be appreciated by 9 May 2014. For enquiries regarding the forum programme please contact Richard Yao (Scion), phone (07) 343 5747, or email richard.yao@scionresearch.com.

WOOD FLOW LOGISTICS 2014

Early-bird discounted registrations to the **Wood Flow Logistics 2014** (www.woodflowlogistics.com) event being run in **Rotorua on 11-12 June** close next Friday, **Friday 9 May**. Interest in this event from forestry managers, harvesting contractors and wood transport operators is at this stage looking very good. A number of South American wood transport contractors are expecting to attend the Melbourne event along with a tour to leading forestry companies planned in and around the two-day conference – to both countries.

NZIF members are eligible for discounts. The code that can be used for registrations from members is **soNZIF14**.



INDEPENDENT FORESTRY SAFETY REVIEW

This information updates you on the work of the Review Panel and tells you about the basic framework for the Review and the early/initial plans for the Review's consultation process. Please feel free to send this email to anyone you know that might be interested in the Review. They can register to receive updates by emailing info@ifsr.co.nz. You can also use this information in any forestry sector newsletters or publications that you might make a contribution to.

The basic framework for the Review

The Panel has agreed a framework for doing its work and work is well underway on the development of a public consultation document. For the framework, the Panel has drawn from the work of the Independent Taskforce on Workplace Health and Safety (the Taskforce). The Taskforce formed a view that there were three key features, which “combine together within a workplace to determine the workplaces’ safety culture and collectively impact on the workplace health and safety outcomes for the workplace”. In summary, these features relate to: the workplace; people in a workplace; and work organisation. These three themes have been used to create work streams for the Review. There is, of course, overlap between the streams. But they are a useful starting point and should form the basis for the consultation document that is currently being prepared.

Early/initial plans for the consultation process

The consultation document will set out the key issues impacting health and safety in the forestry sector as the Panel understands them. It will also set out some options for change. The Panel will be inviting feedback on the issues and on the options. It will be asking for written submission. Along with the consultation document, the Panel will travel to some forestry regions. These will include: Whangarei, Rotorua, Gisborne, Nelson, Christchurch and Balclutha.

The Review Panel will be meeting with key industry stakeholders, forestry health and safety experts and forestry contractors and workers in the regions. The Review Panel intends to consult with stakeholders in mid to late June 2014. The consultation period should last three weeks. Details of the consultation process will be made available on the Review's website: www.ifsr.co.nz. Further details, including specific dates will be made available as soon as possible. At the moment they have not been planned in any detail.

The Panel will consider the outcomes of this consultation process in developing its final report and recommendations for change. The views of submitters will be referenced in the final report. Finally, the select committee process for the new Health and Safety Reform Bill has begun. We have just heard that the deadline for submission has been extended. You can learn more at [this website](#).

SCION WORKSHOPS (7 & 14 MAY): WOOD QUALITY – IS IT STILL RELEVANT?

Forest managers and wood processors want to realise the greatest value from their resource by getting the balance between quality and volume correct. There is an old adage that you can't manage for both maximum value and maximum volume at the same time. However, current market conditions only allow small premiums for higher quality logs. Managing for maximum value can be achieved by managing for maximum volume, with implications for wood quality. But will this always be the case and what are the implications of increased productivity on wood quality? Both forest growers and wood processors want to improve both quality and uniformity, but what does this mean and how might we achieve it?

Purpose: the objective of this workshop is to give participants a better understanding of how wood properties develop over time, how stands respond to silvicultural treatments, and what quality variation means to wood processors. The workshop is aimed at forest managers, forestry consultants, sawmill managers and wood processors, and will discuss a number of high level issues, the main ones being:



- How important is wood quality for our major markets now and in the future?
- What are the current issues?

Participants will gain a high level understanding of the interactions between site, silviculture, genetics and the development of wood properties contributing to wood quality and understand the impact of quality variability on product yield and value. The use and development of tools for assessing and controlling wood quality will be discussed. Specific topics to be covered include:

- Future prospects for NZ plantations and the role of both radiata pine and other species in the light of international and local market trends
- Current knowledge on influences on radiata wood quality – site, silviculture, rotation length
- Wood processors' experience
- Wood quality variation and how to manage it
- Use of tools to predict aspects of quality
- Update on breeding of radiata for quality.

Location and dates: workshops will be held in both the North and South Island. Both workshops will contain the same content and will run from 9am until 4pm. Dates: 7 May, Christchurch; and 14 May, Rotorua. There is no cost to register but please register online at the Scion website (www.scionresearch.com/woodquality-2014). Please contact John Moore (john.moore@scionresearch.com) if you have any questions about the content of the workshop.

NEWS FROM ROYAL SOCIETY OF NZ

Webcast available for IPCC Stakeholder Workshop

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment (AR5) Working Group II (WGII) Report '*Impacts, Adaptation, & Vulnerability*' and Working Group III (WGIII) Report '*Mitigation*' was finalised and approved in Yokohama, Japan from 25 to 29 March and Berlin, Germany from 7 to 11 April 2014 respectively.

At the invitation of the NZ Climate Change Centre (NZCCC), WGII Co-chair Dr Chris Field joined via video-conference from Washington DC, and other NZ WGII and WGIII lead authors presented at a Stakeholder Workshop "Responding to Climate Change" in Wellington on 30 April 2014, marking one of the first opportunities to hear from key IPCC figures regarding these landmark reports.

[The webcast from the day is available to view in four sessions.](#)

For more information contact Marc Rands, (04) 470 5754, Marc.Rands@royalsociety.org.nz.

Early Career Researchers Conference – Making an Impact, Challenging the World

5-6 May 2014, Wellington

More information on the [RSNZ website](#).

The conference is providing a forum for discussion, advice and support for early career researchers on the issues that impact their careers. It will establish lasting research connections and networks, facilitate the development of mentorship relationships, and initiate dialogue as a means of increasing involvement of early career researchers in the decisions that impact on their future and the future of NZ.



Science Media SAVVY – Media and communication skills for scientists

22-23 May 2014, Wellington

Researchers and scientists keen to improve their public outreach are invited to apply for the latest in the Science Media Centre's national series of media and communication skills workshops. This two-day intensive course is ideal for established and emerging researchers who want to gain practical skills for explaining their science to a wider audience and feel more confident going in front of the media. Venue: RSNZ, 11 Turnbull St, Thorndon, Wellington. [View website for more information.](#)

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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.

May 2014

- Fri 2 – Wed 21 Trees on Farms Workshops – nationwide – harriet.e.palmer@gmail.com
Mon 5 – Tue 6 Early Carers Research Conference, [RSNZ website](#)
Tue 6 RSNZ branch event, Napier,
<http://www.hbrc.govt.nz/News-Events/Media-Releases/Pages/Climate-Change-and-Hawke's-Bay.aspx>
- Wed 7 Scion Workshop on Wood Quality, Christchurch, john.moore@scionresearch.com
Wed Nelson-Marlborough section meeting
Fri 9 – Sat 10 Trees for Bees Conference, Gisborne, www.eastwoodhill.org.nz/conference/
Mon 12 – Wed 14 IFA International Plantation Productivity Symposium, Mt Gambier, [IFA website](#)
Tue 13 Otago-Southland section AGM and meeting, landfors@ihug.co.nz
Wed 14 Scion Workshop on Wood Quality, Rotorua, john.moore@scionresearch.com
Tue 20 3rd Forest Ecosystems Services Forum, Te Papa, Wellington,
richard.yao@scionresearch.com
- Thur 22 – Fri 23 RSNZ Science Media SAVVY workshop, Wellington, smc@sciencemediacentre.co.nz

June 2014

Wed 11 – Thur 12 Woodflow Logistics 2014, www.woodflowlogistics.com

July 2014

Sun 6 – Wed 9 NZIF 2014 Conference, Napier

August 2014

- Wed 9 – Thur 10 FIEA biennial forest conference, Auckland, www.fimo2014.com
Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Melbourne conference, [details here](#) or email pam@prcc.com.au
Mon 11 – Tue 12 DANA Rotorua conference, [details here](#) or email pam@prcc.com.au
Mon 25 – Fri 29 IUFRO Forestry Tree Breeding Conference, Prague, [Conference website](#)

Nov 2014

- Sun 16 – Wed 19 'A place to live' national conference, RSNZ, registrations to open in May
Sun 24 – Mon 25 NZ History of Science conference, NZhistsci2015@vuw.ac.nz

April 2015

Mon 13 ANZIF Conference 2015, ifa@forestry.org.au

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