



Canadian Institute of Forestry Institut forestier du Canada

NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Canadian Institute of Forestry – Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) award recipients earn this distinction through demonstration of exceptional accomplishments in the field of forestry.

Award Descriptions

Prince of Wales Award: To annually recognize the achievements of an outstanding young forest professional in Canada, so as to encourage engagement in and dedication to the principles of sustainable forest management policy, planning and practice, sound science based land stewardship, and public outreach and knowledge exchange focusing on the wise use and conservation of forests and the ecosystems that they encompass.

Canadian Forestry Achievement Award: The award recognizes individuals who have made unique and outstanding achievements in the field of forestry. It appreciates the value of consistent exceptional contributions made over a lifetime to the field of forestry in addition to singular momentous achievements. This award has the objective of encouraging excellence in the forestry profession.

Canadian Forestry Scientific Achievement Award: This award recognizes individuals who have made innovative and outstanding achievements in forestry research in Canada. Recognition can be for developing new practices, processes, or techniques, or for demonstrating the practical applications of research in forestry. This award has the objective of encouraging innovation, exploration, application, and excellence in forest research.

Canadian Forest Management Group Achievement Award: This award recognizes groups or teams who have made significant, unique, and outstanding contributions to forest management in Canada. It appreciates the multidisciplinary nature of forest ecosystem management by recognizing the many groups that are required to come together in the process. This award has the objective of encouraging excellence and leadership in group contribution to Canadian forest management.

International Forestry Achievement Award: This award recognizes individuals who have made unique and outstanding contributions or achievements in international forestry. It recognizes that Canada is a world leader in the practice of forestry and appreciates the actions of individuals who have shared this leadership with other nations. It can also recognize the actions of an individual to bring nations together to better forestry practices globally. This award has the objective of encouraging excellence and cooperation in international forestry.

James M. Kitz Award: This award recognizes individuals who make significant, unique, and outstanding contributions in the field of forestry early in their career. It is named for

James M Kitz, a member of the institute and an Alberta professional forester who met a sudden and untimely death at 36 years of age. Jim established a reputation early in his career for numerous contributions to the field of forestry. This award honours those contributions and the man by recognizing individuals who exemplify his lifestyle.

Presidential Award: This award recognizes individuals who have made significant or consistent outstanding contributions to the profession and practice of forestry. It appreciates the hard work, dedication, and commitment that individuals provide. This award has the objective of encouraging individuals to contribute to the leadership, promotion, and understanding of the profession and the practice of forestry.

Schlich Memorial Prize: This award recognizes an outstanding student chosen by the university and technical school(s) represented by the Section(s) hosting the annual general meeting. The Schlich Memorial Prize is named after Sir William Schlich, who was born in 1840 and was a German forester who became Inspector General of Forests to the Government of India. He also founded the School of Forestry at Oxford in 1905, and was knighted in 1909 for his many achievements. He passed-away in 1925 and the Oxford Forestry School sponsored a campaign to create a fitting memorial - the Schlich Memorial Fund. The trust itself was established in 1929, initiating the recognition of outstanding contributions to forestry in a number of countries including the UK, Australia, New Zealand, the U.S. and Canada.

