



CIF-IFC Canadian Forestry Achievement Award Presented to Dr. Ronald D. Ayling of Almonte, Ontario

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October 12, 2017, Ottawa, Ontario – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Dr. Ronald D. Ayling of Almonte, Ontario as the 2017 recipient of the Canadian Forestry Achievement Award. The award was presented at the 2017 CIF-IFC Annual Awards Banquet held on September 27 at The Westin Ottawa.

“The Canadian Forestry Achievement Award was created in 1967, and recognizes unique and outstanding forestry achievement by individuals in Canada and encourages excellence in the forestry profession,” noted Dana Collins, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

Dr. Ayling holds a PhD in Forest Sciences from the Australian National University. Dr. Ayling spent most of his professional life in international forestry with over 30 years’ experience, working for CUSO International in Cuba, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in Brazil, and several years in East & Southern Africa as a forestry and agroforestry program officer for Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Dr. Ayling also consulted for the International Model Forest Network, the IUCN, and the Canadian International Development Agency in numerous countries around the world. As a longtime member of the CIF-IFC for over 40 years, Dr. Ayling has been both a council member and the Chair of the Southern Ontario Section, and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of *The Forestry Chronicle*, the Institute’s professional and scientific journal which has been published since 1925.

“This year’s recipient, Dr. Ayling, is deeply deserving of this award, for his tremendous impact to the forestry profession and further, through his efforts as a dedicated CIF-IFC member,” mentioned Collins.

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with a professional interest in forestry. The Institute’s 19 sections strive to provide national leadership in forestry, promote competency among forestry professionals, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry issues.

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