



**CIF-IFC Presents Canadian Forestry Scientific Award to Dr. Yousry A. El Kassaby of Vancouver, British Columbia**

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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. Yousry A. El Kassaby of Vancouver, British Columbia as the 2017 recipient of the Canadian Forestry Scientific Award. The award was presented at the 2017 CIF-IFC Annual Awards Banquet held on September 27 at The Westin Ottawa.

“Established in 1980, this award recognizes individuals who have made innovative and outstanding achievements in forestry research in Canada,” mentioned Dana Collins, Executive Director, CIF-IFC. “The award has the objective of encouraging innovation, exploration, application, and excellence in forest research.”

Dr. El Kassaby is currently a Professor and Associate Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the Faculty of Forestry of The University of British Columbia. He has a Ph.D. in population and quantitative genetics from The University of British Columbia (1980), a M.Sc. in quantitative genetics from the University of Tanta in Egypt (1977) and a B.Sc. in Genetics from the University of Alexandria in Egypt (1970). Dr. El Kassaby has received numerous research grants in the area of Forest Genetics and Tree Improvement and has authored and co-authored more than 300 refereed publications, book chapters and invited papers. Dr. El Kassaby is a member of the IUFRO Extended Board and is the Physiology and Genetics Division 2 Coordinator. He serves as an Associate Editor to the Canadian Journal of Forest Research. Dr. El Kassaby is also an Adjunct Professor at Fujian University and Nanjing University in China, an Honorary Professor at Beijing University in China, the recipient of the 2010 IUFRO Scientific Achievement Award, and Professor Honoris causa at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague in the Czech Republic.

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