



**CIF-IFC International Forestry Achievement Award Presented to Jorma Neuvonen 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 Jorma Neuvonen of Vancouver, British Columbia as the 2017 recipient of the International Forestry Achievement Award. The award was presented at the 2017 CIF-IFC Annual Awards Banquet held on September 27 at The Westin Ottawa.

Established in 1988, the award recognizes unique and outstanding contributions or achievements in international forestry. “The award promotes Canada as a world leader in the practice of forestry and commends the actions of individuals who have shared this leadership with other nations,” says Dana Collins, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

This year’s recipient, Jorma Neuvonen of Vancouver, British Columbia, is highly deserving of this honour. Jorma has more than 30 years of extensive international experience in the private and public forestry sector. Jorma has led numerous initiatives that promote British Columbia and Canadian forestry and forestry education around the world. He has developed numerous course programs and projects that facilitate the knowledge exchange of forestry for students across the world by fostering collaborative relationships with institutions such as the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Wildlife Institute of India, the European Commission, and the Asia Pacific Forestry Net. He has developed a mid-career training program for top-level leaders from the Indian Forestry Service where groups learn about British Columbia and Canadian expertise on sustainable forest management, conservation, operations, business and other forestry practices. Through Jormas’s collaborative efforts between many academic institutions, students from all over the world have been able to benefit from exchange programs, internships, research visits, and scholarships such as the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee scholarship.

“This award highlights the actions of individuals, like Jorma, in bringing nations together to better forestry practices globally. It really encourages excellence and cooperation between countries,” noted 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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