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**Canadian Forestry Achievement Award Presented to David Lemkay of Douglas, Ontario**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2013 – Cornerbrook, NL** – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) announced its 2013 national award recipients at a gala banquet held at the Pepsi Centre yesterday. Several hundred CIF-IFC members from across Canada were in attendance for the Institute's 105<sup>th</sup> conference and annual general meeting. CIF-IFC President Mr. Michel Vallée presented the Canadian Forestry Achievement Award to Mr. David Lemkay of Douglas, Ontario. Created in 1967, the award recognizes unique and outstanding forestry achievement by individuals in Canada and encourages excellence in forest research.

This year's recipient, Mr. David Lemkay, is highly deserving of this honour. Dave was for some time, communications manager at the Petawawa National Forestry Institute (PNFI) where he promoted the esteemed forest science that was undertaken there. Some highlights of Dave's career included the sailing of a replica squared timber raft with the Tall Ships in Quebec City in 1984, delivering maple trees to Juno Beach, Normandy, France in 1994 for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, and organizing National Forest Congresses from 1986 through 2006. Since 1999 Dave has served - and continues to serve as General Manager of the Canadian Forestry Association (CFA). Dave has led the CFA into its second century by delivering its core programs at the grass roots level, and effectively partnering with the CIF-IFC.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry was established in 1908 and currently has over 2300 members. The Institute is the national voice of forest practitioners, promoting science based sustainable forest management, public awareness of interdisciplinary forestry, and a better understanding of good forest stewardship.

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