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Forestry Scientific Achievement Award Presented to Dr. Doug Pitt of Sault Ste. Marie, 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 105th conference and annual general meeting. CIF-IFC President Mr. Michel Vallée presented the Canadian Forestry Scientific Achievement Award to Dr. Doug Pitt of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Created in 1980, the award recognizes unique and outstanding contributions to forest research in Canada.

This year's recipient, Dr. Doug Pitt, is highly deserving of this honour. Doug currently works for the Canadian Wood Fibre Centre – Canadian Forest Service. He has almost 30 years of operational and research experience in silviculture and forest sampling. Through partnerships with forest industry, provincial governments, and academia, Doug leads and contributes his unique talents to a variety of silviculture and forest inventory research projects across Canada. His efforts explore innovative approaches to growing and quantifying forests, with the goal of enhancing forest sector competitiveness through increased efficiency and value-creation while maintaining healthy ecosystems. Doug's efforts provide Canadian forest managers with practical tools for establishing and managing white pine and several species of spruce under clearcut and shelterwood silvicultural systems.

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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