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**Institute Presents Waldram Bursary to Ashley Dobko of Vancouver, BC**

**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. Including two other recipients, CIF-IFC President Mr. Michel Vallée presented three J Michael Waldram Memorial Model Forest Fellowship Awards, one to Ashley Dobko, a member of the CIF-IFC Vancouver Section, from Vancouver, British Columbia.

In 2006, the Canadian Model Forest Network announced the establishment of the J. Michael Waldram Memorial Model Forest Fellowship, to be offered as part of our suite of awards bestowed annually by the Canadian Institute of Forestry. The Fellowship is open to all Canadian Aboriginal youth enrolled in at least their second year in either a degree or diploma program in natural resource management at a Canadian University or College.

All of this year's recipients were deemed to be highly deserving of this honour.

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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