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Canadian Institute of Forestry holds Annual Awards Banquet

Tuesday, October 3, Cochrane, ON – The Canadian Institute of Forestry held their Annual Awards Banquet last evening in Cochrane in conjunction with Boreal Conference 2006.

As joint co-hosts of the Boreal Conference along with the Lake Abitibi Model Forest, the Canadian Institute of Forestry took the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of their members by hosting a gala awards ceremony and dinner at the newly open and state-of-the-art Tim Horton Events Centre in Cochrane.

“As the incoming president, I am very proud of our award recipients, as I am of all our members across the country and abroad for their work in the forestry sector” says Doug Stables, incoming Canadian Institute of Forestry President.

Eight awards were presented to individuals and organizations that exemplify and recognize the valuable contributions made in the forestry sector and towards the forestry profession. The awards included:

- **Canadian Forestry Achievement Award** to Mr. Jean-Claude Mercier, current Vice President of Forintek Canada's Eastern Division in Quebec and Mr. Robert Udell of Hinton, AB. Established in 1967, this award recognizes unique and outstanding forestry achievement by individuals in Canada.
- **Canadian Forestry Scientific Award** to Dr. Christian Messier, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Quebec at Montreal. Created in 1980, it recognizes unique and outstanding achievement in forestry research in Canada.
- **Canadian Forest Management Group Achievement** to Nipissing Forest Resource Management of Callander, Ontario. Established in 1998, its intent is to encourage excellence in international forestry.
- **James M. Kitz Award** to Dr. Mathew Leitch, Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario. The award is in memory of James Kitz who was a member of the Institute and of the College of Alberta Registered Professional Foresters and passed away at 36 years of age. This award recognizes individuals who make significant, unique and outstanding contributions in the field of forestry, early in their career.
- **Presidential Award** to Mr. Leonard Moores of Corner Brook, Newfoundland. The Presidential Award is presented to individuals who have provided outstanding service and commitment to the Canadian Institute of Forestry, and who exemplify a devotion to, and passion for, the profession.
- **Section of the Year Award** to the Nova Scotia Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry. The Section of the Year award recognizes outstanding involvement of members in a specific geographic region in the affairs of the Institute that can result in increased awareness of the importance of forestry in Canada.
- **Tree of Life Recipients** to Nancy Luckai of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Ken Plourde of Boyle, Alberta, Norm Denney of Sundre, Alberta and Robert Bancroft of Truro, Nova Scotia. They are awarded to individuals who have made superior, dedicated or particularly effective contributions to sustainable forest resource management, forest renewal or sustained yield integrated management of the forest and its intrinsic resources.
- **Golden Year Club** to Harvey M. Anderson, Eric C. Crossin, Patrick Duffy, Karl Heinstein, Michael Meagher, E. Kristian Morgenstern, Jack E. Pinder and A. (Dolf) Wynia who are celebrating 50 years of membership in the Canadian Institute of Forestry in 2006

It is the Canadian Institute of Forestry's objective that it encourages excellence in the forestry profession. The Canadian Institute of Forestry is very much a grass-roots level organization; but with a national network and focus. We currently have 18 sections that span the country.

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