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Institute Presents Presidential Award to Sarah Gooding of Edmonton, Alberta

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 in Corner Brook 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 Institute's Presidential Award to Ms. Sarah Gooding of Edmonton, Alberta.

The award recognizes outstanding service and commitment to the Institute and exemplifying a devotion to, and passion for, the profession of forestry. It appreciates the dedication that individuals provide. The award encourages individuals to contribute to the leadership, promotion, and understanding of the profession and the practice of forestry.

This year's recipient, Ms. Sarah Gooding of Edmonton, Alberta, is highly deserving of this honour. Sarah has been an enthusiastic and engaged member of the Institute's Rocky Mountain Section since arriving in Alberta in 1996. She has been a regular participant in Council, serving as Secretary, Chair and Director. She has helped to organize several of the section's technical sessions, making them successful. Sarah was also directly involved in planning, organizing and delivering our highly successful 2010 conference in Jasper, including organizing the Forests without Borders silent auction. Her involvement with forestry students at the University of Alberta and NAIT has introduced them to the importance of belonging to a national organization. She leads by example and has instilled in many CIF members the importance of fulfilling section and national goals

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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