



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents the Canadian Forestry Achievement Award to Dr. Valerie M. LeMay of North Vancouver, BC

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Mattawa, ON – Thursday, October 7, 2021 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Dr. Valerie M. LeMay, RPF of North Vancouver, British Columbia as the 2021 recipient of the Canadian Forestry Achievement Award. The Award was presented at the 2021 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony held virtually on October 6, 2021.

“The Canadian Forestry Achievement Award was created in 1967, and recognizes unique and outstanding forestry achievement by individuals in Canada and encourages excellence in the forestry profession,” noted Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC.

Dr. LeMay has taught two generations of forest practitioners about the art and science of forest measurements/biometrics. Her more than 35 years of research spans the breadth of forest measurements/biometrics, including forest inventory, growth and yield, and tree allometry, often collaborating with scientists from across the globe. She also contributes to animal movements and habitat needs research, including African elephants and whales.

Dr. LeMay joined the CIF-IFC as a University of Alberta student. During her BSc and MSc studies, she enjoyed doing remote field work in Alberta’s forests. She then worked as a Measurements Analysis Forester until pursuing a PhD at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Dr. LeMay was hired as the first female professor in the Faculty of Forestry at UBC in 1989. She is a keen supporter of CIF-IFC and the International Organization of Forest Research (IUFRO), having held a number of offices in each.

“This year’s recipient Dr. LeMay is deeply deserving of this Award, for her tremendous impact to the forestry profession and further, through her efforts as a dedicated CIF-IFC member over many years,” mentioned Pearson.

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with an interest in forestry and forests. The Institute strives to provide national leadership, promote competence, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry/forest issues. To learn more about the CIF-IFC National Awards Program, visit: www.cif-ifc.org/national-awards

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