



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Canadian Forestry Scientific Achievement Award to Katherine Lewis of Prince George, BC and Alvin Dale Yanchuk of Victoria, 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 Katherine (Kathy) Lewis, PhD, RPF of Prince George, British Columbia and Alvin Dale Yanchuk, PhD, RPF of Victoria, British Columbia and as the 2021 recipients of the Canadian Forestry Scientific Achievement Award. The Awards were presented at the 2021 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony held virtually on October 6, 2021.

This Award recognizes individuals who have made innovative and outstanding achievements in forestry research in Canada. Recognition can be for developing new practices, processes, or techniques, or for demonstrating the practical applications of research in forestry.

“The objective of the Award is to encourage innovation, exploration, application, and excellence in forest research,” noted Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC. “Dr. Lewis and Dr. Yanchuk are both highly deserving of this prestigious Award.”

Dr. Lewis is currently the Acting Vice-President Research and Innovation at the University of Northern British Columbia, following over 10 years as the Chair of the Ecosystem Science and Management Program at UNBC. Her research examines the relationships between pathogens, insects and their physical and biological environments, and how those relationships are affected by external influences such as forest management and climate change.

Currently an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria, Dr. Yanchuk has been a scientist with the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in Victoria, BC for 33 years. His research has focussed on quantitative forest genetics, breeding for resistance to insect pests and diseases, as well as the development of breeding and genetic conservation strategies for forest trees.

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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