



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Volunteer Recognition Award to Michael Doig of Steinbach, Manitoba and Jeff Fera of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

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Mattawa, ON – Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Michael Doig of Steinbach, Manitoba and CIF-IFC Manitoba Section and Jeff Fera of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and CIF-IFC Central Ontario Section as the 2022 recipients of the Volunteer Recognition Award. The Award was presented at the 2022 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony on September 12, 2022 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront in Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

“Since 1908, volunteers have played a special role in the growth of the Institute, sharing their time, energy and expertise through activities such as office work, field work, fundraising, knowledge exchange and resource sharing,” stated Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC. “This Award recognizes outstanding volunteers for their efforts and dedication.”

Michael Doig is a graduate of Lakehead University’s Faculty of Forestry, where he was a Co-chair for the 1998 CIF-IFC Ring Ceremony. After graduation, he joined the Lake of the Woods Section. Charlotte Caron and Darlene MacGillivray recruited him to join the Section first as a member, then as a councillor and finally as the Section Chair (1999-2009). As a member of the Manitoba Section (2009-present), Michael connected with Section members such as Trevor Stanley and Brad Epp. Over the past decade, Michael has helped organize forest tours and the CIF-IFC Memorial Tree Planting Program in Manitoba. Michael has volunteered with the Kenora Nordic and Sandilands Ski Clubs where he has been a trail developer, a board member and a jackrabbit ski coach. Michael is happily married to Jennifer and is a proud father of Brennan and Maren, all of whom help out with a volunteer project, or two, each year.

Jeff Fera is a Forest Research Officer with Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Wood Fibre Centre and is located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. He specializes in forest biomass harvesting and forest silviculture research, within the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence and boreal forest regions. Jeff is a H.BSc. Forestry degree (2003) graduate from Lakehead University as well as the Chair for the 2022 CIF-IFC National Conference Planning Committee hosted in Sault Ste. Marie.

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: cif-ifc.org/what-we-do/national-awards

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