



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Canadian Forestry Scientific Achievement Award to Dr. Richard Hamelin of Vancouver, BC

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Mattawa, ON – Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Dr. Richard Hamelin of Vancouver, British Columbia (BC) as the 2023 recipient of the Canadian Forestry Scientific Achievement Award. The Award was presented at the 2023 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony on September 25, 2023 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo, BC.

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.

Dr. Hamelin is a Professor at the University of British Columbia within the Faculty of Forestry. He studies tree diseases, and uses genetic and genomic approaches to better understand forest disease epidemics and to develop innovative diagnostic and surveillance tools. Richard's extensive contributions to serving the scientific community are demonstrated through the various roles he has held in several professional societies, publishing over 190 peer-reviewed journal papers, and delivering over 300 presentations around the world. Richard has also demonstrated leadership in mentoring the next generation of research scientists.

"The objective of the Award is to encourage innovation, exploration, application, and excellence in forest research," noted Mark Pearson, Executive Director, CIF-IFC. "Dr. Hamelin is very deserving of this impressive Award."

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/national-awards

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