



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents Volunteer Recognition Award to Andres Enrich of Nanaimo, BC and Gregory Herringer of Port Alberni, 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 Andres Enrich of Nanaimo, British Columbia (BC) and Gregory Herringer of Port Alberni, BC, both from the CIF-IFC Vancouver Island Section, as the 2023 recipients of the Volunteer Recognition 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.

“Since 1908, volunteers have played a special and significant 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, CIF-IFC Executive Director. “This Award recognizes our outstanding volunteers for their efforts and dedication.”

Andres Enrich is an Instructor and Chair of the Forest Resource Technology program at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo. He currently teaches Forest Surveying, Biometrics, Inventory, and GIS, and has been part of the Vancouver Island CIF-IFC Section since 2019. He holds a technical Diploma in forestry from BCIT, a Degree in Forest Management from UBC, and Masters from the University of Georgia. With over 20-years of experience as an RPF, he has worked in BC, the US South, and Uruguay in operational and strategic planning roles.

Greg Herringer began his relationship with the forests and forestry industry in the mid- 1980's as a tree-planter working on Vancouver Island and the Central Interior for the better part of a decade. Fast forward to 2013 when Greg moved back to forestry as a silviculture surveyor on Vancouver Island and the Mid-Coast. From there he moved on to the Forest Technology program at VIU which brought him to his current position as a Forest Technologist with BC Timber Sales. Greg's passion for big trees encompasses both his professional life where he is the coordinator for the BCTS Coastal Legacy Tree program on the South Island, and his personal life where much of his leisure time is spent in search of the hidden giants in our coastal old growth forests. Greg is a strong advocate for sharing knowledge with the future generation of forest professionals, and one of the founding coordinators of the VIU/CIF-IFC Mentorship Program.

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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