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Forest Professionals Welcome 300 New Inductees

Three hundred new forest professionals were officially welcomed to the Association of BC Forest Professionals' (ABCFP's) 60th annual forestry conference and AGM in Penticton, BC.

Three students led the pack this year with exemplary grades. Erin Hunter, RPF, of Kamloops earned the highest score at 89%. Donna Brochez, RFT, of Burns Lake, and Michael Zaklan, RFT, of Burnaby, tied with the highest mark at 93%. 113 candidates wrote the registered professional forester exam and 281 candidates wrote the registered forest technologist exam.

All 300 inductees are listed below by hometown. Forester professionals work throughout the province managing British Columbia's forests, forest lands and forest ecosystems.

Forest professionals work in a wide range of fields. Some of the more common include forest inventory (measuring and surveying), forest engineering (road design and layout), forest operations (harvesting), silviculture (growing and tending trees), ecology, wildlife and fisheries, recreation and landscape design, hydrology (study of water), pedology (study of soils), entomology (study of insects), pathology (study of diseases), mapping, planning, economics, research, teaching, administration, management and policy development.

Inductee's Name	Designation	Inductee's Home Town
David Cromarty	RFT	100 Mile House
Jason Foote	RFT	100 Mile House
Ricky Stock	RFT	100 Mile House
Clayton Charleyboy	RFT	150 Mile House
Kristine Wilker	RPF	150 Mile House
Michael Zaklan	RFT	Burnaby
Donna Brochez	RFT	Burns Lake
Neal Marincak	RFT	Burns Lake
Shauna Norman	RFT	Burns Lake
Kevin Partington	RFT	Burns Lake
Josh Pressey	RPF	Burns Lake
Daniel Rollert	RPF	Burns Lake
Richard Van Tine	RFT	Burns Lake
Ryan Clark	RPF	Campbell River
Steven Etter	RFT	Campbell River
Alan Hanuse	RFT	Campbell River
Kirby Jacques	RPF	Campbell River
Janice Mathers	RPF	Campbell River
Aaron Racher	RPF	Campbell River
Beverley Schulte	RFT	Campbell River

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Shane Simard	RFT	Campbell River
John Williams	RFT	Campbell River
Karen Duffy	RFT	Castlegar
Robert Giesler	RFT	Castlegar
Gary Molyneux	RFT	Castlegar
Wesley Ogloff	RFT	Castlegar
Helen Eggen	RFT	Cherryville
Glen Swanson	RPF	Cheywynd
Alfred Atkins	RFT	Chilliwack
Stanley Smethurst	RFT	Chilliwack
Harold Dorgelo	RFT	Christina Lake
James Dribnenki	RFT	Christina Lake
George Brcko	RFT	Clearwater
Daryll Cairns	RFT	Clearwater
Lindsay Cunningham	RPF	Clearwater
Robert Davey	RFT	Clearwater
Gary Forster	RFT	Clearwater
Richard Freeman	RFT	Clearwater
Mark Taylor	RFT	Clearwater
James Proteau	RPF	Cobble Hill
Adam Giesbrecht	RFT	Comox
Peter Jungwirth	RPF	Courtenay
James Thornton	RFT	Courtenay
Wouter Van Hell	RFT	Cowichan Bay
Derek Ackerman	RFT	Cranbrook
Timothy Cooper	RFT	Cranbrook
Harriet Pollock	RFT	Cranbrook
Peter Jansen	RFT	Crescent Valley
Kenneth Salikin	RFT	Crescent Valley
Charlton Beggs	RFT	Cumberland
Erik Holbek	RPF	Cumberland
Paul Arnold	RFT	Dawson Creek
Paul Hawkins	RPF	Dawson Creek
Quinton Hayward	RPF	Dawson Creek
Jennifer Stuart	RPF	Dawson Creek
Kenneth Annandale	RPF	Duncan
Kevin Howard	RFT	Duncan
John Jones	RFT	Duncan
Steve Laberge	RFT	Duncan
Michael Wall	RFT	Duncan
Patrick Woodford	RFT	Enderby
Kori Vernier	RFT,FP	Fernie
Melvin Easy	RFT	Fort Nelson
Rodney Higgins	RFT	Fort Nelson
Daniel Laurie	RFT	Fort Nelson
Jeremy Srochenski	RPF	Fort Nelson
Kenneth Walsh	RFT	Fort Nelson
Nathan Bauman	RPF	Fort St. James
Thomas Cummings	RFT	Fort St. James
Kathlyn Deveau	RFT	Fort St. James
Byron Goerz	RFT	Fort St. James
William Hall	RFT	Fort St. James
Matthew Lantz	RFT	Fort St. James

Harry Pierre	RFT	Fort St. James
Som Pun	RPF	Fort St. James
Nadia Skokun	RPF	Fort St. James
Adam Wunderlick	RPF	Fort St. James
Darral Alexander	RFT	Fort St. John
Evan Hauk	RPF	Fort St. John
Patrick Smook	RPF	Fort St. John
Lloyd Bell	RFT	Fort Steele
William Floyd	RPF	Garibaldi Highlands
Jason Chard	RFT,FP	Gold River
Suzanne Shears	RPF	Gold River
William Henshaw	RFT	Grand Forks
Migs Lovlin	RFT	Hazelton
Andrew Reviakin	RPF	Hazelton
David Poilievre	RPF	Holberg
Leonard Teppema	RFT	Horsefly
Vincent Ross	RFT	Houston
Robert Toma	RFT	Invermere
Gordon Bower	RFT	Kamloops
Jeremiah Boyd	RPF	Kamloops
Sean Dunn	RFT	Kamloops
Jeffrey Fedyk	RFT,FP	Kamloops
Erin Hunter	RPF	Kamloops
Reuben Irvine	RFT	Kamloops
Tyler Jackson	RPF	Kamloops
Robert Kitamura	RFT	Kamloops
Douglas Lewis	RPF	Kamloops
Barry Markin	RFT	Kamloops
Carleen Mauger	RFT,FP	Kamloops
Murray McLean	RFT	Kamloops
Theodore Moore	RFT	Kamloops
Hugh Murdoch	RFT	Kamloops
John Pitts	RFT	Kamloops
David Robertson	RFT	Kamloops
Marc Rousseau	RFT	Kamloops
Christopher Shallow	RFT	Kamloops
Katrina Sigloch	RPF	Kamloops
Kathryn Zacharatos	RPF	Kamloops
Darren Forbes	RFT	Kelowna
Wesley Wolfe	RPF	Kelowna
Lisa Cox	RFT	Kimberley
Geordie Driscoll	RPF	Kimberley
Daniel Pommier	RFT	Kimberley
Timothy Shepherd	RFT	Ladysmith
William Watson	RFT	Ladysmith
Trevor Smiley	RFT	Lake Country
James McLean	RFT	Lone Butte
Joe Dolling	RPF	Lumby
Brent Rangen	RPF	Lumby
Erica Reuter	RPF	Lytton
Kirk Araki	RFT	Mackenzie
James Atkinson	RFT	Mackenzie
Johannes Beurskens	RFT	Mackenzie

Maureen Hopkins	RFT	Mackenzie
David Morrow	RFT	Mackenzie
Stevan Sobat	RPF	Mackenzie
Robert Weaver	RFT	Mackenzie
Jeffrey Maas	RFT,FP	Maple Ridge
Brenda Dyck	RFT	Mara
Shane Bressette	RFT	McBride
Gary McFarland	RFT	McBride
Graeme Asselstine	RFT	Merritt
Marlon Dosch	RFT	Merritt
Donald Gossoo	RFT	Merritt
William Jackson	RFT	Merritt
Kenneth McAfee	RFT	Merritt
James Moore	RFT	Merritt
Christopher Gruenwald	RPF	Mission
James Smith	RFT	Nakusp
Peter Haack	RFT	Nanaimo
Edwin Redlin	RFT	Nanaimo
Aaron Cutler	RFT	Nelson
Amy-Rene Jaarsma	RFT	Nelson
Cameron Paterson	RFT	Nelson
Della Peterson	RFT	Nelson
Peter Quinn	RFT	Nelson
Adam Rodgers	RPF	Nelson
Douglas Thorburn	RPF	Nelson
Dale Andall	RFT	Okanagan Falls
Patrick Farkas	RFT	Okanagan Falls
Jason Sanders	RPF	Osoyoos
Laura Johnson	RPF	Oxford
Gregory Leachman	RFT	Parksville
Dean Bodman	RFT	Pinantan Lake
Tracy Andrews	RPF	Port Alberni
Kevin Carter	RFT	Port Alberni
Dean Fenn	RFT	Port Alberni
Dwayne Hearn	RFT	Port Alberni
Kevin Hunter	RFT	Port Alberni
Anthony Knoll	RFT	Port Alberni
Peter Stoll	RFT	Port Alberni
Nicolas Broekhuizen	RPF	Port Alice
Pierre Pelletier	RFT	Port Clements
Shiloh McCulley	RFT	Port Hardy
Timothy Chester	RFT	Port McNeill
Hugh Connon	RFT	Port McNeill
Jonathan McDonnell	RPF	Port McNeill
Darren Rowsell	RFT	Port McNeill
James Smith	RFT	Port McNeill
Christopher Laing	RFT	Powell River
Troy Atyeo	RPF	Prince George
Tammy Baerg	RPF	Prince George
Adrian Batho	RPF	Prince George
Matti Boyce	RPF	Prince George
James Brady	RFT	Prince George
David Bullis	RFT	Prince George

Mark Carlson	RPF	Prince George
David Cullen	RFT	Prince George
Darren DeRosier	RFT	Prince George
Lane Doucette	FIT	Prince George
Jerry Edwards	RFT	Prince George
Michael Hak	FIT	Prince George
Igor Humar	RPF	Prince George
Morgan Kennah	FIT	Prince George
Steven Kiiskila	RPF	Prince George
Eileen Kostian	RFT	Prince George
Paul Mantler	RFT	Prince George
Kevin Mintz	RPF	Prince George
Catherine Nesbitt	RFT	Prince George
Stacy Perkins	RPF	Prince George
Lauren Phillips	RPF	Prince George
David Porter	RFT	Prince George
Lana Schulli	RFT	Prince George
William Sjodin	RFT	Prince George
Brian Stamp	RFT	Prince George
Corinne Stavness	RPF	Prince George
David Stuart	RPF	Prince George
Stephen Szerencsi	RFT	Prince George
Robert Thompson	FIT	Prince George
James Wylie	RFT	Prince George
Matthew Lamb-Yorski	RFT	Prince Rupert
Timothy Phillips	RFT	Prince Rupert
Peter Sawchuk	RFT	Prince Rupert
Brett Bottcher	RFT	Princeton
Alan Lawes	RFT	Princeton
Steven Adams	RFT	Qualicum Beach
Steven Mooney	RFT	Quathiaski Cove
Shelagh Farrell	RFT	Queen Charlotte
Christopher Johnston	RPF	Queen Charlotte City
Carissa Logue	RFT	Queen Charlotte City
Lindsay Anderson	RPF	Quesnel
James Carter	RFT	Quesnel
Leo Fauchon	RFT	Quesnel
Jaime Giesbrecht	FIT	Quesnel
Ian Hannah	RPF	Quesnel
Raymond Jungaro	RFT	Quesnel
Arthur Knauf	RPF	Quesnel
Todd Madill	RFT	Quesnel
Marie Nestel	RPF	Quesnel
George Ryan	RFT	Quesnel
Robert Taylor	RFT	Quesnel
Kevin Turley	RFT	Quesnel
Christine Unghy	FP	Quesnel
Ryan Weltz	RPF	Quesnel
Kent Popjes	RFT	Revelstoke
Grant Willems	RFT	Revelstoke
Kara Aleksich	RPF	Richmond
Kenneth Briggs	RFT	Royston
Nicole Rivette	RFT	Salmon Arm

Derek Wyslouzil	RFT	Salmon Arm
Douglas Hayes	RFT	Sardis
Nadine Israel	RFT	Savona
Edward Braun	RFT	Sayward
Roman Bilek	RFT	Sidney
Kevin Marr	RFT	Slocan
Newcombe Atkins	RFT	Smithers
William Foster	RFT	Smithers
Richard Lalonde	RFT	Smithers
Bradley Leroux	RFT	Smithers
Andrew MacLeod	RFT	Smithers
Michael Murray	RFT	Smithers
Sidney Zwicker	RFT	Smithers
Sharon Sims	RFT, FP	South Hazelton
Timothy St. Thomas	RFT	South Slocan
Daniel Charest	RFT	Sparwood
Scott Shaw-MacLaren	RPF	Squamish
Richard Grice	RFT	Telkwa
Derek Smith	RFT	Telkwa
John Harlow	RFT	Terrace
Usko Murtonen	RFT	Terrace
George Ness	RFT	Terrace
Carolyn Soloducha	RFT	Terrace
Gabriel Coleman	RPF	Vancouver
Victor Drohomirecki	RPF	Vancouver
Lesley Fettes	RPF	Vancouver
Jason Forsyth	RPF	Vancouver
Alexander McDonald	RFT	Vancouver
Yurgen Menninga	RPF	Vancouver
Paul Blomberg	RFT	Vanderhoof
Warren Cullum	RFT	Vanderhoof
Andrew Fraser	RFT	Vanderhoof
Sara Lazaruk	RPF	Vanderhoof
Jill Macaulay	RFT,FP	Vanderhoof
James McBride	RFT	Vanderhoof
George Ruzylo	RFT	Vanderhoof
Matthew Schooley	RFT	Vanderhoof
Eric Vanderkwaak	RFT	Vanderhoof
Andrew Morrell	RFT	Vavenby
David Annesley	RFT	Vernon
Benjamin Cave	RFT	Vernon
Gary Coxon	RFT	Vernon
Lee Fennell	RFT	Vernon
John Glaspie	RFT	Vernon
William Henriksen	RFT	Vernon
Kevin Hodder	RFT	Vernon
Kirk Hughes	RFT	Vernon
Thomas Hughes	RFT	Vernon
Patrick Maxnuk	RFT	Vernon
Bertus Pereboom	RPF	Vernon
Joseph Schochter	RFT	Vernon
James Slade	RFT	Vernon
Robert Watts	RFT	Vernon

Andrew Ellis	RFT	Victoria
Noel Gairdner	RPF	Victoria
Kelly Grohs	RFT	Victoria
Paul Picard	RPF	Victoria
Norah White	RPF	Victoria
Robert Barta	RPF	Williams Lake
John DeGraag	RFT	Williams Lake
Todd Fradsham	RFT	Williams Lake
Mark Holland	RFT	Williams Lake
Matthew LeBourdais	RPF	Williams Lake
Sue Price	RFT	Williams Lake
Lindsey Wood	RPF	Williams Lake
Kerri Tutt	RFT	Winfield
Brian O'Neill	RFT	Winlaw
Brent Ziegler	RPF	Winlaw

Designations are as follows:

FIT	Forester-In-Training
FP	Forester Pupil
RFT	Registered Forest Technologist
RFT, FP	Registered Forest Technologist, Forester Pupil
RPF	Registered Professional Forester

ExpoFor, the ABCFP forestry conference and AGM, is held in different locations around BC each. Attending are approximately 400 Registered Professional Foresters and Registered Forest Technologists who come to learn from the best, share ideas and best practices, and network with colleagues. This year's conference, which is being held in Penticton on February 20, 21 and 22, celebrates the ABCFP's Diamond Jubilee.

The Association of BC Forest Professionals is responsible for registering and regulating British Columbia's professional foresters and forest technologists. Here in BC, the practice of professional forestry has been regulated since 1947 when foresters first agreed to help protect the public's interest in the province's forests in return for the exclusive right to practise forestry. Today, it is the largest professional forestry association in Canada and the first to include forest technologists.

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