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Annual Report Now Available

The 2009 ABCFP Annual Report is now available on the website. The annual report includes the association’s consolidated financial statements but you can see the full financial statements on the website in the Publications & Forms section.

ExpoFor 2010 a Success!

More than 225 delegates came to Kelowna to take part in ExpoFor 2010. Every panel and breakout session was well attended and delegates also enjoyed the opportunity to chat with friends and colleagues. Photos and speaker presentations will be posted on the ExpoFor website shortly and the July/August issue of BC Forest Professional magazine will include a special feature on the conference. Until then, here are a few comments from attendees:

- I listen to many talks in many places around the world, and I really appreciated the efforts that each speaker made to provide a professional talk, and to each session organizer for getting an excellent mixture of diversity of speakers on each topic. I didn’t agree with all that was said, and that made me think about conditions under which I might agree, and where I think we should go with forest management in BC.
- We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful conference and trade show as well as for inviting us to speak at one of the sessions. It was obvious to us that you had put great time and effort into making this event such a big success.

ABCFP Online Courses Now Available

The ABCFP is also pleased to offer two courses online. Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples (presented by Indigenous Corporate Training) and Professional Reliance are currently available on our

website. The ABCFP will have Professional Ethics and Obligations as well as the Best Exam Possible workshops available online in 2010.

Correction

In the last issue of **BC Forest Professional**, we failed to credit Sandy McKellar for the photos of ABCFP’s senior staff used on pages eight and nine. We apologize to Sandy for this oversight.

Meet Baljinder and Ruxandra: The ABCFP’s Registration Coordinators



Planning to write the exam? Want to go on a leave of absence? Need to clarify an ABCFP membership policy? Baljinder and Ruxandra are the people to talk to about these questions. They’re the registration department’s coordinators and they respond to an average of 100 enquiries a week.

One of Ruxandra and Bal’s big jobs is the exam cycle. To many of us, the exam is just one day, but to them, it’s a year-long endeavour. It starts with sending the eligibility notices and is followed by organizing all the exam venues and finding invigilators for each location. Once the applications are received they are reviewed to ensure that the applicants have met the work experience and academic requirements to write the exam.

Organizing the exam is a complex process which they have mastered over the last several years. Last year there were approximately 400 examinees at over 30 locations around BC. Some of the exam related tasks include finalizing the examinee lists, preparing the exam packages, checking the calculations for each exam and releasing the marks.

While the exam takes up a lot of their time, Bal and Ruxandra do many other things including the membership statistics for the Board of Examiners and Council. They administrate member movement – people joining, retiring, taking a leave of absence, reinstating, resigning and being given life membership. They also work to keep the registration sections of both our website and our database up-to-date.

Both Ruxandra and Bal are involved in developing, reviewing and updating policies with the rest of the registration team. These policies refer to the requirements for becoming an ABCFP member, the rules around articling and the change of status requirements. They also deal with variance to policy—trying to accommodate current and prospective members who need special consideration.

“We’re here to help and we encourage members to contact us if they have any questions about their membership or ABCFP’s policies,” said Bal and Ruxandra.

