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The Road to China, Log Exports and Tenure Form: Forest Professionals Tackled the Big Issues at ExpoFor 2010

EXPOFOR 2010 IN KELOWNA SAW OVER 220 DELEGATES ATTEND THREE plenary panels, seven breakout sessions, the ABCFP's AGM, the Inductees' Recognition lunch, an awards BBQ and a networking reception featuring two local breweries showing off their wares.

With many members under strict travel restrictions and the reduction of travel budgets across the sector, the ABCFP thanks its members for supporting ExpoFor 2010. The standing host committee worked very hard to build a program that would appeal to as many members as possible and provide them with top-notch training opportunities. The result was three plenary sessions that looked at sector-wide issues and a selection of breakout sessions with strategic and applied topics for members at all stages of their careers. Many of the presentations are available on the ExpoFor website, www.expofor.ca, Past Events, ExpoFor 2010.

In addition to the professional development portion of the program, ExpoFor 2010 delegates were treated to the annual Inductees' Recognition Luncheon where over 50 inductees received their RPF or RFT pins. John Rustad, Parliamentary Secretary for Silviculture, gave the keynote address and answered many questions during the Ministry Lunch. The trade show had 13 exhibitors and was a busy spot especially during the coffee breaks and pre-dinner reception.

Recognizing the budget constraints many members were facing, the standing host committee designed the program so that it was possible for many members to attend the two-day conference with only one night in a hotel. The shorter, more compact program got top marks from delegates in a post-conference survey so a similar program will be used for the 2011 conference.

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The ABCFP would like to thank the standing host committee for their hard work:

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ABCFP Awards at ExpoFor 2010

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Past President, Jonathan Lok, RFT, with David Wilford, RPF

DISTINGUISHED FOREST PROFESSIONAL

David Wilford, RPF

...the highest honour the ABCFP gives to its members

Dave Wilford earned the Distinguished Forest Professional award for his prolific contributions to our understanding of forest hydrology. He has enjoyed a productive career as a forest hydrologist with the BC Ministry of Forests and Range. To this day, Dave is excited about doing the research that helps forest professionals manage BC's forests.



Past President, Jonathan Lok, RFT, with Tim Toman

ABCFP HONOURARY MEMBERS

Tim Toman and Bruce Fraser, PhD

...the highest honour the ABCFP gives non-members

Individuals presented with this award are made members of the association to honour them for what is usually a lifetime of work for the betterment of forestry in BC. The Honourary Membership award is not presented annually but only when qualified individuals are nominated.

Tim Toman is a dentist and woodlot owner by trade. He is also the longest serving non-member committee volunteer in the history of the ABCFP. Tim has served on a variety of committees – including council – since 1996. He is a strong believer in giving the community a voice when it comes to forestry issues and, as a result, has worked on creating the land use resource plan for the Bulkley Valley. He has earned the respect of forest professionals and community members alike.



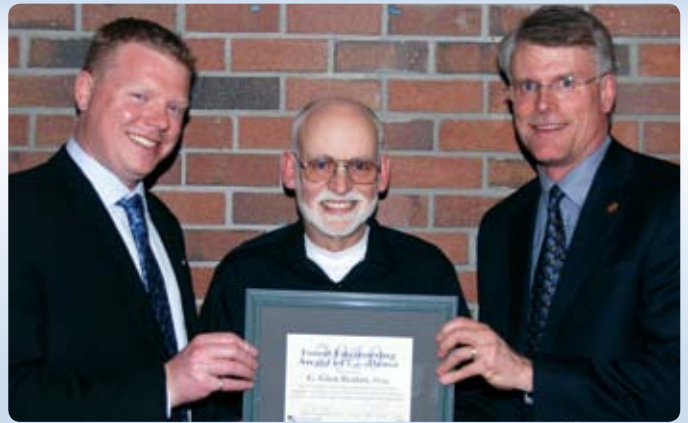
Past President, Jonathan Lok, RFT, with Dr. Bruce Fraser

Dr. Bruce Fraser was recognized by the ABCFP for his dedication to forestry through his work as the (now retired) chair of the Forest Practices Board in addition to his career as an instructor to post-secondary forestry students. Bruce is noted for his ability to bring everyone involved in a project together into a team that benefits the forests of BC.

FOREST ENGINEERING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Glen Beaton, PEng

The ABCFP is proud to present this award jointly with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

Glen Beaton is a professional engineer and has spent his entire career working with coastal forest professionals. His contributions include innovative and environmentally friendly bridges, culverts, log dumps and more. Glen has earned a stellar reputation among all coastal forest workers due to his desire to find economical solutions to problems that benefit both the environment and the safety of workers.



Past President, Jonathan Lok, RFT, with Glen Beaton, PEng and APEGBC President, Russ Kinghorn, PEng.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTER OF THE YEAR Chris Hollstedt, RPF

It is Chris Hollstedt's passion for taking research and expert knowledge and applying them to on-the-ground forest policy and practices that earned her this award. Chris is the founding CEO of FORREX (Forum of Research and Extension in Natural Resources), a charitable non-share corporation founded in 1998 to help people develop science and knowledge-based solutions to complex natural resource challenges.



Past President, Jonathan Lok, RFT, with Chris Hollstedt, RPF

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and plan to join us at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The ABCFP has decided – thanks to member feedback – to move back to a local host committee, so a dedicated group from the Lower Mainland is already hard at work organizing this conference. The committee is led by Sandy McKellar, Honourary Member, (members might be familiar with Sandy's Tree Frog News Service) who sat on the host committee for the 2010 conference and was involved in previous Vancouver-based conferences.

Here's a sneak peak at what to expect for the 2011 conference...

- Wood is Good is the theme – this theme incorporates all the ways that forestry is good for the province of BC
- Plan for a field trip option on February 23!
- Expect a similar format to the 2010 conference – two exciting days of breakout sessions and plenaries.
- Favorite events such as the Inductees' Recognition Lunch and the Awards Dinner will be back.

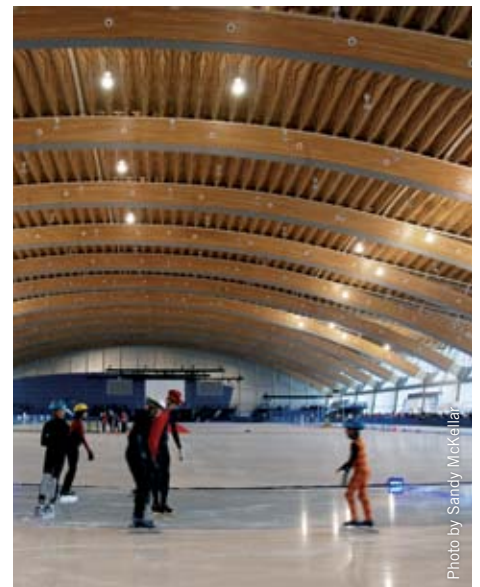


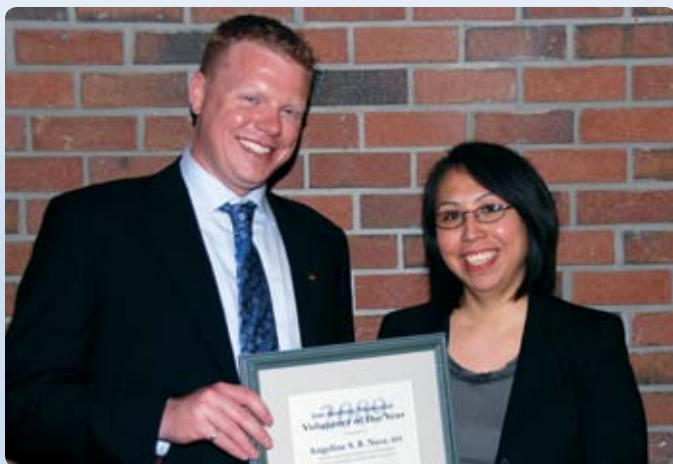
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Past President, Jonathan Lok, RFT, with Phil Blanchard

JIM RODNEY MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Phil Blanchard, RPF, and Angeline Nyce, RPF

Phil Blanchard has played an integral role in developing policy for the ABCFP. He was instrumental in the ABCFP's inclusion of Registered Forest Technologists (RFTs), the development of the professional competency program and in the creation of the Joint Practice Board, a committee where engineers, geoscientists and forest professionals work together in forest resource management. This excellent volunteer service over the last fifteen years has earned Phil the Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year award.



Past President, Jonathan Lok, RFT, RFT with Angeline Nyce

Angeline Nyce is an extremely busy person who is both a professional forester and a lawyer. In spite of her tough schedule, she dedicated herself to starting a study group to help Aboriginal enrolled members pass the ABCFP's tough registration exam. Angeline contacted Aboriginal enrollees, secured mentors and spent many hours developing and posting pertinent information online. She also organized exam preparation conference calls and provided advice to study group members. Not content with just helping Aboriginal enrolled members, Angeline made her study materials available to all enrollees through the ABCFP's website.

Nyce work, Angeline!

Congratulations on receiving the ABCFP Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year award for your outstanding volunteer service in creating and facilitating an Aboriginal study group for the ABCFP 2009 registration exam.

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