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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. IMPORTANT REGISTRATION EXAM DATES

Exam eligibility notices will be sent out via e-mail in early May. Exam application packages will be made available online in early May and the exam resource libraries will be made available online in mid-May.

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2. ABCFP DISCUSSION FORUM IS A TOOL FOR STUDY GROUPS

The registration exam discussion board on the ABCFP Discussion Forum is a great provincial study group tool available to all enrollees. Topics and questions can be posted and discussed online so everyone can benefit.

[ABCFP Discussion Forum](#)

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3. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND OBLIGATIONS WORKSHOPS IN JUNE

This two-day workshop will be delivered for the first time at the following locations:

June 10th and 11th at the Best Western in Kamloops
June 18th and 19th at the Days Inn in Prince George
June 24th and 25th at the Coast Bastion Inn in Nanaimo

This workshop will provide an opportunity for peers to discuss and resolve professional issues at both a local and provincial level. The workshop will be of benefit to all members, especially those preparing for the registration examination. An ethics study guide which outlines the workshop has been posted on the ABCFP Discussion Forum.

[ABCFP Discussion Forum](#)

A registration form has been inserted in the May/June issue of **BC Forest Professional**. Online registration will also be available in mid-May.

[Event Registration](#)

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4. BC TASK FORCE ON FORESTRY RECRUITMENT FORMALIZED

The BC Task Force on Forestry Recruitment was formalized earlier this year. It is being chaired by Brian Robinson, RPF, and includes 19 representatives from industry, government, academic institutions and consulting practices. The mandate is to address

the anticipated shortage of forest professionals in British Columbia within the next decade by:

- 1) Securing multi-year funding from the provincial and federal governments as well as support from various organizations (education institutions, consultants, industry and professional associations) to implement a provincial recruitment strategy which includes the hiring of a provincial recruitment coordinator.
- 2) Improving understanding of the important role of forest professionals in sustaining forest resources to all communities throughout BC.
- 3) Marketing the present and future availability of jobs and importance of forest stewardship to maintain healthy forest ecosystems balanced with a desired standard of living.
- 4) Increasing enrolment in forestry and related natural resource programs at post secondary institutions.
- 5) Providing guidance and tools to the sector to enhance retention of skills investments.
- 6) Coordinating the provincial recruitment strategy with local education and training efforts and with the national recruitment initiative.

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5. ELECTRONIC BALLOTING TO BE USED FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS

For all future elections, all members will receive an e-ballot and will vote online unless they contact the ABCFP and request a paper ballot.

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6. MAY MEMBER MEETINGS IN THE NORTHWEST

The ABCFP's executive director, Sharon Glover, MBA; together with ABCFP president, Al Balogh, RPF; aboriginal lay councilor Gordon Prest; and Brian Robinson, RPF, manager of professional development and member relations, will be holding member meetings in Fort St. James, Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Houston and Smithers from May 26th to May 30th.

Members in these areas will receive an email invitation with more details in mid-May.

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7. ABCFP ASKS MEMBERS: HOW ARE WE DOING?

On April 28th, the ABCFP sent all members a quick survey to find out how well the association is delivering the services you need. This is a benchmarking survey that will be repeated in December 2008. Association staff will make changes this year in the hopes of better serving our members. While there is no opportunity to make general comments in this survey, your comments are welcome at any time. You can send them directly to Sharon Glover, our executive director, at sglover@abcfp.ca or to the general e-mail inbox: info@abcfp.ca.

If you did not receive an e-mail invitation to the survey, please contact Amanda Brittain, director of communications, at: abrittain@abcfp.ca.

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8. ABCFP'S RESPONSE TO THE FPB'S HIGH RETENTION HARVESTING PAPER

The Forest Practices Board provided several recommendations in its High Retention Harvesting paper. The ABCFP Professional Practice Committee is currently working to provide guidance to members regarding the appropriate professional diligence in the design of high retention silviculture prescriptions in forest stands on the coast. Professional diligence includes taking the necessary steps to demonstrate to others that all appropriate factors were considered and that steps were taken to do the job in a professional manner.

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9. UPHOLDING THE FORESTERS ACT

It was recently brought to the ABCFP's attention that International Timber Management Inc. may have been practising forestry in contravention of the *Foresters Act* of British Columbia.

Randy Trerise, RPF, ABCFP registrar, has written a letter to International Timber Management Inc. explaining that under the provisions of the *Foresters Act* if a person or corporation is practising forestry in BC, this work must be done by or under the direct supervision of a member of the ABCFP. If this company or any others be seen found to be not following the *Forester Act* the registrar may apply on behalf of the association to the Supreme Court for an injunction restraining a person from contravening the Act or the bylaws (see section 21 of the *Foresters Act*).

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10. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON CANADIAN FORESTS

The Canadian Council of Forest Ministers has invited members of the public to provide input into a draft of a document called Vision for Canada's Forests: 2008 and Beyond. The deadline for feedback is May 16th. The document is available online at www.ccfm.org. Comments can be e-mailed to 2008strategy@ccfm.org.

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11. FOREST TECHNOLOGIST TRANSITIONAL POLICY

Please remind everyone in your organization that if their job includes work that falls within the RFT scope of practice, they must join the association or work under direct supervision of an Association of BC Forest Professionals registered member.

The ABCFP has opened the *Forest Technologist Transitional Policy* one last time. Forest technologists may be eligible to join the ABCFP under this policy if they entered into practice before December 1, 2003 and have been practising at the technologist level for a number of years. They must apply for membership in the ABCFP by November 30, 2008.

More information can be found in the *Forest Technologist Transitional Policy* on the association's website.

[Forest Technologist Transitional Policy](#)

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12. DISPENSATION OF EXPOFOR 2008 RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2008-01

Therefore be it resolved that council be directed to give consideration to adopting greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the association that would meet or beat the targets set by government, and,

Resolution 2008-02

Be it further resolved that council give consideration to developing and implementing a greenhouse gas reduction plan that would result in the association meeting these targets.

Dispensation: A subcommittee of council members and senior staff has been formed to look at these issues.

Resolution 2008-05

Be it resolved that Council be directed to give consideration to: Develop an ABCFP position paper on tenure reform. The paper will advocate a vision for crown tenure that fits the realities of the 21st century. The goal is to create an informed mandate for tenure reform is the next provincial government.

Dispensation: The ABCFP is already working on this issue. A subcommittee has been formed to develop a discussion paper on tenure reform.

Resolution 2008-07

Be it resolved that Council be directed to give consideration to:

Thanking the Host Committee, ABCFP staff and volunteers for putting together a fabulous program and fun networking/social events for us all to enjoy. Well done and thanks!

Dispensation: President Al Balogh, RPF, wrote to the standing host committee to thank them for their work on ExpoFor 2008 in Penticton.

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13. ABCFP IN THE NEWS

The ABCFP was in the news earlier this month when we were mentioned in a negative light in a *Times Colonist* editorial. To read the editorial and our response visit our website.

[ABCFP in the News](#)

A letter by council member Ian Emery, RFT, was also published in the Campbell River *Courier-Islander*. Titled "Forestry isn't all Doom and Gloom, Still the Backbone of the Province," Ian was responding to an article that painted a very negative picture of the forest sector.

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14. ANNOUNCING NEW ABCFP INDUCTEES ACROSS THE PROVINCE

Advertisements announcing the new ABCFP inductees in each region ran in over 30 BC newspapers during the week of April 14th.

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15. ABCFP RADIO ADS PROMOTE FORESTRY THIS MAY

Radio ads promoting forestry in BC and featuring Jonathan Lok, RFT; Heather Rice, RFT; and Steven Kozuki, RPF, will run from May 19th to 25th in the following towns:

100 Mile House, Burns Lake, Campbell River, Castlegar, Comox, Courtenay, Cowichan Valley, Duncan, Enderby, Fraser Lake, Ft St James, Gold River, Grand Forks, Houston, Kelowna, Nelson, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeil, Powell River, Prince George, Quesnel, Smithers, Trail, Vanderhoof, Vernon and Williams Lake.

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16. ONLINE JOB BOARD – A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE

If your firm is looking for qualified and experienced professional foresters or forest technologists, be sure to post your position on the ABCFP Online Job Board or in BC Forest Professional magazine. Two-month online listings are only \$300 and are posted by the next business day. Visit the Post a Job Opportunity page on our website to post your listing online.

[Post a Job Opportunity](#)

There are currently eight career listings on the Job Seeks page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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