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Dear ABCFP Member:

The links were broken in the first mailing of **The Increment**, Issue #94. Please accept our apologies. The links have been updated and are working in this version.

The Increment e-newsletter is published up to twice a month for members of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It contains news about the association and the forestry profession. Back issues of this newsletter (and its predecessor *BC Forest Professional*) are available on the association's website.

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1. RPF OPTIONAL TAKE-HOME EXAM

The RPF optional take-home exam is due **Friday, September 5, 2008**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The take-home option is only available to those writing the RPF registration exam. If you choose to write the take-home exam, you will only be required to answer seven of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam. If you do not choose to write the take-home exam, you will be required to write 10 of the 14 questions during the sit-down exam.

[Take-Home Option](#)

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2. 2008 REGISTRATION EXAM LOCATION NOTIFICATION

The registration department will e-mail out notifications of exam locations to exam candidates by Friday September 5th. If you are registered for one of the registration exams and have not received a notification of where you will be writing the exam by this date please contact the registration department immediately.

Registration Department

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3. FOREST HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF BC AGM

The 2008 annual meeting of the Forest History Association of BC will be held on Saturday September 27, 2008 at the West Coast Railroad Heritage Park in Squamish (39645 Government Road).

- 11 am Business meeting
- 12 noon lunch (\$10-15)
- 1 pm Program including 75 years of the woodfibre pulp mill; Whistler forest history project; Squamish valley forest industry heritage activities (slide show and short film)

For Vancouver Island members who wish to attend the meeting, carpooling from Horseshoe Bay can be arranged for those taking the 8:30 am sailing from Departure Bay. The meeting will end in time for Island members to catch the 5:20 pm sailing from Horseshoe Bay.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Stan Chester or John Parminter by September 24, 2008.

Contact :

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4. DISCIPLINE CASE DIGESTS ADDED TO THE WEBSITE

As part of the ABCFP's efforts to make our discipline and enforcement efforts more transparent, we have added four new discipline case digests to the website. A new digest will be written for every closed case from this point forward.

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5. ABCFP AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year at ExpoFor, the ABCFP is pleased to present several awards to both members and non-members. You can nominate a worthy individual by visiting our website. All nominations must be received by November 14th.

Members can be nominated for the following awards: Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Forest Professional, Professional Forester of the Year and Forest Technologist of the Year. Non-members can be nominated for the ABCFP Honorary Membership and the ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry.

The ABCFP is also pleased to present two awards jointly with fellow professional associations. The Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management is sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Biologists of BC. The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence is sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

For details on how to make a nomination, go to the Awards Nomination page of the website.

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6. CALLING JUNIOR FOREST WARDEN ALUMNI

If you were a Junior Forest Warden participant or leader, and you currently live in the Lower Mainland, and you would like to participate in an announcement about the future of JFW, please contact Amanda Brittain, director of communications, before September 5th.

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7. CHANGES MADE TO SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A revised self-assessment process is currently being reviewed by the Continuing Competency Committee and by October 1st of this year the ABCFP will have a simplified self-assessment process. Here are some highlights of the proposed changes:

1. Applicable members will answer a series of questions to determine if they do practise professional forestry.
2. If applicable members do not practise professional forestry **at all**, they do not need to complete a self-assessment but must make a declaration that they do not engage in professional practice.
3. If applicable members do practise professional forestry, they must complete a self-assessment and make a declaration, as before.
4. The self-assessment will be composed of two tables: Table 1 has competency related questions and Table 2 is a professional development plan.

Watch future issues of **The Increment** for more details. For more information, contact:

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8. ABCFP WORKSHOPS

- **2008 POLICY REVIEW SEMINARS** will be held in Kamloops on September 4th and 5th and in Prince George and Nanaimo on September 11th and 12th. Please note that the Greater Vancouver location was cancelled due to low registration. The 2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide is now available for purchase or free download on the Policy Seminar page of the website.

[Policy Seminar](#)

- **WRITING THE BEST EXAM POSSIBLE WORKSHOP** Workshops will be held in
 - Kamloops on September 3rd
 - Port McNeill on September 4th
 - Campbell River on September 5th
 - Terrace on September 9th
 - Prince George on September 10th – morning and afternoon sessions available
 - Chilliwack on September 15th
 - Castlegar on September 17th

Registration is available by mail, fax or online on the Workshops page of the website. Please register as soon as possible to avoid a session being cancelled due to low registration. If you are currently registered for the afternoon session in Prince George and would like to switch to the morning session, please contact Amanda Brittain, director of communications, at abrittain@abcfp.ca.

[Workshops](#)

- **FALL WORKSHOPS PREVIEW** – The fall workshops will be held in the following communities. The topic will be professional reliance. Watch future issues of **The Increment** for more details.

September 30 - Kamloops	October 21 - Campbell River
October 6 - Prince Rupert	October 22 - Nanaimo
October 7 - Terrace	October 22 - Quesnel
October 8 - Dawson Creek	October 23 - Victoria
October 8 - Smithers	October 27 - Castlegar
October 9 - Chetwynd	October 27 - Revelstoke
October 9 - Houston	October 28 - Nelson
October 10 - Fort St. John	October 28 - Salmon Arm
October 14 - Prince George	October 29 - Cranbrook
October 15 - Fort St. James	October 29 - Vernon
October 16 - Vanderhoof	October 30 - Merritt
October 17 - Burns Lake	November 4 - Powell River
October 20 - Port McNeill	November 4 - Chilliwack
October 20 - 100 Mile House	November 12 - TBA
October 21 - Williams Lake	November 13 - Burnaby

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9. BYLAWS BALLOT COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Council has approved in principle a number of changes to the ABCFP bylaws. These changes range from minor housekeeping revisions to more significant amendments. Members must ratify these changes in a bylaw ballot which will take place from September 2 to October 2, 2008. Members will be given the opportunity to vote on each bylaw separately. In order to ratify the changes, each bylaw must earn two-thirds (66%) of the votes. Information on the changes to each bylaw is now available on the Bylaw Package page of the website.

[Bylaw Package](#)

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10. UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We have about 300 missing or incorrect e-mail addresses in our database. Take a moment to update your e-mail address and remind your colleagues to do the same.

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11. WHAT'S NEW ON THE DISCUSSION FORUM

Bill Bourgeois, PhD, RPF, would like to engage members in professional conversations on the Discussion Forum. Watch for a monthly posting from Bill that asks a question and gives you the opportunity to voice an opinion.

Robert Jonas, RFT, of Merritt was the lucky winner of the 2008 ABCFP Policy Review Seminar with the 2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide. Due to the popularity of the contest, we have decided to continue it. Join the ABCFP Discussion Forum before **October 2nd** and you could win a free registration to the Fall Workshop of your choice. Also, each month between September and December one lucky discussion forum member will win an ABCFP logo wear prize pack.

[Discussion Forum](#)

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12. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY TO BE THE 2009 FOREST CAPITAL OF BC

Make 2009 the year to recognize forests in your town and nominate your community to be the 2009 Forest Capital of BC. This designation is an excellent way to get everyone involved in a year-long celebration of the important contributions forests make to your community. Every community in BC is eligible to be nominated. Visit the Forest Capital of BC page of the website for a nomination package and tips for making your bid a success.

Nomination Deadline: November 14, 2008. The winning community will be announced in December 2008 and carry the Forest Capital title from January 1st until December 31st, 2009.

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13. LAST CHANCE TO MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE ANNUAL FORESTRY TEAM IN ACTION FEATURE

What have you been up to for the past year? Are you working on interesting projects, conducting research or finding innovative ways to get the job done? If so, share your story with your fellow forest professionals by making a submission to the annual Forestry Team in Action Feature in the November/December issue of **BC Forest Professional** (BCFP). Read the Contributor Guidelines to find out how to make a submission to this feature.

[Contributor Guidelines](#) 

You can also check out last year's feature in the November/December 2007 issue of BCFP.

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The submission deadline is **September 2, 2008**.

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14. 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 18 career listings on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

For more information, contact:
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15. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

If you have questions or comments about the items mentioned in this e-newsletter or other communications activities, please contact:

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16. UNSUBSCRIBE

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