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## 1. JOIN US IN PRINCE GEORGE FOR EXPOFOR 2009

We hope you can join us in Prince George at the Civic Centre on February 27, 2009 for the smaller, redesigned ExpoFor. The program now includes:

### Breakfast with Minister Bell

- Keynote speaker Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range

### ABC FP AGM and Incoming President's Address

- Keynote speaker Jonathan Lok, RFT, Incoming President
- Al Balogh, RPF, President and Lance Nose, director of finance and administration, will report on the association's business conducted during 2008
- Resolutions session

### Inductees' Recognition Ceremony

- A charge from the Valedictorians
- Keynote address by Bob Simpson, MLA, Forestry Critic
- Jim Snetsinger, RPF, Chief Forester, will present inductees with their pins

### Consulting Foresters of BC Awards Luncheon

- Annual Awards Presentation
- Keynote address by Dr. Kathy Lewis, RPF, from UNBC

The cost for attending ExpoFor is \$50 plus GST. This price covers the cost of the meals and coffee breaks. The inductee rate for the full package is \$20. Alternatively, inductees can register for a complimentary package that includes the AGM, Inductees' Recognition Ceremony and CFBC Awards Luncheon. Because of the changes made to ExpoFor 2009, inductees have the choice of attending the inductee ceremony in Prince George or in Kelowna in 2010. Inductees do not have to take any action other than registering for the ExpoFor of their choice.

### Thank you to our ExpoFor 2009 Sponsors:

- Forestry Innovation Investment
- TD Meloche Monnex
- Forsite

Online registration is now available. Visit the ExpoFor website for more information and to register online.

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## 2. RESOLUTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY E- MAIL

The resolutions session will be a part of ExpoFor 2009; however, because of the shorter program all resolutions must be received by 4:30 pm February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please download and use the resolution form available on our website. Resolutions should be e-mailed to Amanda Brittain.

Amanda Brittain, ABC  
Director of Communications  
E-mail: [abrittain@abcfp.ca](mailto:abrittain@abcfp.ca)

[Advisory Resolution Form](#) (fillable Word document)

[Advisory Resolution Form](#) (PDF)

Visit the Resolutions page of the website for more information.

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### 3. FORESTRUST AUCTION MOVES ONLINE

Even though ExpoFor is now more compact, the ForesTrust Silent Auction is a tradition we couldn't give up. We're moving the auction online to the Discussion Forum so all members have a chance to view and bid on some excellent items! Remember, all money raised is donated to the ABCFP's registered charity, ForesTrust, which gives scholarships and bursaries to forestry students. **The auction will be open from 9 am on Feb 25th to 4:30 pm on March 4<sup>th</sup>.** Some of the fabulous items up for auction will be previewed on the Silent Auction page of the ExpoFor website after February 18, 2009.

If you have any item you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Wendy Halasz-Corless. For more information visit our Silent Auction (in the Discussion Forum) and ForesTrust web pages.

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### 4. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW PAST DUE

Memberships should have been renewed by **January 31, 2009** and now members who have not renewed are subject to the first administrative fee. A second administrative fee will be applied to all members who have not renewed their memberships by March 1, 2009. If you are uncertain if your membership has been renewed you can logon to the website to see the status of your membership renewal and determine what, if anything, is outstanding.

#### How Do I Renew My Membership?

**Active registered members (RPFs and RFTs), transferring professional foresters, special permit holders and limited licence holders** must complete three steps to renew their membership:

**Step 1:** Submit your 2008 Self-Assessment Declaration or a Declaration of Non-Practise.

**Step 2:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 3:** Pay your fees.

**Enrolled members (FITs and TFTs), forestry pupils, retired members and visiting professional foresters** only need to complete two steps to renew their memberships because they are not required to submit a Self-Assessment Declaration.

**Step 1:** Notify the ABCFP if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.

**Step 2:** Pay your fees.

If you haven't completed these steps by **March 31, 2009**, you will be removed from membership and not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

Visit the Steps to Renew page of the website for more information on renewing your membership

[Steps to Renew](#)

### **Download and Print Your Receipt and Membership Card**

In order to use your membership fees efficiently and because many members require the receipt quickly so they can be reimbursed by their employers, the ABCFP is no longer mailing receipts to members. You can get your receipt and membership card by printing them directly from the website. Please note that the ABCFP has discontinued the use of the annual decals. If necessary, your membership card can be used to prove current membership in the ABCFP.

Logon to the Members Only section of the website and click on the Receipts Listing option on the right side menu to download and print your receipt and membership card. Please note that your membership card will not be available until you complete all steps of the membership renewal process and your payment has been processed.

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## **5. SILVER RING CEREMONY IN THE CARIBOO**

Canadian Institute of Forestry (Cariboo Section) is holding a silver ring ceremony for UNBC and CNC students. This prestigious annual event will be held February 27th at 6 p.m. at the Coast Inn of the North, Prince George. Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range, will be there as the keynote speaker along with the CIF President, Peter Marshall, RPF, and ABCFP President Jonathan Lok, RFT. Tickets are \$35 each and the option to sponsor a student is also available. To purchase tickets, contact:

Scott Scholefield, RPF

Ph: 250.971.2472.

E-mail: [Scott.Scholefield@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Scott.Scholefield@gov.bc.ca)

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## **6. SPRING SERIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED**

The half-day Professional Reliance workshop offered in the fall of 2008 has been revised and will be offered in a few more locations in 2009. The Professional Ethics and Obligations workshop has been revised, shortened to a day and a half, and will be offered in various locations in 2009. The half-day Writing the Best Exam Possible workshop has been revised to include information on the take-home exam option and there are new examples provided. It will be offered alone and in conjunction with both Professional Reliance and Professional Ethics and Obligations. All three workshops will be offered this spring (see below) and will also be made available online. Exam candidates are encouraged to take all three workshops.

**The Spring Series Workshops:  
Kamloops**

April 14 noon to April 15 4:30: Professional Ethics and Professional Obligations  
April 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

### **Campbell River**

April 28 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
April 28 noon to April 29 4:30: Professional Ethics and Obligations  
April 30 am Professional Reliance

### **Prince George**

week of May 4 Professional Ethics and Obligations, Professional Reliance and Writing the Best Exam Possible. Dates TBA

### **Williams Lake**

May 11 noon to May 12 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 13 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

### **Quesnel**

May 26 8:30 to May 27 noon Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 27 pm Professional Reliance

### **Smithers**

June 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 16 noon to June 17 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
June 18 am Professional Reliance

### **Dawson Creek**

June 23 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 23 noon to June 24 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
June 24 am Professional Reliance

Information on the Spring Series Workshops will be posted on the Workshops page of the website as it becomes available.

[Workshops](#)

You can also mark your calendar with these tentative dates for the Policy Review Seminars. Members who take two or three Spring Series workshops will receive a 15% or 20% (respectively) discount on their choice of the policy review seminars.

- Prince George: September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- Kamloops: September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Nanaimo: September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

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## **7. REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS**

Visit the Study Groups page of the website to register your study group. Brian Robinson, manager of professional development and member relations, is willing to visit study groups during his travels to help them prepare for the exam. Please contact him for information.

Registering your study group is a great way to communicate with other study groups and share information. Use the ABCFP Discussion Forum to post questions and share information. There is a special section set aside for study groups. We encourage RFT and RPF study groups to work together to help each other out in studying.

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## 8. UPCOMING FORESTRY EDUCATION EVENTS

The CIF is launching another e-lecture series called Science, Sustainability and Innovation. The series is free to all ABCFP members. For more information, please visit the CIF website

[Science, Sustainability and Innovation](#)

The 2009 Spring Urban Forestry Symposium is being held in Stanley Park on March 26, 2009. For more information, please visit their website.

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## 9. TERRAIN STABILITY GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE

The *Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector* (MTS Guidelines) have been approved by the APEGBC and ABCFP Councils. The MTS Guidelines set out a standard of care to guide members of the APEGBC and ABCFP in managing terrain stability. These Guidelines are part of the professional reliance model envisioned under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA). Under FRPA, forest resource managers are responsible for determining when and where assessments are required, as this is not specified in regulation. Although this document arose from the needs of forest management under FRPA, it applies equally to forest management on private land.

The MTS document provides guidance:

- As to when and where a TSA should be carried out;
- For managing terrain stability, whether or not a TSA has been carried out;
- For establishing risk criteria for specified values (elements at risk);
- For selecting Forest Development strategies that are consistent with the risks; and
- For establishing a consistent and logical decision-making process to analyze and document decisions concerning the management of terrain stability.

The MTS Guidelines advocate a team approach for developing a terrain management model, with input from specialists as need in order to adequately account for these values. In particular, terrain specialists are referenced at numerous places in the document. The MTS Guidelines have been developed by the APEGBC/ABCFP Joint Practice Board and approved by the respective councils for use by their members and are available on the website.

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## 10. CROSSINGS GUIDELINES UPDATED

The *Guidelines for Professionals in the Forest Sector – Crossings* document has recently been updated to make it clearer and to be consistent with the current legislation. It is now available on the ABCFP website. The new guidance document replaces the one released in 2005.

There is a need to review guidelines on an ongoing basis. The Joint Practices Board is currently soliciting input into the exiting “Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Crossings” in regards to its current use, concerns and potential improvements. If you wish to comment on these guidelines, please submit your comments to Mike Larock no later than April 30, 2009.

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## 11. NEW APPRAISAL ISSUES NOW ON THE WEBSITE

The professional practice committee in appraisals and cruising is pleased to present Appraisal Issues 6 and 7 to you. Issue 6 deals with what constitutes a misrepresentation of the facts while issue 7 discusses your professional obligations when you find a typographical error that affects stumpage rate determinations.

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## 12. STUDY AND MENTORSHIP GROUP FOR ABORIGINAL MEMBERS

The ABCFP, a few Aboriginal RPFs/RFTs, and other forestry mentors (the "Group Mentors") are forming an ancillary study group for Aboriginal ABCFP members who will be writing the registration exam this year or next. The Group Mentors will provide direction and support to Aboriginal ABCFP members who are preparing for the registration exams. The study group will be up and running by the end of February and will utilize the ABCFP Discussion Forum to network with other study groups around the province to the benefit of all study groups. If you want to join this study group as an FIT or a TFT, please contact member Angeline Nyce. The study group will meet by conference call and the Group Mentors and ABCFP will provide study topics, scenarios and mock exam questions to help exam writers.

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## 13. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-MEMBER

The standing investigations committee (SIC) is looking for a new lay member. If you know anyone who might be interested in the position, please direct them to the volunteer job description on the website.

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#### 14. SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsoring RFTs and RPFs are needed to mentor enrolled members. You must be willing to meet regularly with your enrolled member, review his or her practice diary and ensure your enrolled member is ready for the registration exam. More information is available on the Sponsor a New Member page of the website.

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#### 15. MEMBER BENEFIT

Business in Vancouver, a weekly roundup of business news, is offering all ABCFP members a free six-week subscription. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please e-mail the following information to: [ddorsett@biv.com](mailto:ddorsett@biv.com).

- Name
- Address
- City
- Postal Code
- Telephone Number

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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 five 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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#### 17. 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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