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Dear ABCFP Member:

**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.

[www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)

**Reminder:** The ABCFP's server will be down for maintenance beginning today at 5pm until Sunday at noon. During this time, the website and e-mail will be available; however, online registration will not be working.

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## **1. MEMBERS ASKED TO REVIEW AGM MINUTES**

It was decided at the 61<sup>st</sup> AGM to have the minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> AGM approved by a special committee composed of the council executive after the minutes had been posted for a period of one month for member comment. Please take a moment to read the minutes and e-mail any errors or comments you have to Sharon Glover, MBA, CEO. Member comments must be received by 4:30 pm on **May 29, 2009**.

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## **2. CALLING ALL ABORIGINAL MEMBERS**

The ABCFP is creating a version of our popular Faces of Forestry booklet for use in recruiting Aboriginal students to forestry. The original Faces of Forestry booklet (which is available online) was produced to celebrate members during our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The book features pictures and members' comments about careers in forestry and what they enjoy most about their jobs. It has proven to be extremely popular as a recruitment tool and is regularly used by post-secondary institutions and the ABCFP at career fairs and for high school presentations. Because of the success of the original booklet, we are creating a new booklet that features our Aboriginal members. We will be contacting members who self-identified as Aboriginal by e-mail; however, if we miss you and if you would like to participate, please e-mail Amanda Brittain.

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## **3. CODE OF ETHICS INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINES NOW ON THE WEBSITE**

The much-anticipated document, Interpretive Guidelines for the Code of Ethics is now available on the Code of Ethics page of our website. While it is of interest to all members, people who are writing the exam this October should pay special attention to the document.

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#### **4. EXPOFOR SURVEY IS IN YOUR MAILBOX**

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the ABCFP e-mailed a survey invitation to all members to get your input into ExpoFor. Market conditions have created a unique and challenging situation that resulted in the restructuring of ExpoFor 2009. We are interested in your thoughts on how you would like ExpoFor to look in 2010. The survey is brief and gives you room to write in your comments in addition to the set questions. We would appreciate you taking the time to fill it in. If you did not receive an e-mail invitation or if you have lost it, please contact:

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#### **5. CRIT SPONSORED WORKSHOP ON HARDWOOD MANAGEMENT**

In late 2007, the Minister of Forests and Range introduced the Coast Forest Action Plan, which included a statement to encourage the utilization and management of deciduous species. To support this goal, the Coast Regional FRPA Implementation Team (CRIT) was tasked with drafting a hardwood management strategy. The CRIT Silviculture working group developed the Hardwood Management in the Coast Forest Region paper in late 2008. The focus of the strategy is on alder regeneration and management on the coast. This document has been circulated to all coastal licensees.

As a follow-up action, CRIT is sponsoring a workshop *Hardwood Management in the Coast Forest Region* to be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Campbell River and June 10<sup>th</sup> in Chilliwack. Anyone interested in attending the workshop should contact Craig Wickland at the Coast Region MFR office for further details. This is a one-day, field-oriented workshop with a brief overview of the paper in the office and field examples of the strategies.

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#### **6. FORESTRY IN A CHANGING CLIMATE – A UBC SURVEY**

How should BC's forests be managed in response to climate change?

Researchers at the University of British Columbia want your perspectives. They have designed a web-based, interactive survey asking questions about forest management in general and about managing for insect epidemics that are expected to accompany climate change. In particular, they are exploring the extent of public acceptance of using genomic technologies in forest management.

You are invited to take the survey. The survey consists of ten questions and should take about 15 minutes to complete. Participants must be 19 years of age or older.

To get started, visit the website, <http://yourviews.ubc.ca>, where you can find links to this and other surveys. You will need an email address to register and to create a pseudonym (username) prior to taking the survey. All participants will remain

anonymous. No one will be able to access your email address or to link it with your pseudonym. Your responses will be kept in a secure database on a server at UBC's Centre for Applied Ethics and will only be accessible to the research team. You may withdraw from the survey at any time.

Please direct inquiries to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Paul Wood, RPF, RPBio, at [paul.wood@ubc.ca](mailto:paul.wood@ubc.ca).

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## 7. COMING SOON TO A RADIO NEAR YOU – THE ABCFP!

During the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>, the ABCFP is running a radio ad in many communities around the province. We were able to negotiate a non-profit rate which gave the ABCFP double the number of ads than the regular rate. The script of the ad is below and an MP3 version will be posted on the website as soon as it becomes available.

*Who looks after our forests in BC? They're highly educated and trained individuals who have to pass a rigorous exam and apprenticeship. They're over fifty-five hundred people working to balance the ecological, social and economic value of our forest. They manage the forests of BC according to a strict code of ethics. They're forest professionals ... and part of the **Association of BC Forest Professionals** ... ensuring BC forests are in good hands. Find the A-B-C-F-P on Facebook and become a fan!*

The ads will air on the following stations:

Station/Format	City/Region
Sun FM / Hits	Penticton/Oliver/Osoyoos
Sun FM / Hits	Kelowna
Sun FM / Hits	Vernon/Enderby
The Bear / Rock	Ft St John
Energy FM / Hits	Ft St John
Easy Rock / Contemporary	Golden / Revelstoke
The Port 1240 / Soft Rock	Port Hardy/Port McNeil, Port Alice
SUN FM 95.7 FM / Soft Rock	Powell River
The River 99.7 FM / Soft Rock	Campbell River/Gold River
JET FM / Classic Rock	Courtenay/Comox
Sun FM / Soft Rock	Cowichan Valley/Victoria/Vancouver
Mountain FM / Soft Rock	Nelson

Mountain FM / Soft Rock	Castlegar/Trail
Mountain FM / Soft Rock	Grand Forks
94 X / Classic Rock	Prince George
The Wolf / Country	Prince George
The Peak / Soft Rock	Smithers/Burns Lake/Houston
The Wolf / Country	Vanderhoof/Ft St James/Fraser Lake
94 X / Classic Rock	Vanderhoof/Ft St James/Fraser Lake
The Max / Soft Rock	Quesnel
The Wolf / Country	Quesnel
The Max / Soft Rock	Williams Lake
The Wolf / Country	Williams Lake
The Max / Soft Rock	100 Mile House
The Wolf / Country	100 Mile House
The Juice / Classic Rock	Kelowna/Okanagan Corridor

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## 8. IMPORTANT REGISTRATION EXAM DATES

Exam eligibility notices will be sent out via e-mail next week. Exam application packages and the 2009 exam resource libraries will also be available on the Exam Application and the Preparing to Write the Exam pages of the website. If you haven't received an electronic notice by the end of May, please contact the registration department by email at [admissions@abcfp.ca](mailto:admissions@abcfp.ca).

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## 9. NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY AS FOREST CAPITAL OF BC 2010

This is your chance to promote forestry in your town. Whether you live in a large, urban centre or a small community, BC's forests influence almost every aspect of life in this province. However, many people don't know this fact and it's up to the ABCFP and our members to try and change the situation. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce the search for the 2010 Forest Capital of BC.

Every community in BC is eligible to be nominated. The ABCFP will evaluate nominations based on a community's relationship to its surrounding forests and the strength of the bid proposal. The winning community will be announced in December and will carry the Forest Capital of BC title from January 1 to December 31, 2010.

If you think your community has the stuff and could be the 2010 Forest Capital of BC, download a nomination package available on ABCFP website. The nomination deadline is **November 13, 2009**, so start gathering support for your community's bid today.

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## 10. FOREST PROFESSIONAL HIRED AS ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER FOR BC FOREST PROFESSIONAL

Stephanie Renwick, RFT, has taken over advertising sales for **BC Forest Professional** magazine. As a forest professional and an experienced sales person, we believe Stephanie will bring fresh skills and innovation to the job. For more information about advertising, please contact:

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Cell: 250.202.1803  
E-mail: [forest-ads@abcfp.ca](mailto:forest-ads@abcfp.ca)

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## 11. SPRING SERIES WORKSHOPS VISIT QUESNEL NEXT

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 and Professional Reliance workshops have been revised and updated. Exam candidates are encouraged to take all three workshops.

We are currently working out technical details so we can provide these workshops online next year.

### The Spring Series Workshops:

#### Quesnel

May 25 pm Writing the Best Exam Possible (**NEW!**)  
May 26 8:30 to May 27 noon Professional Ethics and Obligations  
May 27 pm Professional Reliance

#### Port McNeill (**NEW!**)

In Port McNeill, Mike Larock, RPF, is replacing Brian Robinson, RPF, and will be presenting a shorter, one-day version of the Professional Ethics and Obligations workshop as well as the half-day Professional Reliance workshop. Amanda Brittain will deliver the half-day Writing the Best Exam Possible workshop.

June 4 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 4 pm Professional Reliance  
June 5 all day Professional Ethics and Obligations

#### Smithers

June 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
June 16 1:00 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 1:00 to June 24 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
June 25 am Professional Reliance

### **Kamloops**

July 15 am Professional Reliance **(NEW!)**

### **Nelson**

September 1 am Writing the Best Exam Possible  
September 1 1:00 to September 2 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations  
September 3 am Professional Reliance

Information on the Spring Series Workshops is available on the Workshops page of the website. Registration is now available online or by fax.

### [Workshops](#)

[Online Registration](#) (please note online registration is not available until May 17 at noon)

You can also mark your calendar with these 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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## **12. MEMBER MEETING IN QUESNEL ON MAY 26**

The following are dates for the upcoming member meetings. Members in each community will receive an e-mail invitation to the meeting; however, any member is welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings will be held in the early evening. More details will be released closer to the meeting dates.

Quesnel – May 26  
Port McNeill – June 4  
Smithers – June 16  
Dawson Creek – June 23  
Nelson – September 1

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## **13. REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS**

Members who plan to write the registration exam this year or next year are encouraged to form or join a local study group. Information on how to form a study group and a listing of current groups are on the Study Groups page of the website.

Study group members are encouraged to post questions and information on the ABCFP Discussion Forum and communicate with other study groups to share information.

Study groups should meet regularly and consider the following ideas:

- Develop a list of appropriate study topics
- Assign study topics to study group members
- Distribute summaries of study topics to study group members
- Discuss study topics
- Develop questions to ask on the Discussion Forum or other study groups

Study information has recently been posted on the ABCFP Discussion Forum. Study groups are welcome to contact Brian Robinson, RPF, to arrange local study sessions during his travels.

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#### **14. WORKSHOP: WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLES**

We will soon be able to offer an online Aboriginal relations workshop for our members. The workshop is entitled: "Working Effectively with Aboriginal Peoples – Understanding and Utilizing Cross Cultural Perspectives for Forest Professionals." This workshop is being offered because of our strategic plan initiative to "ensure Aboriginal values, interests and rights are part of a forest professional's competency requirements." In the future, Aboriginal relations competency will be a required part of the continuing competency program for registered members whose job requires proficiency in Aboriginal relations.

This online workshop has been developed by Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. (ICT). In the future, Bob Joseph, president of ICT, will be offering face-to-face versions of this workshop in various locations around the province.

The workshop will launch on June 1<sup>st</sup> and more information on how to register online or by fax will be available in the June 1<sup>st</sup> **Increment** as well as on the ABCFP website.

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#### **15. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR 2008 ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATION?**

The deadline to submit Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms was January 31, 2009. To date, the evaluation forms of over 230 enrolled members (FITs, ASFITs, FPs, TFTs, ASTFTs) have yet to be submitted by their respective sponsors. Unless these

evaluations are submitted to the ABCFP, these members will not receive credit for work experience gained in 2008 or be eligible to write the 2009 registration exams.

If you missed the original deadline, you can still submit your Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation form by June 1, 2009.

Send to:  
Registration Department  
Association of BC Forest Professionals  
330 – 321 Water St  
Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms are available on the You and Your Sponsor page of the website.

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## 16. THE ABCFP IS NOW ON FACEBOOK – BECOME A FAN!

The ABCFP now has a Facebook page. We are hoping that both members and people interested in forestry will become fans of our page so we can discuss forestry matters and educate the public about our great profession. We will also be posting photos and videos and encourage members to post their own forestry related content.

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## 17. FORESTRY TEAM IN ACTION CALL FOR ITEMS

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**. Read the Contributor Guidelines to find out how to make a submission to this feature. The submission deadline is **September 2, 2009**.

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## 18. ARE YOU LOST IN THE WOODS?

Every time the ABCFP sends an e-mail (including **The Increment** and membership renewal notices) or a regular mailing such as **BC Forest Professional** magazine, we get dozens (hundreds in the case of e-mail) of pieces of returned mail. We are concerned that members are not receiving important information from the association. It is now very easy to update your contact information with the ABCFP. You can also choose at which address you want to receive different types of information from the association. Take a moment to make sure your contact information is up to date. Please feel free to share this information with a colleague who has recently moved to your organization and who hasn't had the opportunity to let the association know about any address changes.

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## 19. 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 four 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](#)

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## 20. 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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## 21. UNSUBSCRIBE

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