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Dear ABCFP Member:

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1. LAST CHANCE TO SAVE 50% OFF YOUR EXAM FEE

The 2008 RFT and RPF registrations exams will be held on October 3, 2008 in various locations throughout BC. For general information on the exam, visit the Registration Exam page of the website.

[Registration Exam](#)

The exam application deadline is **August 15, 2008**. **If you submit your complete application package (application form and payment) to us on or before August 1, 2008, you will receive 50% off your exam fee.**

[Exam Applications](#)
[Preparing to Write the Exam](#)

2. RPF OPTIONAL TAKE-HOME EXAM

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.

The RPF optional take-home exam questions will be available on **August 1, 2008** on the Take-Home Option page of our website. The exam will be due on September 5, 2008. Late submissions will not be accepted.

[Take-Home Option](#)

Please contact the registration department if you have questions about the registration exams.

Registration Department
Ph: 604.687.8027
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3. WRITING THE BEST EXAM POSSIBLE WORKSHOP

Whether it has been 6 months or 20 years since you wrote your last exam, the stress of writing the RPF/RFT registration exam is very real. In this ABCFP-hosted workshop, you will learn practical tips for not only surviving but passing the exam with the highest score possible. Topics covered in this half-day workshop include: what to expect; mental and physical prep; what the association expects from a good answer; and exam tactics. You will also have the chance to practise writing a portion of the exam under time constraints, so please bring your resource binder to the workshop.

This workshop is aimed at both potential RPFs and RFTs. **This workshop is NOT a study session.** You will learn techniques for writing the exam but it is assumed that you have a solid understanding of the subject matter being tested.

Locations and Dates:

- Kamloops: September 3rd 1-5 pm
- Campbell River: September 5th 1-5 pm
- Prince George: September 10th 1-5 pm
- Chilliwack: September 15th 1-5 pm
- Castlegar: September 17th 1-5 pm

Registration is now available by mail, fax or online on the Workshops page of the website. The cost is \$75 which includes handouts and refreshments.

[Workshops](#)

We have had requests for workshops in Port McNeill, Fort St. John, Terrace and Williams Lake. If you are interested in a workshop in these communities, please e-mail Amanda Brittain asap. If there is enough interest, we will hold these additional workshops. For more information, contact:

Amanda Brittain, ABC
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4. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND OBLIGATIONS WORKSHOP NOW IN BURNABY AND PORT MCNEILL

Due to the popularity of this two-day workshop, **two** new dates and locations have been added. The Ethics Workshop will be delivered in:

- Burnaby on August 27th and 28th
- Port McNeill on September 8th and 9th

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](#)

Visit the Workshops page of the website for more information and to register.

[Workshops](#)

For more information, contact:
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5. MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND THE 2008 POLICY REVIEW SEMINAR

Policy review seminars are ideal for anyone needing a refresher on the legislation and policies governing BC forest practices or preparing to write one of the registration exams this fall. At each seminar, participants will have a chance to ask questions and discuss topical issues with policy experts.

Locations and dates are as follows:

- **Kamloops and Greater Vancouver:** September 4th and 5th
- **Prince George and Nanaimo:** September 11th and 12th

Look for the 2008 Policy Review Seminar registration form in the July/August issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine or go to the Policy Seminar page of the website to register.

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](#)

Win a 2008 Policy Review Seminar Package

Join the online ABCFP Discussion Forum by August 18th and you could win free registration to the 2008 ABCFP Policy Review Seminar of your choice complete with the 2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide. Other great prizes include packs of ABCFP logo wear.

The discussion forum is a great place to meet fellow forest professionals to talk about issues related to the practice of professional forestry. In addition to the forestry items, there are separate boards for non-forestry items and study groups as well as a classified section (got any old gear taking up space in your garage?). Membership in the discussion forum is limited to ABCFP members and staff. There are over 500 people already signed up. You can even participate anonymously if you want.

All discussion forum members signed up by August 18th will be entered into a random draw for the policy review seminar package. Each month between June and August one lucky discussion forum member will win an ABCFP logo wear prize pack.

[Discussion Forum](#)

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6. 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 in September. 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 will be available in July on the Bylaw Package page of the website.

[Bylaw Package](#)

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7. CALL FOR INVIGILATORS

Exam Invigilators Needed The following locations still need invigilators for the 2008 registration exams: Fort St. James, Fort St. John, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, Village of Queen Charlotte, Revelstoke, Terrace, and Williams Lake.

If you are a registered member and willing to help on Friday October 3, 2008, contact the registration department. More information can be found on the Invigilate the Registration Exams page of the website.

[Invigilate the Registration Exams](#)

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

Make 2009 the year to recognize forests in your community 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.

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.

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.

[Forest Capital](#)

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9. 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). Visit the Contributor Guidelines page of the website 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

[BCFP - November/December 2007](#) 

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

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10. COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

The nominations committee is currently seeking RPF candidates to fill four positions on the 62nd council. At this time, both RFT positions are filled (Jonathan Lok, RFT, is

currently the vice-president and will serve as president for the 62nd council; and Ian Emery, RFT is currently in the first year of his two-year term).

The ABCFP is also looking for a new lay councillor to succeed Dr. Pamela Wright whose term expires in March 2009. There is a job description on the website.

For more information on running for council or the lay councillor position, contact:

Sharon Glover, CEO
E-mail: sglover@abcfp.ca

[Running for Council](#)

[Lay Councillor Job Description](#) 

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11. MEMBER SURVEYS

All members should have received an e-mail invitation to participate in a survey that will shape this year's fall workshops. Thanks to the more than 450 members who have filled out the survey so far. We would appreciate you taking a few minutes to answer this three-question survey.

The discipline and enforcement transparency committee will be sending all members a brief survey next week. This survey will ask you about the ABCFP's discipline and enforcement processes. It will form part of a report the committee is compiling for presentation to council in October.

Contact the following ABCFP staff members for more information.

Fall Workshops Survey

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Discipline and Enforcement Processes Survey

Randy Trerise, RPF
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12. ABCFP WELCOMES NEW MINISTER

The ABCFP sent a letter of welcome to new Minister of Forests and Range Pat Bell. CEO Sharon Glover met the minister in person at the Forestry Climate Change Working Group launch. The minister expressed a desire to meet with the ABCFP council and a date for the meeting will be set shortly.

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13. ABCFP INVITED TO LAUNCH OF THE FORESTRY CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

The Premier's office invited the ABCFP to the launch of the Forestry Climate Change Working Group at BCIT earlier this month. The working group's goal is to promote the use of wood as a building material based on its superior environmental benefits over traditional building materials such as concrete and steel.

Read the BC Forestry Climate Change Working Group news release for more information.

[Industry Promotes Climate Benefits of Forest Products](#)

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14. ABCFP WORKS WITH CNC TO SAVE FORESTRY PROGRAM

The ABCFP is working with the Council of Forest Industries, the College of New Caledonia (CNC), Ministry of Forests and Range, and other companies and associations to help re-launch the college's forest technology program. The Province recently offered CNC a research forest to help train the next generation of forest professionals. The college currently has a 600 hectare woodlot so the 12,000 hectare research forest would be added to the woodlot. The Province estimates that the AAC from the research forest could generate as much as \$300,000 in revenue to support CNC's newly redesigned forestry program which hopes to start accepting students for the September 2009 semester.

Read the news release for more information.

[Research Forest Invigorates Resource Education in North](#)

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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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