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Dear ABCFP Member:

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## 1. APPLY NOW FOR THE 2008 REGISTRATION EXAMS AND SAVE 50%!

The 2008 RFT and RPF registration 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](#)

**Exam Applications and Resource Libraries** The exam application packages and RPF and RFT resource libraries are available on the Exam Applications and Preparing to Write the Exam pages of the website.

If you are eligible and intend to write the registration exam this year you must submit an exam application package to us by **August 15, 2008**. **If you submit your complete exam application package to us on or before August 1, 2008, you will receive 50% off your exam fee.**

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

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

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## 2. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-5 pm
- Campbell River September 5<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm
- Prince George September 10<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm
- Chilliwack September 15<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm
- Castlegar September 17<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm

Registration will be available by mail, fax or online in mid-July on the Workshops page of the website. The cost is \$75 which includes handouts and refreshments.

## [Workshops](#)

This workshop can be offered in other locations if there are enough people interested in an alternative location. For more information, contact:

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### 3. NEW DATE FOR PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND OBLIGATIONS WORKSHOP

Due to the popularity of this two-day workshop, a new date and location has been added. The Ethics Workshop will be delivered in Burnaby on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

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](#)

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### 4. 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Prince George and Nanaimo\*:** September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Look for the 2008 Policy Review Seminar registration form in the July/August issue of **BC Forest Professional** magazine. More information on this seminar and the *2008 Forest Legislation and Policy Reference Guide* will be available on the ABCFP website in July.

*\*Please note that in the last issue of the **Increment** we incorrectly reported that the Vancouver Island Policy Review Seminar would take place in Victoria. It will be in Nanaimo. We apologize for any inconvenience our error may have caused you.*

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## **5. 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 with the goal of reopening the program for student intake. More information on this topic will be shared with members when it is available.

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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.

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## **7. LIMITED LICENCES FOR RFTS**

The Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP) is introducing a temporary process to allow candidates with a great deal of experience in a specific area of forest technology practice but who didn't meet the full scope of RFT practice requirements, to join the association while a permanent process is being developed. The Forest Technologist Limited Licence process sets out the guidelines that allow these technologists to join the ABCFP. The process is only open until November 30, 2008. The process is described on our website and we have posted a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) to address the process.

Visit the [Temporary Practice Permits](#) page (under the heading, Conditional Forest Technologist Limited License) for more information.

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## **8. JUNE ADVOCACY MEETINGS**

The ABCFP council and senior staff were kept busy in June with a number of meetings.

- Council of Applied Biology – CEO Sharon Glover and Director of Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship Mike Larock, RPF, met with CAB about how to move forward on our joint guidance to members. ABCFP and CAB members can look for general guidance in the next month. The next project for the two groups will be updating the ABCFP's species at risk paper.
- Ministry of Advanced Education – President Al Balogh, RPF, and Sharon Glover met with Minister Murray Coell to talk about getting more students interested in

- forestry programs. They also discussed how to ensure the programs are adequately funded.
- Ministry of Forests and Range – Mike Larock and Sharon Glover met with the forest practices branch's acting director Lorne Bedford and his colleagues. The two groups discussed a number of issues of joint interest.
  - UBC's Forestry Advisory Council – Sharon Glover is a member of this council and participated in their most recent meeting which was chaired by George Weyerhaeuser, Senior Fellow, World Business Council for Sustainable Development.
  - Ministry of Forests and Range – Tom Niemann, RPF, of the forest practices branch met with ABCFP staff to discuss what the work the MFR is doing with respect to climate change
  - Forest Practices Board – Sharon Glover, Mike Larock and Registrar Randy Trerise, RPF, meet with officials from the Forest Practices Board. Issues of mutual concern were discussed.

More information on the ABCFP's advocacy efforts can be found on the Advocacy page of the website and in archives of the Advocacy Increment e-newsletter.

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## 9. WIN A 2008 POLICY REVIEW SEMINAR PACKAGE

Join the online ABCFP Discussion Forum by August 18<sup>th</sup> 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?). There are over 500 people already signed up. You can even participate anonymously if you want.

All discussion forum members signed up by August 18<sup>th</sup> 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. The winner for June is **Lyn M. Konowalyk, RPF**.

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## 10. ABCFP SERVICES SURVEY RESULTS

In April, the ABCFP surveyed members to find out how we were doing in a number of service areas such as Act Enforcement, the **Increment**, guidance and customer service. The results of the survey are discussed in the CEO's Report in the July/August issue of the **BC Forest Professional** magazine, but full results are posted on the website and are available now.

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## 11. THE FATHER OF TREE IMPROVEMENT IN BC BY W.G. BURCH, RPF (Ret)

Gerry Burch, RPF (Ret), has written a short book about Dr. Alan Orr-Ewing. This book is available, free of charge, on the ABCFP website in the Publications section.

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## 12. CALL FOR INVIGILATORS AND SPONSORS

**Exam Invigilators Needed** The following locations still need invigilators for the 2008 registration exams: Chilliwack, Cranbrook, Fort St. James, Fort St. John, Mackenzie, Merritt, Port Alberni, Port McNeill, The Village of Queen Charlotte, Quesnel, 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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**Sponsor an Enrolled Member** Some enrolled members, including Foresters in Training and Trainee Forest Technologists, are having difficulty finding sponsors to guide them through the Articling Program that is the final step in the process to becoming a registered forest professional.

Consider sponsoring enrolled members and help them reach their goal of becoming forest professionals. You can be a sponsor if you are an RFT or an RPF who has passed the registration exam. Visit the Sponsor a New Member page of the website for more information.

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## 13. 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.

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#### **14. 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

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

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#### **15. THE ABCFP IN THE NEWS**

Over the past year, a great deal of effort has gone into increasing the ABCFP's public relations efforts. Here are some of the things we've been up to:

- Meeting with reporters whenever senior staff travel
- Work with media outlets (primarily newspaper) to place stories of interest. Most of these stories have a local interest.
- We respond to reporters' calls within 60 minutes during regular business hours.
- We work with council members to have articles they have written placed in local papers or have facilitated radio/television interviews with them.
- Worked with Networks of Forest Professionals to have articles printed in local newspapers.

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#### **16. FOREST CLUB DEALS**

Be sure to check out the Forest Club, the ABCFP's affinity partners' program, for the following savings.

##### **Playland: Save and Play This Summer**

Save up to 25% on Playland Passes. Purchase online and print your tickets!

Logon to the Forest Club website or

[http://order.affinity-tickets.com/edirect/member\\_pne.php](http://order.affinity-tickets.com/edirect/member_pne.php) and ENTER code 08INSIDER to receive your discount.

##### **Mortgage Group - Mortgage Savings**

Call Ryan Hammerer 1.800.796.8577 x314 and quote the ABCFP's name.

##### **Park n' Fly - Airport Parking**

25% discount on Vancouver's Park n' Fly airport parking.

### **Delta Hotels - Exceptional Rates**

Enjoy exclusive discounts off daily rates; Logon to the Forest Club website for details.

Click below to sign up for the Forest Club.



The Forest Club is brought to you by Association of BC Forest Professionals. The Forest Club is designed to provide members with valuable discounts on a variety of products and services. Sign up today for a complete list of all offers from professional services to entertainment at <http://abcfp.intrd.com>

For more information on affinity programs for ABCFP members, visit:

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### **17. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?**

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### **18. UNSUBSCRIBE**

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