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Dear ABCFP Member:

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## 1. ABCFP GETS A NEW MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT DATABASE

A year-long project to replace the ABCFP's aging membership database is almost over. The ABCFP will be installing a new membership management tool beginning on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. This new system, called iMIS, will allow staff to work more efficiently and effectively and will give members greater functionality. New member features will allow you to:

- Customize which mailings you want to receive from the ABCFP and where you would like them to be sent (multiple home and/or business addresses).
- Register for courses, workshops and other events online.
- Instantly update your contact information, mailing preference or change your password. There will no longer be a delay between when you update this information and when it is "live" on the website.

### **Login Section of Website Temporarily Unavailable April 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>**

In order for the installation and integration of iMIS to run smoothly, the ABCFP has to take down the login section of the website for a few days. Member access to this area of the website will be unavailable beginning at 6 am on April 3<sup>rd</sup> until the morning of April 7<sup>th</sup>. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, all members will receive an e-mail with your new IDs and temporary passwords so you may access the new, improved login area of the website. You are encouraged to change the temporary password the first time you login.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to: [webmaster@abcfp.ca](mailto:webmaster@abcfp.ca).

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## 2. DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not renewed your membership by **March 31, 2008**, you will be removed from ABCFP membership and will not be entitled to practise forestry in BC.

**You must complete all three steps below to renew your membership:**

1. Pay your fees including the additional administrative fee(s) for late membership renewals.
2. Complete a self-assessment and submit your Self-Assessment Declaration.\*  
*\*Enrolled members, retired members, life members, honorary members and special permit holders are not required to complete a self-assessment to renew their membership.*
3. Update your Indictable Offence Declaration\*  
*\* Complete if there has been a change in your indictable offence status.*

The fastest way to renew your membership is to use the secure online service available on the Membership Renewal page of the website.

[Online Membership Renewal](#)

You can also renew your membership by fax, phone, or in person at the ABCFP offices using the forms available on the Membership Renewal page of the website.

[Membership Renewal](#)

Refer to the Membership Renewal Policy for complete details.

[Membership Renewal Policy](#)

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### 3. SEVEN NEW REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS FORMED

The 2008 registration exam is just around the corner. Some individuals have expressed interest in starting registration exam study groups in areas throughout the province. Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining one of these study groups.

Location: Campbell River  
Type: RPF  
Contact: Sarah Mukai, FIT  
E-mail: [sarah.mukai@interfor.com](mailto:sarah.mukai@interfor.com)

Location: Dawson Creek and Fort St John  
(Peace Region)  
Type: RPF and RFT  
Contact: Stephanie Haight, FIT  
E-mail: [Stephanie.Haight@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stephanie.Haight@gov.bc.ca)

Location: North Vancouver  
Type: RPF  
Contact: Jason Northcott, FIT  
E-mail: [jnorthcott@naturetrust.bc.ca](mailto:jnorthcott@naturetrust.bc.ca)

Location: Port McNeill  
Type: RPF  
Contact: Todd Yakielashek, FIT  
E-mail: [TYakielashek@westernforest.com](mailto:TYakielashek@westernforest.com)

Location: Prince George  
Type: RFT and RPF exam  
Contact: Franc Humar, RPF  
E-mail: [Franc.Humar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Franc.Humar@gov.bc.ca)

Location: Quesnel  
Type: RPF and RFT  
Contact: Amanda Davey, FIT  
E-mail: [amanda.davey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:amanda.davey@gov.bc.ca)  
or  
Lee Naeth, FIT  
E-mail: [lee.naeth@gov.bc.ca](mailto:lee.naeth@gov.bc.ca)

Location: Williams Lake  
Type: RPF and RFT study group  
Contact: Sally Sellars, FIT  
Email: [Sally.Sellars@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sally.Sellars@gov.bc.ca)  
or  
Kristofer Sigalet, FIT  
Email: [Kristofer.Sigalet@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kristofer.Sigalet@gov.bc.ca)

For more information about joining or starting a registration exam study group, visit the Study Groups page of the website.

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### 4. INDUCTEE ADS COMING TO A NEWSPAPER NEAR YOU

New inductees can look for their names in newspaper ads in mid-April. The ABCFP is placing ads in 34 newspapers around the province with publication dates in the middle of April. Most ads will appear in the weekly or bi-weekly community papers with the exception of ads for members living in the Lower Mainland (ads will appear in the Vancouver Sun), Victoria and surrounding area (Times Colonist) and Prince George and surrounding area (Prince George Citizen).

For more information, contact:

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\*Accredited Business Communicator

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## 5. ABCFP SPEAKS OUT AGAINST FORESTRY PROGRAM CLOSURES

In early March, the College of New Caledonia announced that it would stop intake into its forestry program for the semester starting in fall 2008. While the ABCFP did not have any prior knowledge of this announcement, the association immediately wrote a letter to the school expressing concern about the closures. Recently, it was announced that Malaspina University-College would be conducting a strategic review of its programs. Malaspina has not announced that its forestry programs are in danger of being cancelled; however, the ABCFP wanted the university-college to know how important its forestry programs are to the health of BC's forests so president Al Balogh, RPF, wrote to the president of Malaspina explaining how much the profession relies on the programs and committing to working with the school to ensure enrollment levels remain high.

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## 6. CHANGES MADE TO THE ABCFP CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The ABCFP has made some changes to the voluntary professional development program to make it easier to achieve 150 contact hours over five years and receive a certificate. Changes include:

- a. Clarification of Category 2 activities;
- b. The addition of 10 contact hours in Category 3 (if you write a series of forestry or forestry-related articles of a substantial nature in **BC Forest Professional** magazine, other magazines, newspapers or journals);
- c. The removal of "not more than 20 hours per year" as a restriction from Category 4, as well as the addition of being able to record one contact hour for each hour of Network of Forest Professionals (NFPs) related activity; and
- d. The removal of "not more than 10 hours per year" as a restriction from Category 5 as well as an increase from 30 to 60 hours maximum. The intent is to reward members who are involved with multiple committees.

These changes are retroactive and can be applied to Category 1 to 5 activities within any five year period.

For more information on the ABCFP Certificate of Professional Development, visit the Professional Development Program page of the website.

[Professional Development Program](#)

If you have questions, please contact:

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## **7. MEMBER MEETINGS FOR 2008**

In the last issue of The Increment we indicated that we would be visiting the Queen Charlottes/Haida Gwaii for member and First Nations meetings in July 2008. Unfortunately, we have to defer this trip to 2009 due to budgetary reasons. The member meetings from Vanderhoof to Smithers at the end of May will still proceed. Members in these areas will receive e-mail invitations. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have questions, please contact:

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## **8. CALL FOR EXPOFOR 2009 VOLUNTEER**

The ExpoFor standing host committee (SHC) recognizes the need for a local volunteer who will provide a connection to the community in which ExpoFor is being held. The SHC is therefore seeking someone based in the Prince George area to work with the committee for a one-year period. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact:

Amanda Brittain, ABC  
SHC Chair  
E-mail: [abrittain@abcfp.ca](mailto:abrittain@abcfp.ca)

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## **9. RFT SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMING IN APRIL**

At the next council meeting (April 3rd and 4th), staff will present council with a draft of the RFT scope of practice. Assuming that council approves this draft, it will be released to all members for comment before being finalized in May. Watch for a link to the RFT scope of practice on the ABCFP website ([www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca)) in early April.

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## **10. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND OBLIGATIONS WORKSHOP**

The ABCFP is currently developing a two-day workshop outlining professional ethics and obligations for members. This workshop will be first available in June as a pilot session in Kamloops and then will be offered in Prince George and Nanaimo later in the same month. After this, the workshop will be delivered at periodic intervals in various communities. It will also be offered by request in any location if there are a minimum number of registrants.

This workshop will focus on providing various ethics and obligations focused scenarios for discussion and will be of benefit to all members, especially those members preparing for the registration examination. It will provide an opportunity for peers to discuss and resolve professional issues at both a local and provincial level.

If you have any questions about this workshop, contact:

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## **11. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR 2007 ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATION?**

The deadline to submit Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms was January 31, 2008. To date, the evaluation forms of over 200 enrolled members (FITs, ASFITs, FPs, TFTs) 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 2007 or be eligible to write the 2008 registration exams.

If you missed the original deadline, you can still submit your Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation form by June 1, 2008.

Send to:

Registration Department  
Association of BC Forest Professionals  
1030-1188 West Georgia St  
Vancouver, BC V6E 4A2

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

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## **12. BC ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK FOR FORESTERS**

An electronic copy of the British Columbia Archaeological Resource Management Handbook for Foresters is now available on the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts' Archaeology Branch website. This handbook was developed to support forest professionals in effectively and efficiently managing archaeological resources as part of forestry operations.

[British Columbia Archaeological Resource Management Handbook for Foresters](#)

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## **13. FOREST CLUB DEALS**

The Forest Club affinity program provides great discounts for ABCFP members on a number of products and services. This month's featured merchants are:

### **Delta Hotels and Choice Hotels Canada**

Get away and save up to 20% on spring travel at Delta Hotels and Choice Hotels Canada.

## **Budget**

Save on car rentals worldwide and collect AirMiles(r) reward miles.

## **National**

Enjoy exclusive rates on car rentals.

## **ICN**

Save 20% on green fees at many BC golf courses.

Click on the link below to sign up and take advantage of these great offers.

<p><b>SIGN UP NOW</b> TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>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 <a href="http://abcfp.intrd.com">http://abcfp.intrd.com</a></p>
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For more information, visit the Affinity Programs page of the website.

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## **14. JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

There are currently 10 job opportunities on the Job Seekers page of our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

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## **15. QUESTIONS OR 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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