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Dear ABCFP Member:

The Increment e-newsletter is published most months 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.

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1. CALL FOR COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The association is now accepting council nominations from the membership at large. Elections will occur during December 2007 and January 2008. The 61st council will take office in February 2008 at ExpoFor 2008 in Penticton.

The nomination form is available online and nominations are due at **4:30 pm on November 15, 2007**.

[Council Election](#)

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2. REGISTRATION EXAM NEWS

The countdown is on. Only one week left before the 2007 registration exams are held on October 5, 2007, around the province. Good luck to this year's exam candidates!

All examinees should have received a letter earlier this month notifying them of their assigned exam writing location. If you did not receive this notice, please contact the registration department immediately.

The locations of the 2007 registration exams are also available on our website.

[Registration Exam Locations](#)

Exam Rules

Before writing the exam, carefully read the Registration Exam Rules available on our website.

[Registration Exam Rules](#)

Arrive Early

Registration exams will start promptly at 10 am in all locations. Make sure you arrive 20 to 30 minutes early for check in and bring at least one piece of photo ID.

If you have any questions or concerns about the 2007 registration exams contact:

Ruxandra Dobrescu
Registration Coordinator
Phone: 604.639.8102
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3. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership. A membership renewal notice will be sent to you during the first week of October. The deadline to renew is December 1st.

Active registered members (RPFs and RFTs) must complete three steps to renew their membership:

Step 1: Submit your 2007 Self-Assessment Declaration.

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 special permit holders only need to complete two steps to renew their membership 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.

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

[Steps to Renew](#)

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4. DETERMINE HOW TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF AN ELECTION OR BYLAW BALLOT

You can now determine how to receive notice of a council election or bylaw ballot either in your mailbox or e-mail box. E-mail voting is faster and easier than traditional mail ballot, but by default, your ballot will be mailed to you unless you change your notification.

Visit the Manage Your Mailings page of the website to change your notification method.

[Manage Your Mailings](#)

If you decide to receive your notification by e-mail, you will be required to cast your vote via the secure online balloting system. If you choose to receive your notification by mail, you will receive a mail ballot.

Visit the Voting page of the website for more information.

[Voting](#)

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5. FALL WORKSHOP: ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

Online registration is now available for the 2007 Fall Professional Development Workshop. The theme for this year's workshop is FRPA and professional obligations. This workshop will address operational questions about how professional reliance is supposed to work under FRPA.

Workshop Dates and Locations

Nanaimo – November 13th

Kamloops – November 20th

Web-cast (during Kamloops session) – November 20th

Prince George – November 22nd

For more information and to register online, visit the Workshops page of the website.

[Workshops](#)

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6. FEE INCREASE BASED ON THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ABCFP membership fees will increase in 2008 to match the 1.8% increase in the Consumer Price Index (inflation). RPF fees will increase by \$5.94 and RFT fees will increase by \$5.40. FIT fees will increase by \$4.45, FP fees will increase by \$5.20 and TFT fees will go up by \$4.14.

Council has the option of adjusting members' annual fees according to the Consumer Price Index each year (see Bylaw 9.4). This action has not been taken since 2002. The adjustment for 2008 is necessary due to the increasing cost of doing business.

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7. FACES OF FORESTRY

Our members have done so much for our sector that we have decided to get them some recognition. We want to get the faces of our great sector out into the public. We have implemented the Faces of Forestry program which will be used to showcase forest professionals on our website and in our 60th anniversary catalogue. If you want to be part of this program contact:

Amit Plaha

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8. EXPOFOR 2008 CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

ExpoFor 2008 takes place in Penticton from February 20 to 22, 2008. Volunteers are needed to fill a number of positions such as registration clerks, rapporteurs and public forum hosts. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Amanda Brittain by November 1, 2007.

Amanda Brittain, ABC

Director of Communications

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9. ABCFP AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year at ExpoFor, the ABCFP is pleased to present several awards to both members and non-members. You can nominate a worthy individual by visiting our website. All nominations must be received by November 15th.

Members can be nominated for the following awards: Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Forest Professional, Professional Forester of the Year and Forest Technologist of the Year. Non-members can be nominated for the ABCFP Honorary Membership and the ABCFP Award of Merit in Sustainable Forestry.

The ABCFP is also pleased to present two awards jointly with fellow professional associations. The Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management is sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Biologists of BC. The Forest Engineering Award of Excellence is sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

For details on how to make a nomination, go to the Awards Nomination page of the website.

[Award Nominations](#)

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10. ART CONTEST OPEN TO MEMBERS' CHILDREN

To celebrate National Forest Week, the ABCFP and the Truck Loggers Association (TLA) is holding an art competition. The art competition invites kids, aged 4 to 12, to draw a picture of what the forests mean to them. There will be a winner in each of the three age groups. Winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Chapters and will have his/her picture published in the ABCFP and TLA magazines. This competition is also open to the children of our members. Visit our Raising Our Profile page of the website to download the art competition entry form.

[Raising our Profile](#)

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11. FOREST CAPITAL DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

Make 2008 the year to celebrate forests in your community by nominating your community to be the 2008 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.

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 of BC](#)

Nomination Deadline: November 15, 2007

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12. INTERESTED IN ELECTRONIC SIGNING AND SEALING?

The ABCFP is investigating the possibility of offering members a secure means of electronically sealing professional documents that must be submitted via the Internet. The service would ensure data integrity by providing a member's digital signature that will guarantee authenticity, supplying an electronic image of a member's seal and confirming that the individual is authorized to practise by the ABCFP.

This service would require significant set-up costs on behalf of the ABCFP. Members who participate would also be required to purchase electronic keys and certificates (roughly estimated at \$160 per certificate), as well as subscribe to an annual support fee (estimated at \$250 a year). Volume discounts could be made available.

If this service interests you, or if you have any comments or questions, please contact:

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13. ABCFP WELCOMES NEW STAFF

The ABCFP is pleased to announce that Mike Larock, RPF, is the new director of professional practice and forest stewardship and that Randy Trerise, RPF, is the new registrar.

Mike is based in Courtenay and has been a volunteer at the ABCFP serving on council as both member and president (in 2001). He is also the current chair of the board of examiners. Mike is an active member of the CIF, North Island Woodlot Association, Woodlot Product Development Council and is a honorary member of ASTTBC.

He holds a BSc in forestry from UBC, is an accredited silviculture surveyor and has a certificate from the Silviculture Institute of BC. Mike is also a woodlot licensee and private forest land owner. When Mike joins the ABCFP staff on October 15th, he can be reached at:

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Randy is based in Grand Forks and has been a volunteer with the ABCFP for many years. He sat on council for five years, including one year as president in 2005. Randy has spent most of his working career with Pope & Talbot. He is a member of the FORREX board of directors and has volunteered at the association and with many other organizations in the past. When Randy joins the ABCFP on October 9th, he can be reached at:

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14. GET IN ON THE DISCUSSIONS

The latest topic posted on the discussion form is Wildfire Hazard Assessment and Abatement in the Wildland-Urban Interface. Register today for the discussion forum to view and participate in this discussion topic.

To register, use your **full first and last names as your username**. All registrations are subject to approval by the forum administrator. Approvals will take approximately one business day. To register, visit:

[ABCFP Discussion Forum](#)

If you have any questions or comments about the discussion forum, contact the forum administrator:

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Direct: 604-639-810

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15. CALL FOR VIEWPOINTS AUTHORS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF BCFP

We need your help to find authors for the January/February 2008 issue of the magazine. Although 2008 seems far away, the article deadline for this issue is **November, 6, 2007**, which is just around the corner.

The theme of the January/February issue is the Application of Research in Practice. We are looking for authors to present case studies of projects they are involved in where the latest research is being applied to forestry practice.

Some of the topics the editorial board thinks would be interesting to explore are listed below, but don't be afraid to offer additional suggestions.

Potential Topics

- Wood processing of beetle-killed wood
- Harvesting and site preparation
- Tree breeding
- How research is being directly applied to management for:
 - Mountain pine beetle
 - Mountain caribou
 - Spotted owl

If you, or someone you know, is interested in writing an article for the upcoming issue of **BC Forest Professional** contact Denise by **October 4th**.

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16. PLANNING UTOPIA PROJECT

Forsite, on behalf of the ABCFP, invites you to a series of free workshops that will be held over six weeks to continue dialogue on the concept of a 'planning utopia.' The workshops will cover the current forest planning framework and a vision for a 'planning utopia.' Attendees will then be challenged to brainstorm on the current barriers to reaching an improved planning framework and opportunities for address these barriers.

Locations and Dates

Kamloops: October 18, 2007

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thompson Rivers University

Panorama Room, International Building

Campbell River: October 25, 2007

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Campbell River Elks Hall

Prince George: November 1, 2007

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Prince George Civic Centre

To register please email: planningutopia@forsite.ca.

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17. UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) will be holding professional development events dealing with climate change and negotiation skills.

Negotiation Skills

Fort St John: October 19, 2007

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Professionals in a Changing Global Climate

Fort St John: November 8, 2007

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

For more information visit the ProD calendar on our website

[ProD Calendar](#)

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18. FOREST CLUB DEALS

The Forest Club affinity program provides great discounts for ABCFP members on a number of products and services. Forest Club has negotiated discounts on 2007/2008 lift

passes at the following ski hills and is **only available to purchase from October 1-November 15th 2007**.

- Whistler / Blackcomb - 25% off lift passes
- Big White (Kelowna) - 15% off lift passes
- Sun Peaks (Vernon) - 15% off lift passes
- Silver Star (Kamloops) - 15% off lift passes

SIGN UP NOW

TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS
OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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://abefp.intrd.com>

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

[Affinity Programs](#)

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19. CALL FOR SPONSORS

Some enrolled members, including Foresters in Training and Trainee Forest Technologists, are having difficulty finding sponsors to guide them through the Articling Program (formerly called the Sponsoring Forester Program).

Consider sponsoring enrolled members to 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.

[Sponsor a New Member](#)

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20. JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 17 job opportunities on our website. Please check back often, as new jobs are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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21. 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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22. UNSUBSCRIBE

If you do not wish to receive future issues of the Increment e-newsletter, please contact:

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