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RPFNL & CIF-NL to Explore the Ecological Services of Forests and their Sustained Management at the 2019 Annual General Meeting & Conference

ST. JOHN'S, NL - The Newfoundland and Labrador Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of Newfoundland and Labrador will be hosting the 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference, October 22 to 24, 2019 at the Comfort Inn, 106 Airport Road, St. John's, NL. The theme of the conference is: "Ecological Services of the Forest and their Sustained Management".

A forests ecological services can include oxygen production, carbon sequestration, regulation of water flow and quality, habitat production, soil stabilization and nutrient cycling. As forest stands age and cycle, these services occur at various degrees and function at different rates. The conference will explore the many and varied benefits humans freely gain from the natural environment and properly functioning ecosystems and examine the critical role of sustainable forest management.

Attendees will get to hear several distinguished speakers including Keynote Speaker, Dr. Peter Duinker, Professor Emeritus, School for Resource and Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University. Dr. Duinker will focus on Ecological Services in terms of timber producing forests, the dynamic nature of forests and how contributions to various ecosystem services can change over time.

"I am very excited to welcome attendees and my fellow speakers from academia, parks, and other resource fields. In terms of better understanding sustainable management, our varied backgrounds will no doubt provide valuable insight to our members and guests."

Dr. Joseph Bowden

Chair, Canadian Institute of Forestry – Newfoundland and Labrador Section

"Increased public awareness, higher environmental standards and the social significance of our forest resources, dictate the need for the utmost degree of competency in our members. Conferences like this will ensure that Registered Professional Foresters practicing in the province are well-equipped to manage our forest resources."

Wes Morgan, RPF

President, Association of Registered Professional Foresters of Newfoundland and Labrador

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About RPFNL - Association of Registered Professional Foresters of Newfoundland and Labrador

The Association of Registered Professional Foresters of Newfoundland & Labrador is responsible for registering and regulating professional foresters in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Established in 1996, and bound by the Foresters Act (2011), the association is dedicated to the advocacy, promotion and professional practice of forestry within the province. Only members who have demonstrated competence in the profession and have agreed to the RPFNL Code of Ethics are permitted to use the title Registered Professional Forester (RPF).

The objectives of the association are:

- a. to establish and maintain high standards of professional ethics and excellence for members;
- b. to assure the general public of the knowledge, skill, proficiency and competency of members;
- c. to promote and improve the knowledge, skill, proficiency and competency of members; and
- d. to foster the professional practice of forestry, in a manner that is in the best interest of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

About CIF-NL - Canadian Institute of Forestry – Newfoundland and Labrador Section

Established in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the oldest forest society in Canada! The Institute serves as the voice of forest practitioners representing foresters, forest technologists and technicians, ecologists, biologists, educators and many others with a professional interest in forestry.

The Institute is dedicated to:

- a. Providing national leadership in forestry;
- b. Promoting competency among forestry professionals; and
- c. Fostering public awareness of forestry issues.

Members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Section include forest practitioners from the province employed in a diverse array of occupations. Employers include provincial government departments (e.g. Forestry, Environment, Wildlife and Crown Lands), municipal and indigenous governments; academia at both the university and college level, industry, private sector, and non-governmental organizations. The Newfoundland and Labrador Section has been providing leadership and promoting professional competency in Newfoundland and Labrador since 1956.