



Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board
Bureau canadien d'agrément en foresterie

Other News

Dr. David Farrar, Provost of the University of British Columbia, has announced that Dr. John Innes has been appointed Dean, Faculty of Forestry, for a six-year term effective July 1, 2010.

Dr. Innes is Professor and FRBC (Forest Renewal British Columbia) Chair of Forest Management at UBC. He received a BA (Hons.) And PhD from the University of Cambridge, and held positions at several universities in the UK including Cambridge. In 1986, he was appointed as Senior Scientific Officer with the UK Forestry Commission tasked with assessing the health of the Great Britain's forests. In 1992, he was recruited to join the Swiss Federal Institute of Forest, Snow and Landscape Research, where again he undertook an assessment of national forest health among other responsibilities.

Since coming to UBC in 1999, Dr Innes' research has focussed on sustainable forest management involving projects on slope stability, bird population studies and the effects of cumulative impacts of development on the way of life of First Nations in northeast BC. As well, he has undertaken forest management-related studies in Brazil, China and Mexico. His teaching has concentrated on international issues, evolution and ecology and conservation and management.

Dr. Innes has strong international interests and is currently one of the two Vice-Presidents of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). He is also Vice Chair of the Commonwealth Forestry Association.

Dr. Innes succeeds the outgoing Dean, Dr. Jack Saddler, who has held the position for the last ten years and who has contributed strongly to UBC's national and international success over the past decade. [July 2010.]

Steve Hoyt, R.P.F., who served as Chairman of the CFAB for almost 20 years, announced to his Board colleagues in late summer that he would be stepping down at the end of December, 2009. Steve was also the appointee for the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick and has relinquished that position as well.

Steve was the second Chairman of the Board taking up the position in 1990 shortly after its establishment (1989). He undertook his duties in a collegial manner and exercised leadership that can only be admired. He guided the Board through its learning period of the first program accreditation reviews at the (then) six schools of forestry across Canada and subsequently witnessed the spread of forestry education to an additional two schools.

A particular challenge for Steve and the Board came in the first decade of the 21st century as the professional associations moved to adopt pan-Canadian certification standards and to switch entrance requirement emphasis from knowledge-based education to competency-based education. This required the subsequent revision of the academic standards for accreditation employed by the CFAB in its evaluation of university level forestry programs across Canada. It was Steve's even-handed but firm leadership throughout this process that enabled the Board to complete the undertaking with a minimum of

difficulty and to ensure that the accreditation standards were full harmonized with the certification standards of the profession.

Steve's presence and good humour will be missed by the Board as it proceeds through the fourth round of program accreditations and the implementation of the new set of accreditation standards. His colleagues on the Board extend their very best wishes to Steve and his wife, Lorraine, for the future in all their endeavours.

Peter Marshall, R.P.F., the appointee of the Association of BC Forest Professionals, has succeeded Steve as Chair of the Board. [January 2010]

All professional forester/forest engineer associations in Canada are member agencies of the Board. [July 2010]