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INSTITUTE NEWS

NZIF Council activities

The full Council met in July, November and February and an Executive consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer have met at about monthly intervals.

The main highlights of the meetings have been:

1. New Zealand's prestigious forestry award, the Kirk Horn Flask and Medal, will be presented for the first time at the Annual General Meeting in May next year.

2. A NZ Forest Service award will be instituted based on donations received for this purpose.

3. The implementation of the new membership categories has been undertaken. All affiliate members would automatically become Associate members; the election of the first Fellows has begun.

4. An 'Issues Committee' comprising Ms Crozier and Messrs Bunn, Cameron, and Vaughan has been involved in preparing a number of submissions for the Institute.

5. Council has put forward a nomination for the Richard St Barbe Baker Foundation's third Man of the Trees Award. Our President was invited to be part of the nominating committee.

6. The topic of professional registration has been under consideration.

7. The financial state of the Institute has been of concern and efforts have been made to remind those with late subscriptions, to sell more handbooks and to trim costs.

8. Council has also been involved with matters relating to consultants, membership, the journal and general administration.



Preparation for NZIF 1988 Conference/AGM is progressing well

Planning for the New Zealand Institute of Foresters 1988 Conference and AGM is well under way. The conference, to be held at the THC Chateau, Tongariro, from 11th-15th May, has the theme "National Lands - Mechanisms of Management".

The technical sessions of the conference address issues and conflicts involving land-use planning, user pays philosophy and the approach and attitudes being adopted by the newly-created corporations and departments to the management of public lands.

Full programme details and registration form will be sent to all members.

Plan now to attend.

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Award to commemorate NZ Forest Service

The NZIF has been the recipient of approximately \$6000 from the residual funds of the various social and other groups within the Forest Service. These funds will be utilized by the Institute to set up an annual award for outstanding contributions to practical forestry to commemorate the record of the NZ Forest Service in training competent forest managers.

A small committee will be working on the rules and reporting back to Council. It is envisaged that local sections will be responsible for nominations from their region. Suggestions on the name and conditions will be welcomed by Lindsay Vaughan, Harry Bunn and Tom Johnson.

Thomas Kirk award

NZ Institute of Foresters has received, through the Royal Society, a silver and horn flask presented to Thomas Kirk by Captain Campbell Walker earlier this century. No doubt the flask was carried and well used by Kirk on many of the botanical expeditions that have led to him being so closely associated with the flora of New Zealand.

Kirk's outstanding work on, and knowledge of the forest botany of New Zealand is recognized in plant names and publications. The Institute, through the availability of the flask and a small associated sum of money, now has an opportunity to both recognize Kirk's work and promote similar levels of endeavour in the wider forestry field.

Council of the Institute have agreed to use the flask and money as the basis for an award to be made in alternate years, the Thomas Kirk Award. It is to recognize outstanding contributions to Forestry (in the widest sense) and would consist of the Kirk Horn Flask (held for a month) and a medal to be retained by the winner.

The Institute have examined the costs of manufacturing dies and casting medals for this prestigious award and find that the cost is quite substantial. We

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are fortunate in receiving a small sum to help with the project, and a number of organizations and individuals have already also assisted substantially with contributions. Council have accordingly decided to proceed with the project. However, because the award also adds to the standing and recognition of the Institute and its membership, and its attainment is open to all members, some of you may also be interested in making individual contributions to the fund.

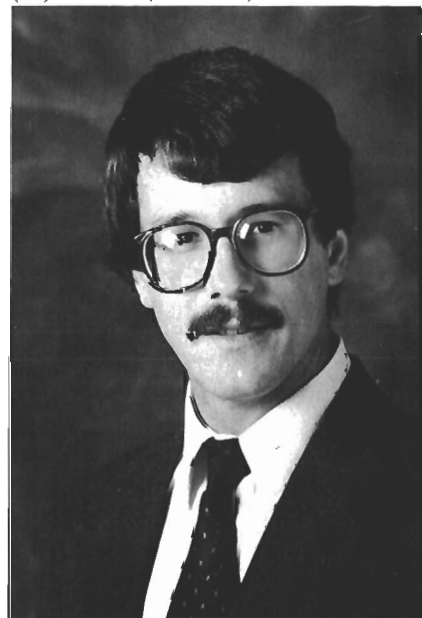
We hope you will agree with Council that an award of this nature helps to recognize both the importance of forests to the people of New Zealand and the significant efforts that are made to ensure that our forestry science and technology advances with that of the rest of the world.

Anyone wishing to assist is accordingly asked to send donations (even the most modest are of assistance) to the Treasurer over the next few weeks.

Journal has new Business Manager

New Zealand Forestry has a new business manager. Dr. E. M. (Ted) Bilek has volunteered to help with the business management aspects of the journal.

Ted, an American import, is the economist at the University of Canterbury School of Forestry. He has a strong business background with a BBA and MBA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is responsible for improving circulation and advertising. In doing this, he is working closely with the Editor and with the Council. Any questions concerning advertising may be directed to him. His telephone number is (03) 482-009 (ext. 8121).



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