

- NZIF review its Code of Ethics and in so doing consider the addition of a requirement that members undertake CPD as a part of their professional responsibilities.
- NZIF review the demographics of its members, membership categories, locations and take further actions as appropriate.
- NZIF explore the feasibility of publishing membership lists by region and action as appropriate.
- The CPD Task Force develop a plan outlining CPD policy, and the how, when and by whom details of CPD initiatives, with such a plan contributing to the overall strategic plan. The process needs to allow for consultation with the membership and take into account the trends in training and development in other professions in New Zealand.
- A more formal recognition or registration scheme be explored and progressed for forestry consultants. Following review of the options, a discussion paper be prepared for consultation with the wider membership. This needs to cover: the purpose of the scheme, eligibility, standards (including Code of Ethics, CPD requirements, etc), assessment methods for achieving recognition/registration, the monitoring or review process which will be established, how the scheme will be marketed and any implications for the accrediting body.
- NZIF explore ways of endorsing the specialist expertise of individual members, e.g. specialist register, endorsement of membership category, or incorporation into the proposed registration system.

The census has revealed many areas for NZIF to explore and action. The effort that was directed into the formulation of this study and the whole-hearted response from the membership bode well for the evolution of the Institute as it develops and responds to the needs of its members into the 21st century.

Schlich Medal

The Institute has made two Schlich awards to Canterbury School of Forestry students finishing in 1993. Angus Malcolm, who received his award at the AGM in Nelson, was the top academic student in 1993. He also received the University Faculty of Forestry Prize. Catherine Aiken was awarded hers for excellent all-round performance in academic results and cultural contributions. Both were very worthy recipients of the medal.

Graham Whyte

Membership Changes

In the nine months between October 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994 the Institute Council has processed 77 applications for membership from new and returning members and 12 resignations. These names are listed below.

APPLICATIONS

Beath, P.	Gilbert, P.G.	Ogle, R.M.
Bertram, M.	Gillett, P.	Orchard, R.
Bishop, D.M.	Gray, J.	Parker, A.F.
Boyer, I.C.	Gresham, S.	Perry, B.
Brophy, J.	Guard, H.	Reid, A.D.
Bryan, D.G.	Hall, M.	Richards, A.S.
Bullivant, G.B.	Hall, P.W.	Riddell, N.A.
Cadman, A.L.	Hornby, J.V.	Robinson, P.A.
Cannon, L.	Jayasuriya, A.W.A.	Scott, E.
Carlisle, S.	Keer-Keer, A.	Shirley, R.E.
Cherry, R.G.	Kirk, P.M.	Sloggett, J.
Clark, P.A.	Lawrence, R.R.	Smart, P.
Clarke, M.	Lee, S.W.	Smith, C.
Cochrane, J.	Lovelock, B.	Stafford, J.
Crang, J.	Lyon, C.	Syme, J.
Cutfield, A.	Macdonald, R.	Taylor, R.S.
Davies-Colley, P.	MacKenzie, M.J.	Thomson, J.W.
Denton, B.	Marshall, P.	Thornycroft, J.H.
Dickson, R.	Martin, H.	Van der Leden, M.
Eyre, J.R.	Maunder, C.	Wallace, I.M.
Feast, G.	May, R.	Watson, M.K.
Fielder, M.	McCracken, I.J.	Watt, P.
Fox, I.H.	McKercher, M.	Weterings, R.
Fulton, J.	Meine, S.	Weytmans, K.
Fung, L.	Nash, K.	Yeoman, S.
Garden, E.R.H.	Nicholls, S.	

RESIGNATIONS

Clemett, N.L.	Gilbert, E.D.	Moore, T.
Cowan, M.A.	Hayward, W.J.	Nicholls, M.C.P.
Depta, D.J.	Hodgkinson, P.J.	Poole, D.J.
Forsell, J.	McKeesick, H.A.	Skipworth, M.

TREES AND SOILS

The effect of monocultures of trees on soils has been argued for many years. It is an issue that is likely to grow as people continue to question plantation sustainability.

A workshop was held at Lincoln University late last February to review our knowledge on the effects of trees on soil properties, and to look at how experiments should be designed to investigate this question. The workshop was organised by Dr Don Mead and Professor Ian Cornforth and was attended by delegates from Sweden, Canada, United States, Britain and Australia, as well as from New Zealand.

Although it was apparent there have

been many studies, there have been very few definitive trials. A clear conclusion of the workshop was the need to carefully plan and execute a few very well designed, long-term field trials. A workshop proceedings will be published.

Since the meeting Don Mead and Ian Cornforth have begun preliminary studies on litter quality for a range of tree species. These studies will provide a basis for selecting tree species to include in trials. A trial close to Lincoln University trial is expected to be planted in the winter of 1996. It is anticipated that the trial will become the focus of detailed process studies, so leading to a deeper understanding of the problem.