



## President's comments

### Thanks to Past President Peter Olsen

The revitalisation of the NZIF over the past four years owes much to the leadership and energy of Peter Olsen as President. Peter assumed the role at a time when the Institute was just struggling out of the depression and divisions resulting from the political changes in the late 80s which had impacted so negatively on many members.

In his pragmatic and hard-working style Peter set about forming various working groups in a number of important professional areas such as Forest Valuation, Sustainability, Science and Professional Development. These, and a number of other groups, have produced quality contributions which have enhanced the standing of the Institute.

I have worked with Peter for a number of years now, within LIRO and NZIF Council, and have appreciated his exceptional breadth of knowledge, energy and willingness to debate industry and professional issues. We are fortunate that Peter is keen to continue on in Council as Vice President.

### Registration

Following adoption of the registration proposals at the 1996 AGM in Invercargill, members of the Registration Task Group met with the Consultants Recognition Committee to discuss implementation of the Registration Scheme. The Consultants Recognition Committee will form the initial NZIF Registration Board. Consultant Kathrine Fraser, who has been assisting the Registration Task Group over the last two years, will continue to provide valuable assistance to the implementation phase. The main work areas to be progressed prior to October are:

- Definition of the administrative support requirements, particularly Registrar duties required to support the expected levels of application and registration processes. To assist in planning this work flow, a brief survey was circulated to the membership with the July 2 Council meeting bullet points, to gain an indication of members' intentions to apply for registration.
- Guidelines for assessing whether an applicant member "displays an understanding of basic principles underlying the forestry process involved in the member's particular area of qualifica-

tion and expertise", listing currently available forestry qualifications and identifying those acceptable as prima facie evidence of understanding.

- Protection of titles.
- Design and production of application forms, compliance certificates etc.
- Determining suitable attendance fees for meetings of the Registration Board, Discrepancy Committee, etc.
- Setting an application fee for registration.
- Promotion of the new Registration Scheme.

In the period from October the Task Group will return to the outstanding issues of reviewing the Honorary and Fellow Member categories, and also to considering the need for a Forest Management Category within the membership for those who do not meet registration criteria, but who offer a particular level of service to the public.

### Promotion

New Councillor Paul Smale has taken on the portfolio for promotion and public

relations. The July 2, 1996 Council meeting endorsed Paul's recommended promotional goals as being to:

- increase membership;
- publicise the new registration and membership structure;
- increase the profile of the Institute to the public as a whole;
- increase the profile of the Institute to employers;
- promote public awareness of the Registered Forestry Consultants Scheme.

Proposals are being sought from professionals in these areas to assist the Institute in achieving its goals.

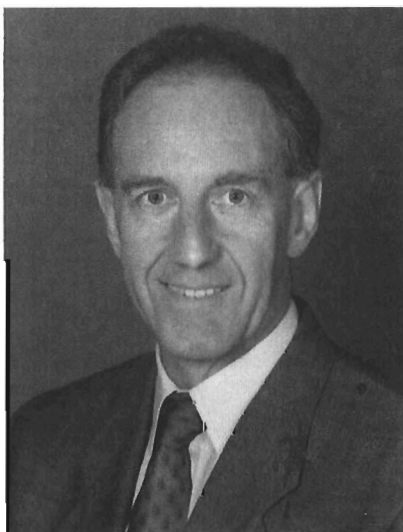
On the matter of developing the Institute's ability to respond to public issues regarding forestry, it was decided that in view of the very considerable resources and expertise required to be able to respond adequately and promptly to issues as they arise, it was better to put effort into developing proactive material on professional issues, for timely release.

**John Galbraith  
President**

## John Galbraith – incoming President

John Galbraith is the new President of the NZ Institute of Forestry and the first engineer to hold the position. He started with NZ Forest Products Ltd in Kinleith in 1967 and graduated in mechanical engineering from Canterbury University in

1971. He worked in the logging department and then undertook postgraduate training at the University of New Brunswick, graduating with a M.Sc. in forest engineering in 1977. He returned to Kinleith in logging management positions and served as Wood Supply Manager from 1980.



John Galbraith

### Technical Focus

John took over from Jim Spiers as Director of LIRA in 1984. He brought a strong technical focus, expertise in cable logging and transportation, a good understanding of industry requirements, and a commitment to training and education. He oversaw the computerisation of LIRA as it moved from a single mini-computer to personal computers on researchers' desks and Husky Hunters in the forest. During his time with LIRA, there was a significant upgrading of technical and research skills and the development of a closer working relationship with the Harvesting Research Group at the Forest Research Institute.

John returned to NZFP (then Elders