Change to Code of Ethics

On October 2, 1986 Council decided that item (i) "he shall not check the work of colleagues without the latter being informed" be deleted from the Code of Ethics. Item (j) now becomes item (i). This change was made at the recommendation of the Consultants Committee.

Reason for change

The NZIF Code of Ethics is not part of the constitution. While members are only asked to follow the code in their dealings with the public, clients, employees and colleagues, the consultants have to declare in writing their intention to abide by the code.

It is therefore essential that a Code of Ethics be practical and provide protection for the public as well as our members. Almost every member will break the rule (i) sometime in their life. It might well prevent any independent refereeing of work. Sometimes a member may be asked by a superior to check on a colleague's work. To follow the Code of Ethics could well upset employee/employer relationships.

For the consultants the problem is even greater. Take the example of consultant "A" who does work for client "Z". For an independent check "Z" approaches consultant "B". If "B" accepts and does not tell "A" he breaks the Code of Ethics. If he tells "A" he may not only lose client "Z" but also have given him the impression that the forestry profession is a closed shop.

NZIF joins IUSF

The Council of the Institute decided on April 17, 1986 to join the International Union of Societies of Foresters. This body was set up in 1969 and its objectives are "to promote international cooperation for the advancement and practice and profession of forestry and of professional foresters throughout the world". Council hopes members will benefit by the closer liaison with sister organizations throughout the world.