Joint Australia and New Zealand Institute of Forestry Conference

Australasian forestry - a strategic vision for the future

April 27 - 31, 2003
Queenstown, New Zealand

The Institutes of Forestry of Australia and New Zealand are pleased to announce a joint four-day conference to look at the breadth of issues impacting on forests and forestry management strategy into the future. ANZIF Conferences happen only every five or six years. They are always memorable events.

The management of forests requires a long term and broad outlook, something that has not always been apparent over the last few decades, as forestry restructurings have sometimes compelled a short-term and narrow focus. The time is overdue for forestry managers to once again lift their eyes from today's issues to the strategy of tomorrow.

The conference speakers will examine:

• The role of strategic planning in Australasian forestry management;
• International trade issues facing Australasian forestry;
• Management strategies and opportunities for our forests, and for forest products and services down the supply chain;
• Environmental issues in Australasian forestry;
• Social issues in Australasian forestry;
• The role of government;
• The forestry profession's response to changing industry and social values, and;
• Changing information, research and training requirement

The conference promises to be very thought provoking, and will bring together field foresters, forest company managers, scientists, policy makers, university staff and students concerned with Australasian forestry from plantations to protection forests. As always, the conference will be an excellent opportunity to catch up with colleagues, and develop new contacts. Field trips and a post conference South Island tour will be part of the programme.

Voluntary and selected keynote papers contributing to the various sub-themes are being invited. Further details are available on the 2003 ANZIF Conference website through the NZIF site: www.forestry.org.nz. Take the opportunity to have your say about forestry strategy, and what issues we must address.

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Douglas fir 2-year-old bare rooted seedlings being planted on new land.

Measuring an 84-year-old Douglas fir in Flagstaff Forest, City Forests Ltd.