



## 2006 SFM Network Conference Sustaining Canada's Forests: Building Momentum

### About the Conference

Mark your calendars – June 20-22, 2006 – for Canada's premier forest-research conference! The purpose of the conference is twofold: (a) to share with forest researchers and practitioners and other interested persons the latest advances in sustainable forest management (SFM) knowledge developed by Network researchers and (b) to show how this new knowledge is being used in practice to guide SFM decision-making by Network partners.

### About the SFM Network

The SFM Network is the leading university-based forest research network in Canada. Founded in 1995, and having received funding renewal from the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence program through 2009, the SFM Network is a national partnership in research and training excellence. Its mission is to deliver an internationally recognized, interdisciplinary program that undertakes relevant university-based research. It develops networks of researchers and industry, government and First Nation partners, and offers innovative approaches to knowledge transfer. The Network trains scientists and advanced practitioners to meet the challenges of SFM.

### Conference Schedule

June 19, 2006

- Special session (media training), SFM Network Board Meeting

June 20, 2006

- Registration, opening plenary, concurrent sessions, posters

June 21, 2006

- Plenaries, concurrent sessions, posters, banquet

June 22, 2006

- Concurrent sessions and closing plenary. Field trips begin after lunch.

### Conference Chair

- Peter Duinker, Dalhousie University (Research-Area Leader, SFM Network)

### Concurrent Sessions and Posters

Most speakers will be either representatives from the Network's various Partner organizations – including provincial governments, forest-products companies, First Nations, non-government organizations, and others – or Network-funded professors, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows from member universities across Canada. Presentations will focus on important SFM issues throughout Canada and the world. Among the many themes to be covered are integrated land management, evolution of sustainable forest-dependant communities, water-management strategies, public participation in planning processes, natural disturbance management and emulation, climate change adaptation, and tenure reform. The conference will feature keynote presentations, implementation showcases, research presentations (papers and posters), and discussion forums.

To date, a total of thirteen (13) Network Partner implementation showcases are planned involving representatives from Alberta Environment, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Alberta-

Pacific Forest Industries, Bowater Mersey Paper Co. Ltd., Canadian Ecology Centre (Tembec), Environment Canada, Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd., J.D. Irving and the Whitefeather Forest Management Corporation.

### **Invited Speakers** (to date)

- Mr. Avrim Lazar, President and CEO, Forest Products Association of Canada,
- Grand Chief Edward John, First Nations Summit, British Columbia,
- Dr. Suzanne Fortier, President, National Sciences and Engineering Research Council,
- Ms. Paule Têtu, Sous-ministre associée, Forêt Québec, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune,
- Dr. George Stankey, US Forest Service, Corvallis, Oregon (retired),
- Dr. Cliff White, Conservation Biologist, Parks Canada, Banff National Park.

### **Some Selected Partner Showcase Topics**

- Adapting to climate change,
- Water-based conservation,
- Maintaining old growth structure and values,
- Defining effective characteristics for forest industry-researcher partnerships,
- New Aboriginal approaches for land-use planning and research,
- Decision supports for sustainable forest management,
- Integrating new knowledge for the benefit of Grizzly bear habitat.

### **Some Selected Discussion Forum Topics**

- Global forest competitiveness,
- 'State of the Debate' on the future of Canada's Boreal forest,
- Network's impact on practice, planning and policy,
- Rethinking land tenure across Canada (stumpage prices, land lease security etc.)
- Reforming Aboriginal forest tenure in Canada,
- Sustainable framework for riparian forests.

### **Special Session**

#### **Media training** (*½ day afternoon session*)

For the first time, the Network will hold a special half-day media training session that will be of interest to any forest professional or Network student who would appreciate first rate counsel on how to properly interact with the media. *Mr. Tom Donoghue*, an internationally recognized media expert who has counseled politicians and CEOs, will discuss who the media are, what they do and why they do the things they do, and will conduct simulated television media interviews with some audience participants. Cost per participant is \$40. This fee is being subsidized by the SFM Network to encourage attendance (100 seat maximum).

### **Remaining Informed and Registering**

Up-to-date information about the conference, including the registration form, is available at all times on the SFM Network website: <http://www.sfmnetwork.ca/english/events/workshops.htm>