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Australian and New Zealand Institutes of Foresters (ANZIF) joint Conference 25th-28th August, 2019, Christchurch, New Zealand

Call for papers

The Institute of foresters of Australia and New Zealand Institute of Forestry call for papers for our joint conference in August, 2019.

Please submit a title and abstract of no more than 500 words by February 28th 2019 to Euan Mason via email (euan.mason@canterbury.ac.nz). The title should be in Calibri 14 point font, the abstract should be in Calibri 12 point font, and your document should be in MS Word format.

Conference theme:

The Forest Newsfeed: Communicating Forestry in the Connected Age

The arrival of the connected age has increased the exposure of the forestry sector to public scrutiny. In this new era, forestry appears to be thrust into the limelight with effects on the environment that provoke public concern. While the trees we plant sequester carbon, droughts and bushfires increasingly undermine our work. Our forests protect soil and water, but when super-storms wash harvest residues into the public arena, we must reconsider how our forests influence others. We need to share our vision of where forestry is going, and promote all the benefits forestry can provide. As a sector we need to manage the forest newsfeed by communicating forestry in the connected age. This conference will consider how forests interact with society, explore ways we can best promote the merits of our sector, and discuss changes needed to meet society's expectations.

Suggested topics:

1. Benefits of forestry that don't impact directly on the bottom line, such as erosion control, habitat, carbon storage, and recreation
2. Adverse effects of forestry, such as sedimentation, slash management, health & safety
3. Public perceptions of forestry, GMOs, pesticides, what the public wants from our sector
4. Fire risk, management and control
5. Multiple bottom line accounting: How do we do it, and what are the units?
6. Small scale forestry
7. How do we establish relationships and engage with communities? This may include impacts of corporate-style forestry on local communities, and community forestry
8. National environmental standards
9. Forests of the future
10. Submissions from early career professionals from all industries (not only forestry) that would be interested in presenting during a "Future Foresters" session. This session is aimed to encourage forward thinking and address the changes necessary as we look towards the future of forestry and those who will shape this pathway.