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ABCFP Awards Recognize Contributions to Forestry in 2021

Vancouver — The **Association of BC Forest Professionals** (ABCFP) is recognizing 17 forest professionals with awards for their outstanding service and contributions to bettering the practice of forestry across the province in **2021**.

“Peer recognition of a job well done or extended excellence over the course of a career is both humbling and meaningful to the forest professionals responsible for caring for one of BC’s most treasured resources,” said **Garnet Mierau**, RPF, ABCFP president.

“Through hard work, dedication, and working closely with local communities, these forest professionals are ensuring the sustainable management of BC’s forests for future generations.”

The ABCFP awards are based on nominations submitted by other forest professionals. The winners were honoured at the ABCFP’s [74th annual forestry conference and AGM](#), held virtually **February 2-4, 2022**.

The **Distinguished Forest Professional** award recognizes ABCFP registrants for outstanding contributions to the profession and for furthering the association’s principles. This year, the ABCFP recognized four Distinguished Forest Professionals: **Stephen Lorimer**, RPF, of **Ladysmith**, **Garry Mancell**, LLB, RPF, of **Vancouver**, **Peter Marshall**, PhD, RPF, of **North Vancouver**, and **Ken Zielke**, RPF, of **West Vancouver**.

The **Professional Forester of the Year** award recognizes an RPF for outstanding recent service to the profession of forestry and for furthering the principles of the ABCFP.

This year’s winner is **Tawnya Collins**, RPF, of **Vernon** for her work on wildfire protection.

The **Forest Technologist of the Year** award recognizes an RFT for outstanding recent service to the profession of forestry and for furthering the principles of the ABCFP.

Maria Le Boeuf, RFT, of **Campbell River** is the 2021 winner of that award.

Cynthia Lu, MA, RPF, P.Ag., of **Campbell River** is the winner of the **Forest Innovation Award**.

Other award winners:

- **Jim Rodney Memorial Volunteer of the Year, Richard Cane, RPF, and John Neels, RPF, CPA, CMA;**
- **Forest Engineering Award of Excellence (Engineers and Geoscientists of BC and ABCFP), Lee Deslauriers, P.Eng, RPF.;**
- **ABCFP Honorary Membership, Bryce Bancroft, RPBio.;**
- **BC Forest Professional Magazine Best Article, "Community Forest Perspectives and Engagement in Wildfire Management," Kelsey Copes-Gerbitz, PhD, Sarah Dickson-Hoyle, Shannon Hagerman, PhD; and Lori Daniels, PhD.**
- **TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Valedictorian Award, Karli Ferrell, RFT, and Marie Vance, PhD, RPF.**

Visit abcfp.ca for a full description of all the awards and to see past winners.

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The Association of BC Forest Professionals is responsible for registering and regulating BC's 5,500 professional foresters and forest technologists.

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