

Farewell to John Pineau
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This September we bade farewell to an integral member of the Forestry Research Partnership management staff. John Pineau, Extension Manager for the FRP, was offered the position of Executive Director for the Canadian Institute of Forestry. Though we are sad to lose John and all his talents we wish him well in this new chapter of his life.



John worked with the Forestry Research Partnership for almost six years during which he was involved in the inception and completion of many projects, as well as the training and eventual promotion of a large number of employees to other positions in the forestry sector. John dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the mission of bringing the cutting edge of technology and new developments in research together in order to present it to those individuals who would put the knowledge gained into practice. He also did a lot of consulting work on the side with partners such as the Lake Abitibi Model Forest. On the lighter side he also provided many hours of musical and comical entertainment around campfires and other festivities.

While working for the FRP John also became interested and involved in the operations and well-being of the Canadian Ecology Centre. John worked very hard to connect the forestry partners to the Ecology Centre for website, multimedia, and workshop business. Networking was something John was excellent at and which will be a definite asset in his new position at the CIF.

At a goodbye luncheon held recently in John's honour many people took the opportunity to share the things they valued about John. Al Stinson, Partnership Specialist with the MNR and FRP, who shared an office with John, said that "John's excellent writing and organizational skills will be greatly missed. Nobody has the skills to write proposals and articles like John". Aside from his well known speed writing skills, John also provided great leadership and altruism to his Extension Team.

Although John Pineau and all of his proficiencies will be sorely missed here at the Forestry Research Partnership, we are looking forward to this new working relationship with John at the helm of the Canadian Institute of Forestry. He can now be reached at jpineau@cif-ifc.org; watch out for him in the Forestry Chronicle!