



Media Release

New IFA President – Heather Crompton (020200)

The Institute of Foresters of Australia today announced that Mrs Heather Crompton is its new President.

Mrs Crompton has been a forester for more than twenty years and welcomes the opportunity to lead the Institute. “I see my appointment as a valuable opportunity to build enduring benefits for foresters,” Mrs Crompton said.

“In a changing world where more trees are being planted and where there is increased private ownership of forests, the professional judgement of foresters will be called upon more than ever before.”

“There has been a great deal of change in the profession over the last ten years.”

“The Institute recognises this and now invites other professionals with forestry-related expertise to apply for membership.”

“One issue very much on the agenda is the accreditation of forestry professionals.”

“The Institute is developing its Registered Professional Forester scheme.”

“This scheme will provide quality assurance to employers and ensure members continue to develop their professional skills and knowledge”, Mrs Crompton said.

Mrs Crompton is Assistant Forestry Program Manager with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research. She works with scientists and policy makers to promote sustainable natural resource management for the benefit of developing countries and Australia.

Mrs Crompton is a forester and has been an active IFA committee member through most of 23 years continuous membership of the Institute. Her particular interests are education and professional development issues.

Mrs Crompton was appointed a Director of the Institute in 1998. She takes over from Professor Ian Ferguson who completed five year’s service as Institute President in December.

The Institute is a member funded professional organisation with over thirteen hundred (1300) members Australia-wide. The Institute is entering its 63rd year of publication of the Australian Forestry Journal.

Members of the Institute of Foresters of Australia offer information and assistance to government, industry and the community on issues affecting forests.

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