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Jolly Medal awarded to Glen Kile (02/07/2007)

The IFA President, Dr Peter Volker, announced today that Dr Glen Kile, Executive Director of the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation, Melbourne, has been awarded the N.W. Jolly Medal for 2007.

The N.W. Jolly Medal is the Institute's highest and most prestigious honour for outstanding service to the profession of forestry in Australia.

In making the announcement Dr Volker highlighted the fact that although Dr Kile was not a forestry graduate, he has spent his professional working life in forestry where he established a reputation as one of the world's leading forest pathologists, and as important leader of research and development for the forest industry in Australia. He has been an active member of the IFA for many years.

The award to Glen Kile recognises that science and research are critically important aspects for the achievement of sustainable forestry and a sustainable and competitive forest industry – something that foresters have always strongly advocated and worked for, despite some misconceptions in the community.

"This award recognises that forest science is a discipline that covers more than just commercial harvesting and replanting. The Institute of Foresters intends to ensure the public become more aware of the diversity of the profession over the next year" Dr Volker said when making the announcement of Dr Kile's prestigious award.

The IFA President will make the award at a special function in Victoria later this year.



Background Information on Dr Kile is attached.
Dr Glen Kile

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N.W. Jolly Medal Nomination Citation

Glen Kile. B. Agr. Sc. (Hon)., PhD, FTSE, FAICD, AMIFA

Summary

Glen Kile is an outstanding Australian forest scientist with a professional career of over 35 years. For the past 15 years he has provided visionary leadership for forest and wood products research and development in Australia. Dr Kile displays strong personal qualities of integrity and respect for others and a capacity to nurture the skills of people with whom he associates.

Dr Kile has been particularly influential and successful in ensuring that Australian forest policy is based on sound science and that high quality forestry research enables the Australian forest industries to be both internationally competitive and environmentally sustainable. Through his involvement on the Standing Committee of Forestry during the 1990s he was involved in many important forest policy developments, including the National Plantations Advisory Committee and the development of the National Forest Policy Statement and Regional Forest Agreements as well as several forest health initiatives.

Dr Kile's began his career in forest research as a forest pathologist, but has also conducted and led research programs on hardwood plantations before moving into leadership roles in two Australian forest research organizations, CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products Division and the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation. He has also played important roles in the development and governance of four Co-operative Research Centres that have focused on forestry and the forest products industry.

Dr Kile has also been very active in promoting collaboration and networks of international forest research scientists and organizations, through his involvement in an IUFRO working party and the Asia-Pacific Association of Forest Research Institutions.

Dr Kile's major research interests have been in forest and tree health, as well as plantation management. He has undertaken pioneering work on some important indigenous diseases, including *Armillaria root rot* and myrtle wilt in Australia's native forests through work in Tasmania and Victoria. His research has resulted in significantly improved knowledge of diseases of complex etiology in eucalypt forests, particularly stress-induced disease syndromes such as regrowth dieback.

Dr Kile has made and continues to make an outstanding contribution to Australian forestry through his leadership of Australian forest research and development.

More detail

After graduating from the University of Tasmania with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (1968) and a PhD (1972), he joined the Commonwealth Government's Forest Research Institute, and in 1975 he became a Senior Principal Research Scientist when the Forest Research Institute became the CSIRO Division of Forest Research. In 1987 he undertook a research fellowship to the United Kingdom, as a Visiting Scientist at the British Forestry Commission in Farnham.

He took up the position of Program Manager for Hardwood Plantations in the CSIRO Division of Forestry and Forest Products in 1987. He initiated and then became the Inaugural Director of the Cooperative Research Centre for Temperate Hardwood Forestry between 1990 and 1991.

In 1992, Dr Kile became the Chief of the CSIRO Division of Forestry and then in 1996 Chief of the amalgamated CSIRO Division of Forestry and Forest Products. During this period of leadership at CSIRO his achievements included:

- Merging of the Divisions of Forestry and Forest Products into a single entity.
- Substantial research programs in improving the productivity of regrowth forests including the Young Eucalypt Program.
- Implementation of the Project VESTA Fire Program leading to revisions in fire management practices.
- Major research programs on sustainable plantation forest management focused on water and nutrient management
- Contributed to the RFA Process and reviews to the Codes of Forest Practice of various operating in various States.

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- Fostering links with regional bodies including membership of the Asian Pacific Association of Forest Research Institutes (APAFRI) and completing a series of MOUs and Letters of Intent for research collaboration with national agencies in Vietnam, Malaysia (Sarawak), Thailand, Indonesia, PNG and China.
- During his stewardship, the Division was awarded the CSIRO Chairman's Medal for the Wagga Effluent Project and CSIRO Medals for Excellence to the Fire Team and the Australian Tree Seed Centre and Dr Robert Evans was awarded the Marcus Wallenberg Prize for development of the Silviscan technology

Since 2002, Dr. Kile has been the Executive Director of the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation (FWPRDC). In this position he leads and manages the operations of the Corporation in close consultation with its Board and the forest industries throughout Australia.

The FWPRDC aims to improve the competitiveness and sustainability of the Australian forest and wood products industry through innovation by investing in effective and relevant R&D. As the Corporation's Executive Director, he has led the development of market-driven research and development projects that deliver commercial returns to the forest industries, using funds levied from the forest industries and matched by the Australian Government. He is currently involved in transforming the Corporation into an industry owned company that will also conduct research and development as well as generic promotion for the Australian forest industries.

Dr. Kile has contributed enormously to the documentation of Australian forest research and forestry generally. He is the author or co-author of over 100 publications and continues to ensure that forest research and development is widely disseminated to relevant stakeholders. As Chief of CSIRO forestry and Forest products he was heavily involved in writing and editing the first comprehensive monograph on disease and pathogens of eucalypts (Keane, P.J., Kile, G.A., Podger, F.D. and Brown, B.N. (Eds.)(2000). Diseases and Pathogens of Eucalypts. CSIRO Publishing, 565pp). He has also served on the editorial Boards of a number of scientific journals and written numerous newspaper articles supporting scientifically based forest management.

Dr Kile was a member of the Australian Standing Committee of Forestry for 10 years, with one year as its Chairman and several years as Chairman of its Research Priorities Co-ordination and Plant Health Committees. During this important period of Australian forest policy development, which included the development of the National Forest Policy Statement, the Regional Forest Agreement Process, the development of Montreal Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management and the Plantation 2020 Vision, he was instrumental in linking forest science to policy development. He was also a member of the National Plantations Advisory Committee in 1989.

Dr Kile has also played leading roles in the development and implementation of several Co-operative Research Centres (CRCs) undertaking research and development for the Australian forest industries. He has been a Board member on the CRC for Temperate Hardwood Forestry (1992-1997), CRC for Sustainable Production Forestry (1997-2001), CRC for Hardwood Fibre and Paper Science (1996-1999), CRC for Functional Communication Surfaces (2000-2001). He was member of the third review panel for CRC Bushfires in 2006.

He is also an active supporter of the work of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations. He was Deputy Chairman of the IUFRO Working Party S2.06.01 on Root and Butt Rots of Forest Trees from 1973-1983, organised the 6th International Conference of the working party in Australia in 1983 and edited the Proceedings.

While at CSIRO, Dr Kile actively promoted involvement in international science and project collaboration. He developed new linkages in the Asian region and expanded project focus to include sustainable forest management. He established MOUs (Indonesia 1995, Sarawak, Thailand and Vietnam 1998) and organised improved links with Japanese forest and forest products research using the Australia-Japan Scientific and Technical Exchange Agreement. He was a member of the Board of Asia-Pacific Association of Forest Research Institutions (APAFRI) 1997- 2000 and an external member of the review panel for the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute of Japan in 1998.

Glen Kile has remained an active member of the Institute of Foresters through much of his career and he provided particularly generous support to the administration of the IFA while he was the Chief of CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products.

He received a Centenary Medal in 2001 and in 2005 he was awarded the South East Asia and Pacific Region Medal for Excellence by the Commonwealth Forestry Association (CFA). Dr Kile is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.