



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Jolly Medal goes Ian Bevege (03/09/2009)

The IFA President, Dr Peter Volker, announced today that Dr Ian Bevege of Batemans Bay New South Wales has been awarded the Norman W. Jolly Medal.

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

Dr Ian Bevege (BSc For Hons (Qld), PhD (UNE), Dip For (Canberra)) studied forestry at Queensland University and the Australian Forestry School Canberra as a Queensland Government Fellowship holder (1957-1961). Ian retired in April 2002 after 30 years in professional forestry in Queensland and New South Wales and 15 years in overseas aid management. He was a recipient of the Schlich Medal of the Australian Forestry School (1961), the Hedges Prize of the Institute of Foresters of Australia (1965) and of the IUFRO Scientific Achievement Award (1981). He spent five years (1967-71) on post-graduate research under scholarships from the Rural Credits Development Fund of the Reserve Bank and Nuffield Foundation respectively, at the University of New England Armidale and CSIRO Division of Soils Adelaide on nutritional physiology and mycorrhiza of *Araucaria*. His last domestic forestry appointment was as Chief, Wood Technology and Forest Research Division NSW Forestry Commission (1982-86).

From late 1986 until mid 1991 he was an Assistant Director General with the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (now AusAID) the organisation responsible for delivering official Australian overseas development assistance. This involved programme planning and management in many countries of the Asia Pacific region across several economic sectors including forestry, in project design, appraisal, evaluation and sectoral studies, and finally as Executive Director of AIDAB's Centre for Pacific Development and Training (ACPAC) in Sydney.

From 1991 until retirement in 2002 he was Principal Advisor with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) leading the team (1991-93) that established the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Indonesia for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

He served as a Director of the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation from 1997-2000 and on the Selection Panel for the Scientist Assistance Programme for IUFRO XXII World Congress Brisbane 2005. He served as Executive Member and Chairman of the Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutes (APAARI) during 1999-2000 and as Advisor to the China Council on International Cooperation on Environment and Development Task Force on Forests and Grasslands (2000-2002).

Ian Bevege is author of over 120 published research papers and technical reports. He is currently a member of the Editorial Panel of the IFA's journal *Australian Forestry* and a member of the IFA's Max Jacobs Award Committee. He is a Member of the Institute of Foresters of Australia and of the Institute of Wood Science.

The IFA President will present the award at the Institute's National Conference at Caloundra Qld on next Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> September.)

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