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Dr Brian Turner – Fellow of the Institute of Foresters of Australia (270308)

Dr Brian Turner has been awarded a *Fellow of the Institute of Foresters of Australia*. The awarding of a Fellow is bestowed on individuals who in the opinion of the Board have rendered outstanding service to forestry and the Institute.

Dr Turner was presented with his award at the Institute's annual World Forestry Day dinner on 19 March 2008 in Canberra. In making the announcement Mr Phil Pritchard, ACT Division Chair, said of Dr Turner "his contribution to forestry is immense having led and contributed to a large number of publications, research projects, and reports across a range of forestry issues both here and overseas."

Receiving the award Dr Turner said, "I have always enjoyed the benefits of being a member of the IFA. Many of its distinguished members and Fellows have inspired me. I feel honoured to be recognised among them."

Recalling his early days in the IFA on the north coast of NSW Dr Turner reflected that, "on our frequent field trips it was stimulating to see IFA members and Fellows going toe to toe in frank discussion on the best silviculture for every patch of forest in our path."

Dr Turner earned his first degree at the University of Sydney in 1958. From early beginnings in NSW forestry he undertook major study and developed skills in computer programming. Over this period he was awarded a masters and a doctorate from Yale University. From 1969-1984 he progressed quickly from Assistant to Associate Professor, and then Professor of Forest Management at the Pennsylvania State University and Co-Director of the Office of Remote Sensing of Earth Resources from 1980-84.

Since that time he has spent a considerable and productive period at the Australian National University as a Reader in the Fenner School of Environment and Society. He has been a significant contributor to the development of the University research and education programs and contributed to major national initiatives and national forestry working groups on mensuration and management, and spatial information. He has also acted as Head of the Department of Forestry on a number of occasions.

In more recent years Dr Turner has been particularly active in national Institute activities such as editing the Australian Forestry journal and the Registered Professional Forester Scheme.

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World Forestry Day occurs across the globe every year to celebrate sustainable forest management and the interaction of people and forests.