

# North American Natural Resources Extension Forum

*Building capacity for cross-border collaboration*



## Dates

Sunday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>** to Wednesday **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, 2006

## Location

Based at the Canadian Ecology Centre (CEC) in Mattawa with one day trip to the McConnell Lake Research Trials.

## Hosts

The [Forestry Research Partnership \(FRP\)](#) is a joint undertaking between the [CEC](#), the [Canadian Forest Service](#), the [Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources](#), and [Tembec Inc.](#) These four partners are working together to create a strategic alliance with benefits to both the environment and forestry.

The Extension Team for the FRP is made up of representatives of the contributing organizations. These individuals bring unique skill sets, abundant experience, a variety of perspectives, and the tangible benefits of each of their organizations' infrastructure and capabilities. Combined, this makes for a powerful and effective body, capable of creativity, logistical planning, and timely implementation of technology transfer projects.

## Accommodations / registration

A block of cabins has been set aside at the CEC beginning on the evening of Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. To make a reservation, please use the [Registration Form](#).

## Costs

The cost associated with this 4-day session, including all meals, accommodations, transportation for the field tour, shuttle to the North Bay airport and all taxes are: **\$380 CAN** (single occupancy), **\$325 CAN** (double occupancy) or **\$270 CAN** (triple occupancy). For partial registration or special arrangements, please contact the CEC front desk: 705-744-1715 or [joyce@canadianecology.ca](mailto:joyce@canadianecology.ca). Daily exchange rate is available at: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/fmd/exchange.html>

## Other

Please bring work boots, rain gear, and warm clothing for the field tour on Tuesday. Normal temperatures in the area range from 3.3°C to 8.4°C on average for the month of April. Daily weather forecasts are available at:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cities/can/Pages/CAON0417.htm>

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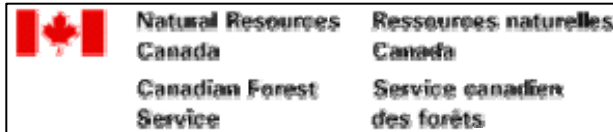
### Objectives of the forum:

- To discuss ideas and experiences about sustaining extension capacity.
- To develop strategies for strengthening natural resource extension programs in the U.S. and Canada.
- To discuss the potential impacts of U.S., Canadian, cross-border natural resource extension programs on local, national, and international scales.
- To discuss ideas and perspectives about the role and purpose of an ongoing forum and identify future cross-border partnerships.

Date and Time	Activity	Location and Description
<b>Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
<i>Arrival at the Centre</i>		
5:00 – 6:00 pm	<b>Registration &amp; Reception (Cash Bar)</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Front desk &amp; Maple Room</b>
6:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
<b>Monday April 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
7:00 – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
<i>AM Moderator: Jim Johnson, Virginia Tech University</i>		
8:30 – 9:00 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>  Introduction to the conference and agenda review – <i>Eric Norland, USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)</i>  Logistics – <i>John Pineau, Canadian Ecology Centre</i>  General introductions – <i>Guy Smith, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>  “Challenges Facing the North American Forest Sector and Boundary-Spanning Opportunities” – <i>C. Tattersall Smith, Dean, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto</i>
10:00 – 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>
10:30 pm – 12:00	<b>A sampling of Organizations that conduct or support extension programs</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>  <b>Government</b> <i>CSREES - Eric Norland</i> <i>Government of Canada – Guy Smith</i>  <b>Associations and NGOs</b> <i>Ontario Stewardship Program – Steve Wilkins, Coordinator, Ontario Stewardship Program</i> <i>Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals (ANREP) – Janean Creighton, University of Arkansas</i> <i>International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) – Jim Johnson, Virginia Tech University</i>

<b>Monday April 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
<b>PM Moderator: Mark Richardson, Eastern Ontario Model Forest</b>		
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<b>Experiences in Sustaining Extension Capacity: Strategic Partnerships</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> Sustainable Forests Partnership - <i>Jim Finley, Penn State University</i> Forestry Research Partnership, Ontario <i>John Pineau</i> Canadian Model Forest Network Strategic Woodlot Initiative, <i>Brian Barkley, Eastern Ontario Model Forest</i>
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>
3:00 – 4:15 pm	<b>Developing Strategies</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> Small group discussion around strategic partnerships
4:15 – 4:45 pm	<b>Report out &amp; discussion</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>
4:45 – 5:00 pm	<b>Wrap up and field trip introduction</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> <i>John Pineau</i>
6:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
7:00 – 10:00 pm	<b>Evening program</b>	<b>Optional entertainment event</b>
<b>Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> Extension Forum Takes to the Forest</b>		
7:00 – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
<b>Field Tour Coordinator: John Pineau</b> <b>Tour Guides: Andrée Morneault, Scott Reid, an SFL rep, and Al Stinson</b>		
<p><b>Visit Forestry Research Partnership field installations, featuring forestry treatment research, habitat and biological diversity perspectives, natural resources planning implications, and extension program activities and results.</b></p> <p><b>Tour will include discussions with researchers, resource planners, natural resources specialists, and extension personnel.</b></p>		
8:15 am	<b>Board bus for field trip</b>	Meet the bus in the parking lot, in front of the Main Building
8:30 – 9:30 am	<b>Travel to McConnell Lakes</b>	Lunch and refreshments provided. Factsheets and informational materials distributed on the way
9:30 – 10:45 am	<b>Reynolds Lake site</b>	Guided tour of the clear cut experimental design
10:45 – 11:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 am – 12:00	<b>Reynolds Lake site</b>	Guided tour of the clear cut experimental design
12:00 – 12:15 pm	<b>Transport to Junior Ranger Camp</b>	
12:15 – 1:00 pm	<b>Bag lunch</b>	Junior Ranger Camp (outdoor)
1:00 – 1:15 pm	<b>Transport to Suzy Lake</b>	
1:15 – 2:30 pm	<b>Suzy Lake site</b>	Guided tour of the shelterwood experimental design
2:30 – 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:45 am – 3:15	<b>Suzy Lake site</b>	Guided tour of the shelterwood experimental design

<b>Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> Extension Forum Takes to the Forest</b>		
3:15 – 4:30 pm	<b>Travel back to the CEC</b>	
5:00 pm	<b>Return from field trip</b>	
6:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
7:00 – 10:00 pm	<b>Poster Session &amp; Social Time</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>
<b>Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
7:00 – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
<b>AM Moderator: Guy Smith, Canadian Forest Service</b>		
8:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Experience in Sustaining Extension Capacity</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> Professional Development for Extensionists – <i>Janean Creighton, Arkansas Forest Resources Centre</i> Political Advocacy for Extension - <i>Mel Baughman, University of Minnesota</i> Sabbatical Opportunities to Improve Cross-Border Extension Activities – A Field Agent's Perspective - <i>Chal Landgren, Oregon State University</i>
9:30 – 10:00 am	<b>Break</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>
10:00 – 11:00 am	<b>Cross-Border Impacts at Local, National, and International scales</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> Maple syrup production – cooperative extension opportunities– <i>Dave Chapeskie, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; Peter Smallidge, Cornell University</i> Networking across borders – <i>Anne LeBrun Ruff, Manager, INFOR Inc.</i>
11:00 am – 12:00	<b>Developing Strategies</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> Small group discussion around professional development, political advocacy, and cross-border impacts.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>CEC Birch Building</b>
<b>PM Moderator: Nancy Young, Forestry Research Partnership</b>		
1:00 – 1:30 pm	<b>Report out &amp; discussion</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<b>Experience in Sustaining Extension Capacity: Adaptive Program Models</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> Forest Research and Extension Partnership, British Columbia – <i>Susan Leech, FORREX</i> Tentative – Model Forest or Government of Canada example
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b>
3:00 – 3:45 pm	<b>Where to go from here?</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> <i>Guy Smith and Eric Norland</i> – discussion of adaptive program models and the following questions: Are there future cross-border partnerships to be developed? Is there a role and purpose for an ongoing forum? If so, what are they? How do we make it happen?
3:45 – 4:00 pm	<b>Wrap up adjourn SAFE TRAVELS!</b>	<b>CEC Main Building – Maple Room</b> <i>Guy Smith and Eric Norland</i>



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