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Spotlights

Quebec SIC Recognized for Advancing Sustainable Forestry Practices and Awareness

Congratulations to the Quebec SFI Implementation Committee on being awarded the 2026 SFI Implementation Committee Achievement Award at the 2026 SFI Annual Conference for playing a key role in advancing SFI's Species at Risk Module, supporting students in their career pathways, and strengthening ties with the public through outreach and education initiatives.



Christine Leduc (left), Nadine Block (center), and Gordy Mouw (right) presented the award to Quebec SIC Chair Samuel Bourque (center).

Congratulations to the Recipients of the ACF Chapter of the Year Awards

Buck Vandersteen, Louisiana SIC coordinator, presented the Chapter of the Year Awards at the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) National Conference in June in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Chapter of the Year Awards were sponsored by SFI, in recognition of the goal shared by both SFI and ACF to help forests stay healthy and ensure that forest landowners have access to services that help them be responsible stewards of the land.

The Wisconsin Chapter received the Small Chapter of the Year Award, and the Alabama Chapter received the Large Chapter of the Year Award. Both chapters were applauded for advancing responsible forest management, logger training, and landowner outreach, including through partnerships with their state SIC.



Buck Vandersteen (left) presented the ACF Small Chapter of the Year Award to Lee Steigerwaldt (center) and Dan Toivonen (right).

News & Updates

2026 SIC General Session at the SFI Annual Conference

Thank you to all who joined us for our recent 2026 SIC General Session. It was a great session filled with collaborative energy and invaluable insights. We look forward to building on these discussions in the months ahead. If you missed the session or want to revisit the discussion, watch the recording or view the session summary on the SIC members page.

SFI/PLT Canada Green Mentor Program

SFI and PLT Canada are launching the next Green Mentor program from September to November. Each year, we have eager young professionals looking to advance their career pathways. We're counting on our network to participate as mentors and help young people gain real-world insights, build meaningful relationships, and explore rewarding careers in the forest and conservation sector. Register as a mentor and share within your committees.

SFI Climate Smart Forestry Initiative

In April, SFI hosted Dr. Trevor Jones and Andree Morneault R.P.F. as part of the SFI Climate Smart Forestry Initiative Webinar Series presenting on *Adaptive Forest Management Strategies and Silviculture from Research to Practice with Examples from Ontario, Canada*. Stay tuned for our next webinar that will highlight Forest Vulnerability Assessments. To stay updated, join the SFI Climate Smart Forestry Initiative mailing list.

Upcoming Events

Webinar: Indigenous Communities in the US Northeast & Great Lakes States: An Introduction for the SFI Community

SFI and Timberland Investment Resources are co-sponsoring, *Indigenous Communities in the US Northeast & Great Lakes States: An Introduction for the SFI Community*, an Indigenous training webinar to support SICs and/or SFI-certified organizations in implementing programs for the SFI Forest Management Standard, Objective 8, on August 12, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. ET. This Webinar will be most applicable to those in the US Midwest / Northeast, but is open to all for learning. Please share this invite within your committees. We have applied for CAT 1 CFE credits for attending this session. Registration is required. An additional webinar focused on the PNW region is planned for October - stay tuned for date and details.

Does your SIC have something to share?
Send your update to Gordy Mouw, Director of Network Relations at SFI, for inclusion in a future newsletter!

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