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## Comments from the Chair



Just a few thoughts and topics to touch on in this issue.

First, after a long wet tree planting season, I have had several discussions on Land use, primarily focused on “best use”. Best use? It is amazing how we decide just what that is. It is a highly opinionated topic. We seem to base our opinions on where our individual interests lie. Foresters are

no exception. Of course, the comments I heard most were that we should be growing crops in these fields, or, on fields that aren't large, square, and flat, we should run livestock. Oh... occasionally, on a extremely hilly, already short on top soil, smaller, and odd shaped field, that stands in water, one might concede that trees may be a better option. By no means am I saying we don't need to be raising food, be it crops or livestock, just that there has to be a balance over the landscape. It is easy to understand why a landowner would want to maximize the income produced by land that is ever increasing in cost, and costing more to own. There's an inherent drive to focus on the numbers and tweak every variable to capitalize on investment. Occasionally, we need to step back to see what impacts our activities are having on the big picture.

After decades or even centuries of forest clearing and habitat destruction, it is extremely gratifying to reforest these once forested lands. I commend the landowners who make the decision to commit to a long term program which in the short term will cost them income. In the long run, however, they are benefiting society by enhancing and protecting our environment, as well as a financial investment for future generations. It's been a few generations since the days of the dust bowl, and the recognition that our forest were disappearing at an alarming rate. I'm hopeful that we never forget what we learned from those disastrous land use practices. It seems to take a disaster for us to learn a lesson. I wonder what we will learn from the Gulf Coast oil leak. Keep in mind that these are only the opinions of this Forester.

On another topic, I would like to thank those who showed up at the TSI fund raising event. Five brave and dedicated souls showed up in extremely hot and humid weather for the good of the group. Over the last couple of events, participation has been low. This makes the jobs more challenging for those who show. Thus, I am issuing a challenge to the membership. We have 140 + members. Out of that, about 50 are present at the summer and winter meetings. If these 50 would commit to one event every “TWO” years, and we had two events a year, that would be 12 participants at each event. Our organization stands very strong from the fund raising efforts in the past. I believe it is important to continue these efforts to ensure the stability of ISAF. It also positions ISAF to be able to benefit Indiana's forest community. Financial stability allows us to do things like the aiding of the student chapter, promoting forestry as a profession, the support of the woodland steward, or any other issue that we may decide needs our assistance. So, please consider joining in these efforts. They really can be quite enjoyable and rewarding.

ISAF has been asked to support a possible quarantine on Walnut being imported from our western states. This, of course, is due to the thousand canker disease. By e-mail, the executive committee decided we should be active in the protection of Indiana's walnut. Several other states west of us have already imposed quarantines, and we took the position to voice our concerns to Phil Marshall, State Entomologist. The committee concluded that we feel some action is needed, and would support a quarantine.

Lastly, IDNR Division of Forestry has asked ISAF to collaborate and partner with Indiana's Strategic Forest Plan process. After reviewing the document and the various action steps, I concluded we need to discuss this as a group. What action steps we support, and who will be involved with their development needs to be decided. So be prepared to discuss the Strategic Forest Plan at the summer business meeting in September. You can find the plan on the DNR web site at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/5436.htm>.

Brian Gandy  
ISAF Chair

# Indiana SAF Membership Update

## By the numbers

INSAF currently (May 2010) has 157 members (138 + 19 students).

In July of 2009 there were 153 members.

## Where is membership?

Membership issues continue to be a debated topic at the national level.

Much discussion related to SAF membership categories and related levels of education in natural resource topics continue to resurface.

Many traditional forestry programs within the offering universities are reviewing their curriculums in an effort to reassess what society demands from a forestry graduate.

You can weigh in on this matter by writing a letter to the Forestry Source or the JoF.

I encourage you to read the articles and positions posted within the E-Forester.

## Woodland Steward Institute

Currently the board of directors of the WSI are strongly considering the prospect of adding more color to the newsletter. This would likely occur beginning next year if approved. There is additional cost involved. We are still committed to 3 issues per year for the time being. The board has not proposed to raise member organization contribution levels. Those of you who are directly involved with your local SWCD, please consider asking the board if they are willing to make a contribution to the WSI. If they have already for this year, please thank them.

John Stambaugh  
Membership Chair

## PESTICIDE TRAINING

Mark your calendars for December 3, 2010 for the annual Forest Pesticide Training. There will be a change in venue this year as there have been complaints about the difficulty of parking and access to the Government Center in Indianapolis. The tentative location will be the Ricks Centre in Greenfield, Indiana. More information will be forthcoming in the October edition of the newsletter. Or, contact Lenny Farlee, Purdue Extension Forester at (765) 494-2153 or lfarlee@purdue.edu.

## WOW!!

I received my wonderful box of goodies Wednesday afternoon, worked all day today, and finally gathered everything together so I could take a "thank you!" photo.

The jacket is plenty roomy but cozy and warm. The limestone trivet will now hold my seemingly endless mugs of hot tea. The hat will keep me warm on my morning runs (frost, still...and it's May in western Oregon!). The kerchief is such a cool idea... I shared it with our Oregon leadership. As for the postcard book, all I can say is, I wish naturopathic physicians were licensed in Indiana. It is an incredibly beautiful state.

Thank you so much for thinking of me!



This is Leslie – our volunteer webmaster with all the "stuff" I sent her in a "thank-you, we appreciate all you do for us" package that the membership approved I could get for her. I got LOTS of stuff and even sent her my bandana so she'd have that too.

Teena Ligman

## 2010 ISAF Summer Meeting

The summer meeting of the Indiana Society of American Foresters will be held September 1 – 2 at the Wright Center on the Martel Forest near West Lafayette, IN. The theme of the meeting will be “Hardwood Tree Improvement in Indiana” and will highlight research activities of the Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center over its first decade of existence at Purdue University. The program has been reviewed and is approved for 7.5 Category 1-CF professional CFE credits by the Society of American Foresters. A tentative schedule is below.

While details for registration are being finalized, it is expected to cost \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. Blocks of hotel rooms will be reserved in West Lafayette. Registration and lodging details will be announced at a later date on the ISAF website and by mail.

### September 1 — Wright Center

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Activity</b>
10:00 AM	INSAF Executive Committee Meeting (lunch catered)
12:00 PM	Registration
12:45 PM	Greeting
1:00 PM	Where has the first decade of HTIRC research brought us and where are we headed? <i>Charles Michler, HTIRC Center Director, USDA Forest Service HTIRC</i>
1:45 PM	Tissue culture systems <i>Paula Pijut, Research Plant Physiologist, USDA Forest Service HTIRC</i>
2:30 PM	Break
2:45 PM	Chestnut breeding research <i>Jim McKenna, Operational Tree Breeder, USDA Forest Service HTIRC</i>
3:10 PM	The Indiana Statewide Forest Assessment & Strategy <i>Chris Gonso, Division of Forestry, Indiana DNR</i>
3:35 PM	Thousand canker update <i>Phil Marshall, Director, Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Indiana DNR</i>
4:00 PM	Break
4:15 PM	ISAF Business Meeting
5:30 PM	BBQ
6:30 PM	Mini-Conclave (weather permitting), and Corn-Hole and Euchre Tournaments <i>Hosted by the Purdue Student Chapter of SAF</i>
8:30 PM	Adjourn

### September 2 — Field Trip

8:30 AM	Load up in vans
8:40 AM	Arrive ArborAmerica (Highlands site)
8:45 AM	State-of-the-art walnut fertigation and breeding systems <i>Guillermo Pardillo, Deputy CEO, ArborAmerica, Inc.</i>
10:15 AM	Characterization of walnut crown ideotypes <i>Keija Pang, PhD student, Dept. of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University</i>
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Walnut pruning study <i>Mike Saunders, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University</i>
11:05 AM	TBA
11:30 AM	Load up in vans
11:45 AM	Lunch at Wright Center
1:00 PM	Current status of butternut canker resistance breeding and research <i>Keith Woeste, Molecular Geneticist, USDA Forest Service HTIRC</i>
1:45 PM	Load up in vans
2:00 PM	Chestnut afforestation work – Mixed species competition study <i>TBA</i>
2:45 PM	Load up in vans



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Category 1 - CF: 7.5 hours



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