

SYMPOSIUM

Diversifying Forest Tenure Systems: Beyond Perceptions

March 26th – 27th, 2008
Clarion Hotel, Quebec City
Quebec, CANADA

A unique event not to be missed

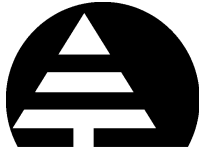
L'Ordre des ingénieurs forestiers du Québec (OIFQ) invites you to attend a two-day meeting on the topic of forest tenure systems. Speakers from Quebec, Canada and abroad have been invited to share their thoughts on different forest tenure systems. Participants to the meeting will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of this complex issue by means of conferences and discussion periods.

The purpose of this event is to present to all participants current and practical information on the main existing forest tenure systems, their strengths and weaknesses, and their applicability in Quebec.

The present situation

Forestlands in Quebec and Canada are essentially public, 89% and 93% of them, respectively, being publicly owned. The question of forest tenure is, and has always been, at the hearth of the debates on forest policies and regimes. It is, in a sense, a unique situation, Canada occupying the first place in terms of the proportion of public forest ownership, way ahead of Brazil (77%), Australia (72%), the United States (38%) and Sweden (34%).

The current Quebec's forest regime is more than twenty-years-old. Socio-economic conditions that were prevalent when it was put in place have changed drastically. The forest sector in Quebec and Canada has been in a deep crisis for the past five years. This situation illustrates, at least in part, how difficult it is with the current forest regime to absorb the impact of this crisis in order to maintain a dynamic economic activity.



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In December 2007, all partners of the *Summit on the future of the forest sector* acknowledged that a thorough revision of the forest regime was urgently needed. At the closing of this Summit, the minister of the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife, Mr. Claude Béchar, declared that the forest regime « no longer existed » and that a thorough revision of the forest regime would be launched through the publication of discussion papers on governmental orientations (*Livre vert*).

Talking about revising the forest regime is talking about tenure. And in Quebec, as well as in the other Canadian provinces, talking about tenure is stepping into a universe strongly marked with historical and cultural traits, with diverse and conflicting perceptions, with what some consider as vested rights, with existing industrial structures, with political agendas and with sensibilities exacerbated by the forest crisis.

But what exactly is the current thinking on forest tenure in Quebec? And what is it in the other Canadian provinces, in the United States, and in Europe? What are the main forest tenure systems that can be considered? Are they mutually exclusive or can they coexist within a given forest regime? Based on these considerations, how can our vision of the socio-economic development of our forest sector be updated? These are the questions that will be discussed at this major symposium by renowned speakers.

At this time when Quebec is launching a thorough reflection on its forest regime, OIFQ invites you all to attend this unique two-day event, where knowledgeable speakers will be present, and to learn, discuss, and debate on the topic of forest tenure.

Simultaneous Interpretation

Please note that simultaneous interpretation services (French-English and English-French) will be offered at no cost for the duration of the symposium.

Major Financial Partners

Canadian Forest Service (CONFIRMED)

Québec Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife (CONFIRMED)

Québec Forest Industry Council (CONFIRMED)

Québec Federation of Municipalities (TO BE CONFIRMED)



Preliminary Program

Day 1 Tuesday March 26 th , 2008	8 h 45	Opening remarks and context. Mr. Pierre Labrecque, F.Eng., OIFQ Chairman & Director-general
	9 h 00	Has the time come to rethink forest tenure systems? Mr. Harry Nelson, Ph.D., Forest Resource Management Department, University of British Columbia (<i>CONFIRMED</i>)
	10 h 00	Break
	10 h 30	Decentralization and community forests. Mr. Farid Harouni, F.Eng., M.Sc.G. Québec Federation of Municipalities (<i>CONFIRMED</i>)
	11 h 30	Lunch on the premises
	13 h 00	The Timber Supply and Forest Management Agreement: a revised model. Mr. Charles Tardif, F.Eng., VP Wood Supply & Business Development, Maibec inc. (<i>CONFIRMED</i>)
	14 h 00	The private forest trust. <i>TO BE CONFIRMED - Hancock Timber Resource Group</i>
	15 h 00	Break
	15 h 30	The forest management company. Mr. Michel Duchesneau, F.Eng., (<i>CONFIRMED</i>)
	16 h 30	Cocktail
Day 2 Wednesday March 27 th , 2008	8 h 30	The public corporation: Sveaskog, the Swedish model. <i>(SPEAKER TO BE NAMED)</i>
	9 h 30	Can Movements Toward the Privatization of Forests Save the Canadian Forest Products Industry? Mr. Marty Luckert, Ph.D., Department of Rural Economy, University of Alberta (<i>CONFIRMED</i>)
	10 h 30	Break
	11 h 00	A case study in Ontario. <i>(SPEAKER TO BE NAMED)</i>
	12 h 00	Lunch on premises
	13 h 30	Territorial and Community Issues. <i>(SPEAKER TO BE NAMED)</i> Solidarité Rurale
	14 h 15	The small private production unit: Forest tenant farm. Mr. Jacques Robert, F.Eng., Canadian Forest Service <i>(CONFIRMED)</i>
	15 h 00	Break
	15 h 30	Wrap-up activity. Mr. Luc Bouthillier, , F.Eng., Ph.D., Laval University <i>(CONFIRMED)</i>



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	16 h 30	Concluding remarks. Mr. Pierre Labrecque, F.Eng., OIFQ Chairman & Director-general
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