

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL FORESTERS
c/o State University of New York College of
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Syracuse, New York 13210

NEWS NOTE NO. 35

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Dear I.S.T.F. Member:

In our NEWS NOTE NO. 34 dated February, 1973, you were informed that the future of the International Society of Tropical Foresters was still under consideration and that the membership would be informed as soon as a decision on this matter could be reached. It is my great pleasure to be able to notify you at this time that the future of I.S.T.F. has been assured. Provision has been made whereby the Society will continue to serve your interests and those of tropical forestry generally in the fine tradition that was established for it by its founder and sponsor, the late Tom Gill.

Mr. R. Catinot, Director General of the Centre Techniquial Forestier Tropicaux, in France, has generously agreed to assume full responsibility for the future of the Society. To facilitate this transfer, steps are being taken to dissolve the corporate structure of I.U.S.F. under the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A., and to reconstitute the Society under the laws of France. A set of bylaws or statutes have been drafted by Mr. Catinot for the Society patterned closely after those initially established by Tom Gill, but revised as necessary to accommodate the legal requirements for societies in France. A copy of these will ultimately be made available to all current I.S.T.F. members who elect to continue their membership in the newly established Society.

At the request of Director Catinot, I am enclosing a membership form which we would appreciate having you complete and return to the new address of the Society in France at your earliest convenience. We are confident that you will wish to continue your membership in the International Society of Tropical Foresters under its new directorship and sponsor. Your prompt completion and return of the enclosed form will serve to update the membership records of the Society and facilitate the transfer of its operations to France.

I regret that it has taken so much time to work out suitable arrangements for the continuation of the International Society of Tropical Foresters. I have every reason to believe that Tom Gill would have been immensely pleased, however, to know that the future of our Society now rests in the able hands of his respected friend and professional associate, Mr. R. Catinot. Thus it is that I can now take leave of my duties as Acting Director of I.S.T.F. confident that our commitment to Tom Gill has been fulfilled and that the future of the Society is assured to the extent that we members continue to give it our full support.

It has been a pleasure to serve the International Society of Tropical Foresters. Best wishes for the years ahead.

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Application for Continuation of Membership

(Please complete and return promptly to above address)

Name in Full _____

Mailing Address _____

Place and Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Education (Please list names of professional schools attended, dates of attendance,
degrees granted)

Present Position: (Give title of position and brief list of duties)

Tropical Experience: (List types of work, regions worked in, dates)

Professional Memberships: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature _____

Date _____