

Brown, Alan (from The Forester Dec 2013)

The IFA Board took great pleasure in awarding Alan Brown, AM, FTSE, FIFA, an Honorary membership and this was presented at the Annual Dinner following the 2013 AGM. Alan is Production Editor of *Australian Forestry* since and in this role is famous for his eagle eye. He also, in his spare time such as it is, compiled the 300 pages that make up the 2013 conference proceedings.

Alan has been associated with the former Australian Forestry School site since 1948, when he studied forestry at Sydney University and the school.

Between 1975 and 1996 he held a variety of positions in CSIRO forestry divisions, including Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief and Chief, and from 1996 to 2005 he retained contact with the organisation as an Honorary Research Fellow.

Prior to 1975 he undertook silvicultural research, especially on forest genetics, in the Forest Research Institute and lectured in silviculture and wood science at the Australian Forestry School.

Other positions held include membership of the boards of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations and the Center for International Forestry Research, and roles with the Hermon Slade Foundation and the ATSE Crawford Fund and (continuing) with the Institute of Foresters of Australia.

Publications in which he had a leading role include *Growing Trees on Australian Farms* (1968), the first comprehensive handbook on agroforestry in Australia, and *Eucalypts for Wood Production* (1978), a publication that presaged the development of now-extensive eucalypt plantations in this country.

A true gentleman and a worthy recipient of one of only two Honorary Memberships. Ross Florence received his award in 2002.