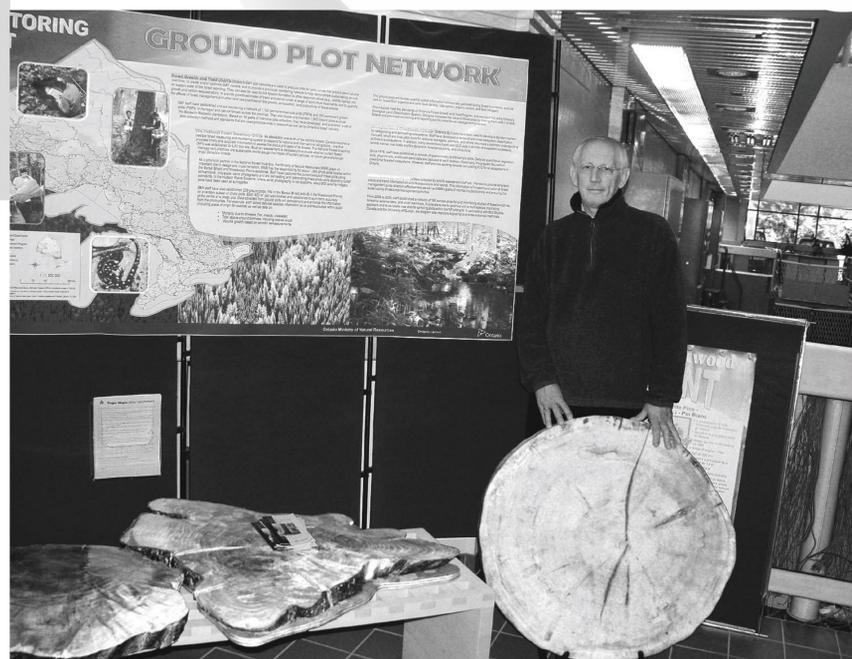
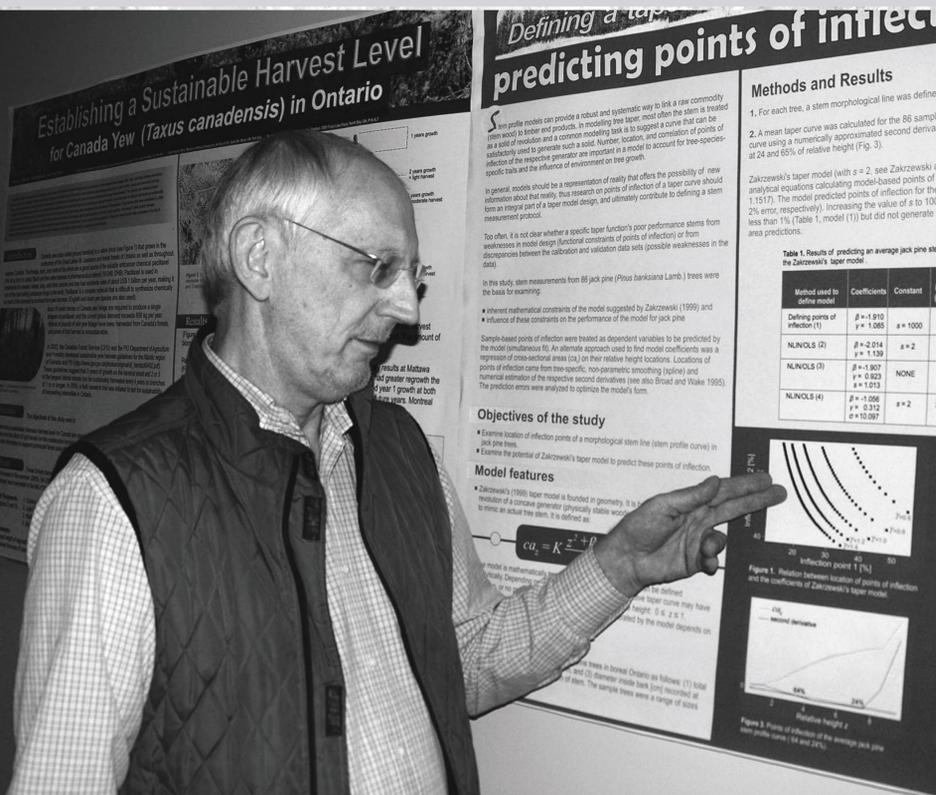


Wojciech T. Zakrzewski

(b. 1949)

Forestry and environmental expert



POLISH SPIRIT

Born in Poland, Wojciech Zakrzewski graduated from the Faculty of Forestry of the Warsaw Academy of Agriculture in 1972. He worked as Editor-in-Chief at the Warsaw Agricultural University Press, but being an active member of the Solidarity movement, he was imprisoned when the then communist regime imposed martial law in Poland in 1981.

Having earned a Ph.D. in Forest Biometrics at his Alma Mater in 1983, he left for Canada a year later to complete a post-doctoral fellowship in Edmonton, Alberta.

Dr. Zakrzewski came to Ontario in 1989 to work at the Ontario Forest Research Institute in Sault Ste. Marie. His primary focus has been forest modeling, that is developing methods for quantifying ecological productivity of forest sites. His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals. He serves as an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Toronto.

Dr. Zakrzewski has presented his research findings and solutions internationally. In 1996, he received a prestigious invitation from the Finnish Academy of Sciences to model trees' growth dynamics. Among his contributions may also be named the International Union of Forest Research Organizations project on inventorying rain forests in Nigeria. He serves on the advisory board of the Institute of Biometrical Studies (Kerala Forest Research Institute in India), and as an invited reviewer for the *Oxford Journals*. His original models helped gain US concessions during the recent softwood lumber trade dispute.

Currently, Dr. Zakrzewski leads the Great Lakes Biofibre and Carbon Program involving Canadian and American partners. He seeks to improve the cross-border compatibility of estimates of the timber products and carbon content in wood.

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