

Biography of Peter N. Duinker, PhD



Dr. Duinker is Professor and former Director (1998-2004) of the School for Resource and Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He holds a B.Sc.Agr. from University of Guelph, an M.E.S. from Dalhousie in forest ecology, and a PhD from University of New Brunswick in forest management and environmental assessment. Until June 1998, he was Professor in the Faculty of Forestry of Lakehead University and during 1988-98 held the Chair in Forest Management and Policy.

Dr. Duinker's research interests are wide-ranging and include environmental assessment, forest policy, forest management planning, sustainable forest management systems, criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management, wildlife habitat analysis, forest biodiversity assessment, forest tenure, public participation, conflict resolution, and climate change. He has authored or co-authored some 200 publications on these and related topics. Dr. Duinker is a Research Area Leader (Integrated Resource Management) and Research Group Leader (Public Participation) for the Sustainable Forest Management Network of Centres of Excellence based at University of Alberta. He holds research grants from the SFM Network to study old-growth forests in Eastern Canada, and forest-tenure systems nationwide. He is also Manager of the Atlantic Canada office of the Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network.

Dr. Duinker's teaching activities include courses in environmental assessment, public involvement, forest management, forest policy and research methods, at both undergraduate and graduate levels. From 1997 to 2001, he taught annually a course on cumulative effects assessment at the Banff Centre for Management, and has participated as instructor in a series of 2-day short courses on cumulative effects assessment in Atlantic Canada. He has also served as advisor to the State Environmental Protection Agency of the People's Republic of China on strategic environmental assessment.

Other professional interests include design and facilitation of processes for collaborative inquiry and conflict resolution. Dr. Duinker was Co-Chair of Ontario's Forest Policy Panel in the early 1990s, and he frequently advises governments and companies on their environmental assessment and forest management activities. Currently he is Co-Chair of the NS Forest Technical Advisory Committee, and he just completed a two-year assignment as Chair of Voluntary Planning's Natural Resources Committee. Also, he is the Dalhousie University representative on the Partnership Committee of the Nova Forest Alliance, and serves on the NFA Management and Research Coordination Committees. In addition to work on Canadian forests, Dr. Duinker has studied European and Siberian forests while employed at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria (1986-88, 1995), and global forests while working at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in Rome (1997).