

## INRS LLC on the move – 2010

**Charles Levesque emcees conference** – On April 27 and 28, INRS President Charles Levesque was the master of ceremonies at the “Heating the Northeast with Renewable Biomass” conference held in Manchester, NH. Over 500 people attended the two-day conference (<http://www.heatne.com/>). The highlight of the event was the release of a draft “**Heating the Northeast with Renewable Biomass: A Vision for 2025**” (<http://www.biomassthermal.org/resource/2025vision.asp>) outlining a bold vision and plan to increase thermal energy production from biomass in the northeast US. Levesque said “This conference was buzzing with energy – biomass energy. With a trade show of over 50 exhibitors and attendees from every conceivable biomass business area, this was a working meeting with many policy and business proposals moved forward. We were proud to be associated with this now premier annual event.”

**Levesque at New England Society of American Foresters meeting** - INRS President Charles Levesque recently organized and moderated a panel on the current state of the forest products industry at the New England Society of American foresters annual convention in March of 2010. On the panel were Peter Ince, Research Forester, US Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, WI who spoke on Pulp and Paper in Transition.; John Ferrell, Biomass Program Manager, US Dept. of Energy, Office of Biomass Program who covered Biomass - the Big Winner?; and Bob Berg, Assistant Director, Penn State Center for Wood Innovation and Sustainability Economic Advisor, RISI who spoke on Solid Wood Challenges and Opportunities. Levesque said that, while biomass for energy is seen as a sure growth area, that the pulp and paper and solid wood industries may be operating from an industry-wide permanent reduction due to changing demand and the ramifications of the recession. There are signs that things are picking up in all sectors.

**INRS president Levesque joins board of directors** - Charles Levesque joins Conservation New Hampshire Board - Charles Levesque, INRS President, recently joined the board of directors of Conservation New Hampshire, the organization formerly called Granite State Conservation Voters Alliance. He said the Conservation New Hampshire works on the political side of key environment issues in New Hampshire. Particularly, CNH assists in the campaigns of environmentally-friendly candidates for public office. CNH also publicizes how elected officials vote on key bills or issues. It is also in the process of beginning to educate the citizens of New Hampshire on key environmental issues. CNH can be found at <http://www.conservationnh.org/>.

**Levesque was Northern Woodlands President for four years** - Charles Levesque steps down as President of the Center for Northern Woodlands Education - after four years as Board President and six years on the board, Charles Levesque stepped down from the post and as a board member in late 2009. He said that the Center, which publishes Northern Woodlands magazine, is much stronger now than when he joined the board. He said that the budget has increased during that period and the organization has now published a series of "Place you call Home" publications in several states (and working on others now) that give a soup to nuts landowner-directed forest management guides. A weekly electronic newsletter and blog is now regular fare and several books published are shining examples of growth. The Center also continues its program in the schools to educate students in a full range of forest-based areas.