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# FORESTERS PROVE THAT ONLINE CPD WORKS

'In 2011 84% of the total membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF) submitted a record of their CPD activity and even more remarkably many members had recorded hours that were well in excess of the 100 CPD hours required over a three year period.

Last week the executive team were able to report to these remarkable statistics to the Institute's Professional and Educational Standards Committee. In addition they also shared the report from the moderator of the Institute's Professional Membership Entry (PME) scheme. This was used for the first time by members to gather evidence of their competence and to create a work experience log for their application for Chartered Forester status. Significantly the moderator reported that *'there were remarkably few teething problems'* and that a further advantage of the new system was *'that it quickly afforded the moderator access to any PME submissions as and when requested.'*

Chris Peat the Customer Services Director comments that

*'This is a highly significant result. It is of great credit to the ICF that they have systematically encouraged their members to engage in and capture their CPD. They have also taken full advantage of the fact that the system allows them to appropriately monitor their members CPD activity. This result explodes the myth that members of professional bodies are reluctant to embrace CPD and capture evidence of this activity online.'*

The Institute has set itself the objective of improving professionalism in their sector. They commissioned their online CPD tool over three years ago and it has been and continues to be used to help them meet this objective in a number of ways. These results confirm the fact that through adopting an online CPD system that ICF has made significant and measurable progress to encouraging professional development amongst their members who work in a sector, which recent events have demonstrated enjoys widespread public support.

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