

ISA Update

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1. Certification Board approves Code of Ethics revisions

The Certification Board recently revised the ISA Certified Arborist Code of Ethics. The purpose of the code is to establish a benchmark for the behavior and actions of ISA certified arborists. Even though ISA certified arborists are required to sign an ISA Code of Ethics agreement, it was felt that this document reflects the value and the best practices of a quality certification program and the professional arborist.

2. ISA reviewing literature related to costs of not maintaining trees

The Science and Research Committee is gathering information about what is known and what research has been conducted about the costs of not maintaining trees. You can review the request for proposals and learn more about this comprehensive literature review project at *ISA Today*.

3. Upgrade your i-Tree software

Do you use i-Tree or i-Tree Streets? A new software update, i-Tree v4.0, is now available. This version offers new tools and features including i-Tree Design, i-Tree Canopy, i-Tree Hydro, i-Tree Vue, and i-Tree Eco.

4. Learn from fellow arborists in the ISA Discussion Forum

If you have questions you'd like to ask a fellow ISA member, join the ISA Discussion Forum today. Contribute to a current topic or post one of your own. See *ISA Today*.*

5. Certification update: voluntary suspension of credentials

ISA is now offering a new feature for its certification credentials that may allow you to put your certification "on hold" for a period of time (see related article).

6. The following is also what the ISA has accomplished for our profession to increase the awareness of arboriculture

- published proceedings of *Biomechanics Research Symposium*
- expanded online image database
- refurbished Events Calendar for the ISA website
- developed new training DVD: *Trenching and Tunneling*
- developed new training DVD: *Utility Pruning*
- hired new manager for membership and components relations—John Steinbacher

7. "More Trees Please"

Limited edition T-shirt to promote proper tree care and support the TREE Fund, is now available. Member price is \$10.95; bulk pricing is available. Go to *ISA Today* to place your order.*

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