



## NRES WEEKLY NEWS

May 10 - 21, 2010

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students  
who participate in the  
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute  
and NRES Graduate Programs

### COMING EVENTS

#### YOU ARE INVITED....

To join the 2010 **UNBC Bike to Work Week Team**, May 31-June 6!

**Who:** All UNBC employees and students

**What:** Bike to Work Week is a week-long challenge that encourages and supports commuter cycling. This year will be the second time round for Prince George there are many events planned throughout the week to make it fun for everyone - from cycling pros to brand new riders! For more information visit: [http://www.biketowork.ca/prince\\_george/BTWW](http://www.biketowork.ca/prince_george/BTWW)

**Where:** Participants may cycle all the way to and from UNBC, one way, or part of the way. During the challenge all participant will have **FREE** access to public transit.

**When:** May 31-June 6

**Why:** Besides being a FUN and healthy activity, cycling to work will reduce the number of cars on the road which helps reduce emissions that are harmful for air quality, your health and the planet. Not to mention the money you will save on fuel and parking!

**How:** contact the UNBC Team Leaders – **Danielle Smyth** ([dsmyth@unbc.ca](mailto:dsmyth@unbc.ca)) or **Ian Picketts** ([ianpicketts@gmail.com](mailto:ianpicketts@gmail.com)).

#### Don't own a bike?

Come to the **Bike Swap** on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the **Moose Hall (663 Douglas St.)** from 12:00-4:00pm.

For more details visit <http://www.biketowork.ca/node/5685>.

## TRAVEL / CONFERENCES / FIELD WORK

**David Connell** and Ian Picketts attended the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions on Sustainable Communities workshop in Vancouver on May 6th.

PhD NRES candidate Titi Kunkel (supervisor: Bob Ellis) presented a paper on the socio-economic impacts of the proposed Prosperity Mine on Aboriginal Women in the Cariboo region at a Panel Hearing on April 30th at Williams Lake. The Panel Hearing was part of the Federal Environmental Assessment process for the mine which is predicted to provide 350 direct jobs in the region with a permanent loss of over 400 ha of wetlands and a lake with proven spiritual and cultural significance to the Tsilhqot'in Aboriginal people.

PhD NRES candidate Titi Kunkel (supervisor: Bob Ellis) traveled to Reno on a field trip May 3rd - 7th with a delegation from local First Nations communities to tour geothermal power plants. The field trip forms part of Titi's PhD research. The purpose was to build geothermal resource capacity within the communities as part of her study.

**Art Fredeen** attended the CSPP Western Regional Meeting/University of Victoria Forest Biology Symposium on May 10th.

**Chris Hawkins** attended the Peace FD Woodlot Association Meeting April 23rd.

**Chris Hawkins** was in the field measuring trees near Manning, AB May 10th - 14th.

**Chris Johnson** attended the Annual General Meeting of the College of Applied Biology May 5th - 7th in Kelowna.

**Staffan Lindgren** travelled to Edmonton and Calgary April 26th - 30th to research collaboration/networking with Dr. Nadir Erbilgin (U of A) and Dr. Mary Reid (U of C).

**Staffan Lindgren** is representing UNBC at the ISFE International Symposium on Forestry Education being held at UBC May 17th - 20th. Around 100-110 participants from more than 40 universities and research organizations worldwide are registered, including a large contingent from China.

Phil Mullins (ORTM), Zoë Meletis (GEOG), Danielle Smyth (Research Project Manager-Green University); Office of the Provost), and Nadia Nowak (Colleges Representative with NUGSS) attended the Sustainability Education Across the Province (SEAP) workshop held at SFU in Burnaby May 16h - 18th, thanks to support from SEAP and UNBC. We look forward to acting as resources for 'teaching sustainability' upon our return, and we plan to organize an event to share SEAP workshop ideas with the rest of the UNBC community in the fall of 2010.

**Ken Otter** was at Riske Creek for research purposes May 4th - 10th.

**Roy Rea** attended the College of Applied Biology Conference in Kelowna and then travelled to Portland for meetings at Boeing Company May 5th - 9th.

**We're on the web at : [www.unbc.ca/nres/newsletter](http://www.unbc.ca/nres/newsletter)**

**REMINDER:** Share your information about recent publications, grants, and/or other honours you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

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