



NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

May 5-9, 2014

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

NRESi NOTES

FROM THE DIRECTOR & RESEARCH MANAGER

Hi everyone,

This week, just a few reminders:

- Are you an NRESi member interested in getting more involved and participating as part of NRESi's Steering Committee? Send me a note by Friday, May 23rd. We are looking for two people to replace outgoing members.
- Looking to play a bigger role in NRESi and it's leadership? With Bill stepping down as Director, we are looking for a NRESi member to take the reins. You should have received all the info via email from me last week. Misplaced it? Send me a note and I'll forward it to you. The deadline to send applications to Art Fredeen is also Friday, May 23rd.
- Are you wondering why May 23rd is so important? It's less than a week before NRESi's Annual General Meeting, on Thursday, May 29th. We are aiming to have all of our candidates for the various roles identified by then. This is also your reminder about the AGM! It will be held in the Gathering Place from 10am-12pm.
- I've created a space on NRESi's website to post the information from our forest tenure discussions (includes links to the video of the Annual Lecture and workshop proceedings). You can find this at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/special-events>
- Graduate students are reminded to send their votes on their desired candidate lecturers for a colloquium presentation next fall. Please see the message circulated on Wednesday for more details and presenter bios.

Have a great day!

Leanne Elliott, NRESi Research Manager

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

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We're on the web at : www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/newsletter

COMING EVENTS

NRESI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NRESi is planning for its Annual General Meeting, coming up quickly at the end of May. We'll be meeting for two hours to review the accomplishments of the Institute over the past year, as well as looking to the future and continuing the planning towards the direction described in the 2012 strategic plan. The agenda and materials will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Thursday, MAY 29th, 2014

10:00am-12:00pm Room: Gathering Place (5-123)

PUBLICATIONS

García, Oscar. A generic approach to spatial individual-based modelling and simulation of plant communities. *Mathematical and Computational Forestry and Nat.-Res. Sci. (MCFNS)* 6(1), 36-47. 2014.
(http://www.mcfns.com/index.php/Journal/article/view/6_36)

TRAVEL & CONFERENCES

Staffan Lindgren travelled to the University of Alberta, Edmonton, May 5-7. On May 6, he served as external examiner on a PhD dissertation and gave a seminar on mountain pine beetle.

Chris Opio has been invited to be the keynote speaker at the Encana Student Water Conference in Dawson Creek, BC, from May 7-9, 2014.

Oscar Garcia was invited to attend as a keynote speaker at a workshop on "Modelling Forest Ecosystem Dynamics", organized by Beijing Forestry University, May 19-23, 2014.

Dezene Huber will be giving an invited talk on the eastward spread of mountain pine beetle at the annual Canadian College & University Environmental Network meeting, to be held in Vancouver on May 22, 2014.

Zoë A. Meletis and her graduate student Cherise Chrispen (MA NRES, Geography) recently travelled to New Orleans for the 34th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, April 10-17th. Zoë presented the paper *Tough questions about turtle tourism* on Monday, April 14th, with support from the UNBC Conference Travel Grant Committee. She also co-organized and co-hosted the 4th annual Speed Chatting with Turtle Experts networking event on Monday April 14th. Cherise was there to recruit prospective participants for her MA thesis project: *Considering consumption-related beliefs and behaviours of North American sea turtle conservationist practitioners*. Aliko Panagopoulou, a PhD student from Drexel University (PA, USA), whose committee Zoë belongs to, won the Runner Up: Conservation Oral Presentation Archie Carr Student Award for presenting the paper: *Untangling fishermen-turtle relationships: perceptions of sea turtle interactions with small-scale fisheries in Crete, Greece* by Aliko Panagopoulou, Zoë A. Meletis, Dimitris Margaritoulis, Pavlos Tsaros, and James R. Spotila. This is the same award that Nick Ehlers (MA NRES 2012) won at the 32nd Annual Symposium in 2012 (Huatulco, Mexico). Zoë, Cherise, and Aliko look forward to being reunited at the 35th Annual Symposium, in Turkey next year.

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TRAVEL & CONFERENCES (continued)

Paul Sanborn will be attending the Canadian Soil Science Society Meeting from May 4-7, 2014 with 4 other UNBC representatives.

- Paul will be presenting a talk on “Sulphur in Inland Forest Ecosystems of the Cordillera: Research Progress since 2000”, co-authored by Rob Brockley, Alyson Watt, and David Levy-Booth. He is also a co-author of oral presentations given by Eryne Croquet (“Reconstructing Paleoenvironments Using Paleosols), and S. Dyanatkar (“SOILx: a Location-Based Augmented Reality Learning Tool for Soil Science”).
- Bill McGill will be presenting the following talk: S. Burton, J. Robinson R. Kabzems and W.B. McGill. Stories from the Soils: An Interactive Soils and Forage Course
- M.Sc. student Kirsten Kilde will be presenting poster on “Thriving in Adversity: Douglas-fir ectomycorrhizal fungal communities in ultramafic and calcareous bedrock-derived soils of central British Columbia”, co-authored by Hugues Massicotte and Paul Sanborn.
- Mike Rutherford will be presenting a talk on Value-Added Bioenergy Ash Utilization – Application to Forest Soil, co-authored by H.B Massicotte, W.B. McGill, S. Helle, K. Reimer and M. Jull.
- Erwin Rehl will also present results on his recently defended MSc thesis: Artificial Weathering Reveals Reduced Elemental Leachability from Hardened Biomass Ash, co-authored with K. Reimer and P.M. Rutherford.

COLLOQUIUM ARCHIVE

Did you miss a colloquium or special lecture? Visit NRESi’s webcast archive to catch up! This can be found through the following link: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-series/archived-colloquium-series>

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