



NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

May 12-16, 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,

You have one more week to consider and apply to be involved in NRESi's leadership, as either its Director or part of the Steering Committee. Did you miss the calls and need more details? Send me a note and I'll pass it along. Deadline for both positions are Friday, May 23rd.

As you may recall, on January 10-11, 2014, NRESi together with the Community Development Institute and the Health Research Institute, planned and hosted the *Cumulative Environmental, Community and Health Effects of Multiple Natural Resource Developments in Northern BC* workshop. The Institutes have been working together to build a space for the videos, presentations, links, and other information from this event. This page is now live and can be viewed at: <http://www.unbc.ca/health-research-institute/cumulative-impacts> Thanks to HRI for preparing and hosting this page on our behalf!

Links to information from past events (such as the cumulative effects workshop mentioned above) will be posted on NRESi's site at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/special-events>. I will be working with our colleagues in the web development and communications departments over the summer to explore refreshing NRESi's website, reviewing how content is presented, making it more user friendly and looking at opportunities to expand and link into social media (such as converting the newsletter into a blog, creating a Facebook/Twitter presence, etc.). Stay tuned for updates!

Watch for NRESi's Annual General Meeting materials next week. We've decided to include a lunch after the event, to facilitate networking and continue discussions. **Please RSVP to me by Thursday, May 22nd**, so I can make the appropriate arrangements.

Graduate students are reminded that today is the last day to send their votes on their desired candidate lecturers for a colloquium presentation next fall. Please see the notice sent through the grad list yesterday.

Have a safe, fun, and relaxing long weekend!

Leanne Elliott, NRESi Research Manager

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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 at the end of the month. We will 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 next week.

Thursday, MAY 29th, 2014

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

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NRESi would like to congratulate four of its members on their promotions to Full Professors at UNBC. Please join me in sending your best wishes to Neil Hanlon, Brian Menounos, Phil Owens and Mike Rutherford on their accomplishments!

NRESi would like to also extend its congratulations to Roy Rea for the successful completion of his Ph.D.!

Dezene Huber was recently elected as Chair of the BC Council on Admissions and Transfer's Provincial Biology Degree Articulation Committee.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

From Ranjana Bird, VP Research:

UNBC's Integrated Watershed Research Group (IWRG) has recently been awarded a four year grant for research in the Nechako River basin. The proposal from the four UNBC faculty (Petticrew, Owens, Parkes and Déry) was approved and funding awarded from the Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund (NEEF). This four year, 1M\$ project will focus on integrating aspects of water security in a changing climate, riverine fine sediment sources and tools for integration to inform watershed governance in the Nechako watershed. The 0.5M\$ awarded from NEEF will be matched with funding secured by the IWRG members.

Please join us on Friday May 23rd at 11am in the Atrium of the UNBC Administration building to help us celebrate this research award and collaborative project.

Congratulations to Ellen, Phil, Margot, and Stephen from NRESi!

PUBLICATIONS

McKee, F.R., Huber, D.P.W., Lindgren, B.S., Hodgkinson, R.S., Aukema B.H. 2014. Effect of natal and colonised host species on female host acceptance and male joining behaviour of the mountain pine beetle (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) using pine and spruce. *The Canadian Entomologist*: doi:10.4039/tce.2014.22.

Tewari, V.P., Álvarez-González, J.G., and García, O. "Developing a dynamic growth model for teak plantations in India". *Forest Ecosystems* 1:9. 2014.

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TRAVEL, CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Chris Johnson and Mike Klaczek will be in Whitehorse from May 12-16 attending the 15th North American Caribou Workshop. Mike will be presenting a poster that highlights his graduate research and Chris will serve as moderator for oral presentations.

Geography's Catherine Nolin is leading her 7th Field School to Guatemala with Grahame Russell of Rights Action from May 11 - 25. Six UNBC undergraduate students are participating along with four undergrads from TRU, York University, McGill University, Memorial University, and two graduate students from UBC and Kent State University. UNBC Alum Alexandra Pedersen (PhD candidate at Queen's University) is joining as our teaching assistant. Please follow along on the Field School blog at: <http://blogs.unbc.ca/nolin/> and on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/UNBCGuate2014>.



PEACE FISH & WILDLIFE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

NRESi is working with the Program Manager and other representatives involved with the Peace Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, to explore opportunities that we can submit as an Institute in their next call this fall. We hope to have an information session for members and partners in June to learn more about what could be possible and begin discussions on project ideas. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. To learn more about the program, visit: http://www.bchydro.com/about/sustainability/environmental_responsibility/compensation_programs.html Have ideas coming to mind already? Please contact Leanne!

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>

ARCHIVE OF PAST EVENTS

Information, links, proceedings, and other information from past NRESi hosted and co-led events can be found at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/special-events>. This site currently includes information about the Forest Tenure events (Annual Lecture and workshop) and a link to the Cumulative Effects Workshop site.

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