



# NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

## May 26-30, 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

Hello everyone,

Happy Convocation Day! The campus is so full of excitement with all of the celebrations. Congratulations to all of our NRES graduates! We wish you all the very best as you begin the next chapter!

We had some great discussions at NRESi's Annual General Meeting yesterday! Thanks to those who were able to attend. For members who were unable to participate, I will be circulating minutes of the meeting in the coming week. The membership will also receive a follow-up note today about voting for replacing two members of our Steering Committee, as well as questions to prod your thinking regarding for NRESi's future. We welcome your input on these important discussions!

We are excited to be able to officially announce that NRESi's proposal to UNBC's 25th Anniversary call was successful! Please see page two of this newsletter for a summary of the projects we will be undertaking to celebrate this milestone. It's great that we'll be able to contribute to some lasting legacy initiatives, recognize the important contributions of our community, and reflect on our accomplishments and look to future opportunities together!

Just a reminder that if you have a story or some research activities that you'd like to share with your fellow members, let me know and we'll work on something together to include in a future newsletter.

Happy Friday!

Leanne Elliott  
NRESi Research Manager

Graduand procession this morning (May 30th) from the Agora Courtyard to the Charles Jago Northern Sports Centre for the 2014 convocation ceremonies



Photo: L. Elliott

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## **NRESi's PROJECT COMMEMORATING UNBC's 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

### **A Living Memorial and Future Legacy**

#### **Project 1: Ceremonial Tree Planting**

With the planting of five, 5-year old trees on the UNBC Prince George campus, NRESi will be helping to kick-off UNBC's 25th anniversary year. This will take place on Orientation Day, which will be on September 2nd, 2014, starting at 12:45pm. NRESi's Planning Committee has been working with UNBC Facilities, the David Douglas Botanical Society, and other partners to assist in identifying appropriate location options for the trees. We are also exploring ideas to incorporate different recognitions as part of the initiative, such as involving representatives to be honorary planters (e.g. a first year student, an alumni, founding faculty, a petition signer, founders). A plaque is under development that will recognize the milestone and describe how these trees also represent the larger tree planting initiative (see project 2). This will be an open event and we welcome the full NRESi and NRES community and our networks to join us in this event and the anniversary kickoff.

#### **Project 2: Tree Planting Legacy Project**

To recognize the 16,000 petition signers who showed the initial support from the community of a university in northern British Columbia, NRESi will be planting 16,000 trees in honour of each of their important contributions. The intent is to plant trees at all of the UNBC campuses/communities, Research Forests, and the Research Centre. NRESi's Planning Committee is working with representatives across all of the properties to identify how many trees they would like to plant, what species, and what age will be preferred. In some cases, our contacts have engaged partners or are exploring opportunities in community parks, in situations where UNBC does not own property. We have had great interest from the Research Forests, who are willing and able to plant the majority of the trees on their lands. Each location will have a plaque describing the initiative and we are also looking into registering this project for carbon sequestration purposes.

#### **Project 3: Anniversary Panel Discussion**

As part of NRESi weekly colloquium series, we will be hosting a special anniversary panel discussion and celebration. This has been scheduled for Friday, September 19th, 2014. We will be inviting a range of individuals with the history, experience, and foresight to reflect on the accomplishments of NRESi and NRES, while also looking to the future and the opportunities possible for the Institute and its members. There will also be time for discussion, where we can engage in a dialogue on these themes together. We welcome any thoughts you may have on topics and/or representatives we should consider as part of this panel.



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## TRAVEL AND CONFERENCES

Stephen Déry will be participating in the CMOS congress in Rimouski, Quebec from June 1st to 5th and deliver a talk entitled "Climate change and water at Stellat'en First Nation, British Columbia, Canada: Insights from western science and traditional knowledge". Stephen will also be participating in the Canadian Network for Regional Climate and Weather Prediction workshop in Montreal May 29th and 30th. He will give a talk entitled "Improving snow modeling in the CRCM5: Strategies moving forward".

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Déry is now Associate Editor for the Journal of Hydrometeorology, published by the American Meteorological Society.

## PUBLICATIONS

Picketts, I. M., **Déry, S. J.**, and **Curry, J.**, 2014: Incorporating climate change adaptation into community plans, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, 57(7), 984-1002, doi: 10.1080/09640568.2013.776951.

**Déry, S. J.**, Knudsvig, H. K., ,Hernández-Henríquez, M. A. and **Coxson, D. S.** 2014: Net snowpack accumulation and ablation characteristics in the Inland Temperate Rainforest of the Upper Fraser Basin, Hydrology, 1, 1-19.

## 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](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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