

NRESi WEEKLY NEWS July 7-11, 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,

Congratulations today go out to NRESi members who were recent recipients of UNBC awards! This year's members receiving the University Achievement Award in research were Jianbing Li, Ken Otter, and Mark Shrimpton. NRESi members who received UNBC's University Achievement Awards for service this year were Art Fredeen and Mark Shrimpton. Please join me in congratulating them in their work and thanking them for their efforts! To see photos including all award recipients, please see the following UNBC links: <u>Award in Research</u> and <u>Award for Service</u>.

Do you have a great photo from your work or research? I'd love to share it in a future newsletter. Please send it along!

Have a great weekend!

Leanne Elliott NRESi Research Manager



Teapot Mountain Photo: L. Elliott

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

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Déry acted as the external examiner for Ph.D. candidate Shannon Fargey's thesis defense at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 27th. Shannon successfully defended her thesis entitled "Characterization of orographic cloud and precipitation features over southern Baffin Island and surrounding area" that was written under the supervision of Dr. John Hanesiak.

As of July 1st, Stephen Déry is now co-chief editor (meteorology and hydrology) for the CMOS journal Atmosphere-Ocean published by Taylor and Francis.

UPCOMING NRESI EVENTS

UNBC 25th ANNIVERSARY

NRESi Ceremonial Tree Planting



NRESi will be planting five, 5-year old ceremonial trees on the UNBC Prince George campus during a special event to kick off UNBC's 25th anniversary year. This will be in conjunction with other opening ceremony activities and Orientation Day. It will be a lasting legacy of this important milestone, as well as be a symbol of the other 16,000 trees to be planted in spring 2015 across UNBC campuses and properties.

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2014

12:45pm - 1:15 pm Location: To be confirmed

UPCOMING NRESI EVENTS

UNBC 25th ANNIVERSARY

NRESi Anniversary Panel Discussion



NRESi will take an opportunity during one of its weekly colloquium sessions to conduct a special 25th anniversary panel discussion. This event will allow time for reflection from faculty, staff and students on the history and successes of NRESi, as well as create a dialogue regarding opportunities for the future.

SEPTEMBER 19th, 2014

3:30pm - 4:30pm

UNBC 25th ANNIVERSARY

Location: To be confirmed

UPCOMING NRESI EVENTS

NRESi's Legacy Planting Project



In honour of the 16,000 UNBC petition signers in northern British Columbia communities and beyond who showed their support of establishing UNBC, NRESi will be planting 16,000 trees to recognize their contributions. The trees will be split between the UNBC Prince George Greenway trail and the John Prince Research Forest. The trees will also be registered as a carbon capture and offset initiative, anticipated to sequester up to 7,000 tonnes of carbon over the next 100 years. In addition, NRESi is working with UNBC campuses and properties to plant ceremonial trees. This will also provide a lasting legacy of this important milestone and a reminder of the communities' role in making the vision of a northern university in BC a reality.

SPRING 2015

Location: Across UNBC Campuses & Properties

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UPCOMING UNBC EVENT

Knowledge Exchange and Exploration: A Gathering for Aboriginal and Academic Communities

UNBC, in partnership with the College of New Caledonia, the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Carrier Sekaniribal Council, and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre, is pleased to be co-hosting this gathering and offer conference participants the opportunity to network, engage, and hear about some of the exciting initiatives happening in communities throughout northern British Columbia and beyond.

This conference brings together representatives of Aboriginal Nations and organizations and academics from British Columbia and elsewhere to discuss and develop best practices for education and research involving Aboriginal communities and organizations. The primary focus is relationship building and developing best practices when working with communities.

Aboriginal communities face increasing requests from academic researchers to do research in their communities and on their lands. Enhancing understanding about appropriate research conduct is critical to respectful and mutually productive research relationships.

More information can be found at: http://www.unbc.ca/knowledge-exchange-and-exploration-gathering

OCTOBER 16-18, 2014

Location: UNBC Prince George campus

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES

Do you have a favourite photo, story or update from your research that you would like to share with your fellow members and the broader NRESi community in the newsletter? Send them to Leanne to include in an upcoming edition!

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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