



## **NRES WEEKLY NEWS**

### **April 22 - April 29, 2005**

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

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**MONDAY, APRIL 25**

### **THESIS DEFENCE**

**Ms. Susan Gibson**, candidate for the degree:

**Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Biology)**

will be defending her thesis entitled:

"AN EXAMINATION OF GENETIC VARIATION AND DISEASE SPREAD IN INONOTUS TOMENTOSUS IN THE SUB-BOREAL SPRUCE ZONE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA"

Supervisor: **Dr. Kathy Lewis**, Ecosystem Science and Management Program

**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2005 **Time:** 10 am **Place:** Conference Centre - 6-205

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

### **THESIS DEFENCE**

**Ms. Sara Dickinson**, candidate for the degree:

**Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies  
(Environmental Science)**

will be defending her thesis entitled:

"APPLICATION OF ANAEROBICALLY DIGESTED SEWAGE SLUDGE IN THE PHYTOREMEDIATION OF A WEATHERED, DIESEL-CONTAMINATED SOIL"

Supervisor: **Dr. Mike Rutherford**, Environmental Science Program

**Date:** Tuesday, April 26, 2005 **Time:** 9 am **Place:** Senate Chambers - Rm 1079

## PUBLIC LECTURE

**Dr. Richard E. Farrell**

Research Scientist and Adjunct Professor  
Co-Director, Strategic Research Program in Soil Biology and Conservation  
Department of Soil Science, University of Saskatchewan

**"Field-scale assessments of phytotechnologies  
applied to sites impacted with weathered hydrocarbons"**

**Date:** Monday, April 25th **Time:** 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm **Place:** Room 7-150

Refreshments will be served

## TRAVEL

- ◆ **Chris Hawkins** will be presenting a paper April 26 - 30 at the IUFRO Conference on Biodiversity and Conservation Biology in Plantation Forests being held in Bordeaux, France.
- ◆ **Gail Fondahl** attended the 5th Congress of the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East in Moscow last week (April 11-13), at the invitation of the Association's president. The trip resulted in an invitation to participate in fieldwork this summer in Siberia.
- ◆ **Neil Hanlon** traveled with a group of students from his Advanced Medical Geography class (GEOG 428) to present the results of their term projects in the Mount Elizabeth Theatre, Kitimat, 11 April. The event was well attended by students of Mount Elizabeth Secondary School, interested citizens, health care providers, planning officers and representatives from municipal and regional government. The following is a list of presenters and titles (in alphabetical order):

Scott Bellavance – Canada's aging population: a northern perspective.

Chelan Hoffman – Is beyond Hope, beyond hope?: using an index of rurality in a GIS to explore healthcare patterns in BC.

Joe LeBourdais – Seniors' recreation and volunteering activities: potential implications for Kitimat.



- ◆ **Dr. Catherine Nolin** traveled to Denver, Colorado on 6- 9 April to participate in the annual meetings of the American Association of Geographers, where she presented the paper, "Spaces of Insecurity: Migration and Militarization along the Guatemala-Mexico Border." This paper was part of two sessions on "Borderline Contradictions: Neoliberalism, Unauthorized Migrations, and Growing Immigration Policing."

## CELEBRITY NEWS

- ◆ **Eric Rapaport**, School of Environmental Planning, participated in a CBC live question and answer interview with BC Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon on April 19. The interview question covered current and future transportation policies of the Liberal Party.



## PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ **Massicotte, H.B.**, L.H. Melville and R.L. Peterson. 2005. Structural features of mycorrhizal associations in two members of the Monotropoideae, *Monotropa uniflora* and *Pterospora andromeda*. *Mycorrhiza* 15: 101-110.
- ◆ **P.M. Rutherford**, S.J. Dickinson and **J.M. Arocena**. 2005. Emergence, survival and growth of selected plant species in petroleum-impacted flare pit soils. *Canadian Journal of Soil Science*, 85: 139-148.



**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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