

NRES WEEKLY NEWS January 13 - January 20, 2006

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

THE 2006 NRES COLLOQUIUM SERIES WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 27.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

THESIS DEFENCE

Ms. Meggan Vickerd, candidate for the degree:

Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

will be defending her thesis entitled:

"IDENTIFICATION OF THE GEOLOGIC ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF ACID GAS INJECTION AT THE KWOEN GAS PLANT"

Supervisor: Dr. Ron Thring, Environmental Science Program

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 Time: 9:00 a.m. Place: Senate Chambers (Room 1079)

AWARDS

 Northern BC Business and Technology Awards were handed out at a dinner held at the Civic Centre on January 12. Out of the twelve categories, UNBC faculty were successful in three:

Dr. Waqar Haque and O-netrix Solutions --Collaborative Research Award – Sponsor was UNBC.



Dr. Charles Jago – Mentor Award – Sponsor was Prince George Free Press.

Sorin Pasca (MSc student), Dr. Ian Hartley and Dr. Ron Thring – The Forest Innovator Award – Sponsor was Duz Cho Logging.

Congratulation to the winners and all those who were nominated!

WELCOME

SABBATICAL

• A big welcome to **Dr. Brian Aukema**, who has taken up his position as Landscape



Ecologist with the Prince George unit of the Canadian Forest Service, based here at UNBC. Brian, with wife Kelly

and son James, have just moved up from Madison, Wisconsin, where he was doing post-doctoral work in insect ecology. He graduated with a PhD from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, under the supervision of Dr. Ken Raffa, and has since worked as a post-doctoral fellow with (UNBC adjunct professor) **Dr. Allan Carroll**, Pacific Forestry Centre, Victoria. You can visit Brian in his office in Rm 11-123 of the EFL, his phone number is x5924, and his e-mail address is <u>baukema@nrcan.gc.ca</u>. Also, please note that **Sandy Allen** (CFS Research Technician) can now be reached by telephone at x5112. The following faculty are off on sabbatical this semester:

Art Fredeen is at the University of California, Berkeley (San Francisco Bay Area) working in the lab of Dr. Todd Dawson on issues related to water transport and photosynthesis in trees.

Hugues Massicotte is at the University of Guelph, Ontario.

Darwin Coxson is in New Zealand.



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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