



# NRES WEEKLY NEWS

## November 25 – December 2, 2005

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

**FRIDAY, December 2**

### THESIS DEFENCE

**Ms. Rachel Botting**, candidate for the degree:

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

will be defending her thesis entitled:

"LICHEN AND BRYOPHYTE DIVERSITY, NITROGEN AND CO<sub>2</sub> EXCHANGE FROM SUB-BOREAL SPRUCE FOREST FLOORS IN CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA"

Supervisor: **Dr. Art Fredeen**, ESM Program

**Date:** Friday, December 2, 2005 **Time:** 9:00 am **Place:** Conference Centre, Room 6-306

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### THESIS DEFENCE

**Ms. Erin Palmer**, candidate for the degree:

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

will be defending her thesis entitled:

"EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR THE USE OF EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE IN RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT IN NORTH-EASTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA"

Supervisor: **Dr. Orland Wilkerson**, ENVS Program

**Date:** Friday, December 2, 2005 **Time:** 1:30 pm **Place:** Conference Centre, Room 6-217

## TRAVEL



- **Gail Fondahl and Debra Straussfogel** traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark to attend the second International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP II) November 10 to 12. The conference included poster and working group sessions from approximately 500 international scientists to prioritize research on the Arctic for the next decade. Gail's poster presentation was entitled *Identifying Local Values for Sustainable Resource Management: A Methodology*. The title of Deb's poster presentation was *The Arctic's Interaction with the Global Economy: Defining Sustainable Development as Resilience to Global<->Local Dynamics*.
- **Neil Hanlon** was invited to give the inaugural presentation of a research seminar series hosted by the BC Rural and Remote Health Research Network. The title of Neil's talk was "Reconsidering care at the margins: rural and remote services as the frontlines of health care reform in BC." The BBRRHN is supported by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, with assistance from UNBC, UVIC and UBC.
- **Greg Halseth and Neil Hanlon** hosted a two-day conference and workshop to showcase research findings and collaborations to date on the New Emerging Team for Health in Rural and Northern BC. The event was supported by a New Emerging Team grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. The conference included presentations from rural health researchers from UBC, Thomson Rivers, Guelph University and UNBC and a keynote address from Michael Ackland of the Victoria Department of Health and Human Services in Australia. UNBC was well represented by Andrea Procyck, Rebecca Goodenough and Pam Tobin, who presented preliminary findings from research conducted this summer in Mackenzie, Williams Lake, Fort St John and Terrace.
- **Brian Menounos** traveled to SFU on Nov. 24 as an external thesis examiner at SFU for 'Fluvial response to Holocene glacier fluctuations in the Nostetuko river valley, southern Coast Mountains, BC.'

- **Stephen Dery and Brian Menounos** have been invited to give presentations at Environment Canada's workshop: 'Hydrology for the Orographically Challenged' in Manning Park (28-30 November).

## NEW PUBLICATION

- Strickland, A. J., **Arocena, J. M., Sanborn, P.** and Smith, C. A. S. 2005. Secondary mineral formation in the White River tephra in grassland and forest soils in central Yukon Territory. *Canadian Journal of Soil Science* 85: 637-648.
- **Johnson, C.J.**, Boyce, M.S., Case, R.L., Cluff, H.D., Gau, R.J., Gunn, A., and Mulders, R. Cumulative effects of human developments on Arctic wildlife. *Wildlife Monograph* 160.
- **Massicotte, H.B.**, L.H. Melville and R.L. Peterson. 2005. Structural characteristics of root-fungal interactions for five ericaceous species in Eastern Canada. *Can. J. Bot.* 83: 1057-1064.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 4th Annual Teaching Lab Building Christmas Party!



**Date: Friday, December 16, 3:30 pm**  
**Location: 2nd Floor - Lucille's Reception Area**

**Door Decorating Contest**  
**Carol Singing**  
**Good food and lots of Christmas Spirit!!**

**(Please bring Christmas goodies, apples or munchies to share).**



**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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