



NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

April 22-25, 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

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a great week!

On **Friday, May 9th from 3:30pm-4:30pm**, NRESi will be hosting a **special colloquium presentation** by a visiting Finnish delegation. Our tentative topic of discussion will be Restorative Environment Design with Wood. This event is under development, so please mark your calendars and watch for more details to come!

Those of you who attended the Peace Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (PFWCP) lecture will recall the presentation made about the upcoming PFWCP call for proposals in the fall of 2014. NRESi was invited to consider innovative projects that we could undertake and was encouraged to engage the fund managers in the next few months with our ideas. Those who are interested in getting involved in a dialogue on what we could undertake are invited to let me know (no long-term commitment required). It would be great to expand our involvement with the PFWCP to one that creates increased value, impact and benefit to the communities we support. To learn more about the fund, visit: http://www.bchydro.com/about/sustainability/environmental_responsibility/compensation_programs.html

As you may know, NRESi has arranged a place to archive our colloquium and special lectures. They can be viewed at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-series/archived-colloquium-series>. What you will not know is how much traffic this site is now getting! Over the past month, we have had almost 200 views of the videos, with lots of interest in the Annual Lecture – over 100 people have tuned in! All of NRESi's lectures over the past semester, including special presentations, will continue to be posted to this site (please allow for time for our AV colleagues to upload the files). Feel free to check back in anytime to see what you missed!

Have a great weekend!

Leanne Elliott, NRESi Research Manager

REMINDER: Share your information about recent publications, grants, and/or other honors you may have received with others interested in future NRESi issues.

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

COMING EVENTS

SPECIAL COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATION

UNBC will be welcoming a **Finnish delegation** to campus on Friday, May 9th and expressed interest in sharing with us some of their work. NRESi will be hosting a special colloquium presentation with members of the delegation, on the theme of Restorative Environmental Design with Wood. All are welcome to attend. Please watch for more details in next week's newsletter.

Friday, MAY 9th, 2014

3:30PM-4:30PM

Room: TBD

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

PUBLICATIONS

Brent G. Pautler, Gert-Jan Reichart, **Paul T. Sanborn**, Myrna J. Simpson, and Johan W.H. Weijers. 2014. Comparison of soil derived tetraether membrane lipid distributions and plant-wax δD compositions for reconstruction of Canadian Arctic temperatures. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 404: 78–88.

TRAVEL & CONFERENCES

Chris Johnson will be in Quebec City this week attending a meeting of the COSEWIC Terrestrial Mammals Subcommittee.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

NRES PhD student Michael Allchin recently learnt of two awards for his MSc work at the University of Southampton (England), on the use of Growing Self-Organising Maps to classify hydrological catchments, which he completed in October 2013. His dissertation was nominated as Southampton's entry in a national competition run by the Royal Geographical Society's G.I.Sci. Research Group and placed joint first. A presentation of the project's findings at 'Spatial Knowledge and Information 2014' was also awarded joint first prize for a student paper, sponsored by the Convergence Geospatial Network. Michael hopes to apply some of the techniques he developed to his UNBC research on the remote sensing of snow.

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