



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

May 2005

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

Travel

- **Debra Straussfogel**, Geography Program, represented UNBC at a national roundtable on U.S. Studies, convened by the *Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America (Fulbright Foundation)* and the *Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal* at L'Université de Montréal May 6 and 7. The key purpose of the meeting was to develop a national strategy which allows Canada to build capacity in U.S. studies. This includes a more detailed plan for curriculum development and for human capital (student mobility and scholarly exchange). It also involves discussion of collective research agenda(s), and the development of institutional partnerships and collaborative research. The roundtable involved delegates from Canadian universities, as well as representatives from both federal governments, the provincial government of Québec, and industry and research consortia in both countries.
- **Lito Arcena, Mike Rutherford**, Lorne MacGregor, and Dave Woodward visited the Gibraltar and Mt Polley mine sites (near Likely, BC) May 10-11 to discuss potential research and COOP opportunities. Lito, Lorne and Mike then went to the Kemess mine site (450



km NE of PG) on May 12 to meet with personal to identify possible research collaborations.

- **Hugues Massicotte** will be away working on ongoing projects with the mycorrhiza research group at the University of Guelph (May 16-28).
- **Scott Green** will attend a dendroecology workshop in Tucson, Arizona, May 22 - June 6.
- **Chris Hawkins** will travel to Gatineau, Quebec to attend the 5th North American Forest Ecology Workshop, June 11 - 17.
- **Art Fredeen** will attend Plant Canada 2005 meetings in Edmonton, AB, June 15 - 18.

In the Spotlight

- **Dr. Eric Rapaport**, School of Environmental Planning, participated in a CBC interview on May 26th with BC Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon. The interview questions covered the BC's transportation as outlined in the Executive Briefing on Western Canada Transportation Infrastructure Strategy, by the Western Provincial Transportation Ministers Council.



Welcome

- Welcome to **Dr. Brad Coombes**, who is visiting from the University of Auckland, NZ for the next few months, until mid July, as a visiting fellow with Geography. Dr. Coombes' research focuses on the involvement of indigenous peoples in resource management. He is located in John Shultis' office (8-408) - please drop by to say hello.

PLEASE NOTE: The weekly newsletter will be published on a monthly basis in May, June, July and August.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ The Western Forestry and Conservation Association invites you to attend the following events for forest managers and natural resource professionals this summer:

Bringing Climate Into Natural Resource Management, June 28-30, 2005 in Portland, OR.

Westside Advanced Insect and Disease Field Session: Identification, Life Cycles, Control Measures, and Silvicultural Regimes, June 27-30, 2005 in Newport, OR.

Annual Meeting: Western Forestry and Conservation Nursery Association, July 26-29, 2005 in Park City, UT.

Full agenda and program information is listed at www.westernforestry.org.

Funding

- **Ken Otter** received funding (\$25 000) from the Canadian Wildlife Service to initiate a UNBC/CWS/Industry partnership. The proposal was with Bob Elner from the Pacific Wildlife Research Centre to study the effect of the wind turbine farms on birds. The proposal was "The UNBC/ Industry/CWS Centre for Wind Energy and the Environment" K. Otter & R.W. Elner. Ken will travel to Vancouver 30 May to 3 June to sort out contracts and meet with the industry representatives for the project.



Publications

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EFL News

- Faculty and students doing field research: the EFL has recently purchased a nursery quality thermal transfer printer. It can print a variety of water-proof/weatherproof labels that should not fade for two or three years under field conditions. Please contact **John** (6478) or **Steve** (6808) to see if we can meet your needs for long lasting printed labels.



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