



# NRES WEEKLY NEWS

## December 3 - 14, 2012

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

### COMING EVENTS

#### GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

**Ms. Asha MacDonald** is a candidate for the degree:

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

**Ms. MacDonald** will be defending her thesis entitled:

“Lichens in the Inland Rainforest: Climate Bio-monitoring and Population Structure of *Lobaria Pulmonaria* (L.) Hoffm.””

Supervisor: **Dr. Darwyn Coxson**

Date: **January 9, 2013** Time: 9:00 am Room: Senate Chambers

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alyson Watt (MSc NRES graduate student, supervisor: **Art Fredeen**) for winning the annual “Best Graduate Student NRESI Research Extension Note” — along with the \$500 prize! Alyson’s Research Extension note was entitled “Foliar nutrient concentrations and potential limitations of white spruce (*Picea glauca* (Moench) Voss) in Yukon, Canada” and was coauthored with **Art Fredeen** and **Paul Sanborn**. This prize is sponsored by the NRES Institute and is awarded each fall to the best extension note submitted by a NRES Graduate Student. Please encourage your students to consider submitting an extension note based on their thesis work for next year’s award!

### PUBLICATIONS

Aitken, D.A., Child, K.N., **Rea, R.V.**, and O.G. Hjeljord 2012 Age, sex and seasonal differences of carcass weights of moose from the central interior of British Columbia: A comparative analysis. *A/ces* 48: 105-122

### TRAVEL / CONFERENCES / RESEARCH

**Jianbing Li** traveled to the University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus on 29 November to serve as an external examiner of a PhD thesis defence in the School of Engineering.

Last week, **Brian Menounos**, Theo Mlynowski, Lyssa Maurer, and Matt Beedle attended the American Geophysical Union’s 45th annual conference in San Francisco. The meeting included 20,000 scientists from around the globe. Matt, Lyssa, and Theo gave papers about their thesis work and Brian presented on his ongoing research in western Canada and Patagonia.

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