



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

April 26 - 29, 2011

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

Mr. Jordie Fraser is a candidate for the degree:

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

Mr. Fraser will be defending his thesis entitled:

“Cold Tolerance and Seasonal Gene Expression in *Dendroctonus Ponderosae*”

Supervisor: **Dr. Dezene Huber**

Date: **April 21, 2011** Time: 10:00 am Room: Gathering Place (5-123)

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. Bruce Muir is a candidate for the degree:

Master of Arts in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Environmental Science)

Mr. Muir will be defending his thesis entitled:

“Environmental Justice in Canada: An Application to a First Nation’s Struggle to Protect Caribou from Coal Mining in Northeast British Columbia”

Supervisor: **Dr. Annie Booth**

Date: **April 21, 2011** Time: 10:30 am Room: Senate Chambers

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Ms. Nadika Gayathri Samarasekera is a candidate for the degree:

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

Ms. Samarasekera will be defending her thesis entitled:

“Microsatellite Variation in Mountain Pine Beetle (*Dendroctonus Ponderosae* Hopkins) in Western Canada: Spatial Genetic Analyses of Neutral Variation and Development of Genic Markers”

Supervisor: **Dr. Brent Murray**

Date: **April 26, 2011** Time: 10:00 am Room: 6-205/211

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Mr. Adrian Batho is a candidate for the degree:

Master of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Forestry)

Mr. Batho will be defending his thesis entitled:

“A Site Index Model for Interior Lodgepole Pine in the Sub-Boreal Spruce Biogeoclimatic Zone of Interior British Columbia”

Supervisor: **Dr. Oscar Garcia**

Date: **April 28, 2011** Time: 9:00 am Room: Senate Chambers

GOODBYES

Best wishes to Brian Pickles and Monika Gorzelak, who left last week for new adventures in Kelowna. Monika, who completed her MSc with **Hugues Massicotte** and has been working for **Keith Egger** as a Research Associate, will become the lab manager for two mycorrhiza researchers at UBC Okanagan. Brian will be looking for new opportunities while finishing off papers resulting from his Forest Genetics Council postdoctoral research at UNBC with **Keith Egger, Hugues Massicotte & Scott Green**. We wish them both the best of luck in their new endeavours.

CONGRATULATIONS

Theo Mlynowski, NRES M.Sc. Candidate (Geography) received a \$2,500 graduate student grant from the Geological Society of America for his proposed MSc thesis project, “The relation of glacier activity to sediment yield in a proglacial lake, Peyto Basin, Alberta”. Theo is supervised by **Brian Menounos**.

Phil Owens, Stephen Déry, Rick Holmes, Margot Parkes and Ellen Petticrew have been awarded a grant of \$45,000 from SSHRC for a series of outreach workshops on “Climate change, water and salmon: research into policy”. The workshops will take place at the Quesnel River Research Centre (QRRC), and in Quesnel and Williams Lake during summer and fall this year.

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