



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

September 17 - 21, 2007

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

Coming Events

REMINDER

Icebreaker Reception and Poster Session

Graduate students and faculty are invited to present their latest research findings in poster presentations. This event offers you an opportunity to showcase your work and meet with new and returning graduate students, faculty and the general public.

Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Date: Friday, September 14, 2007

Where: Atrium, Teaching and Learning Centre

Light Refreshments will be Served

Please notify Paula Poirier (poirier@unbc.ca) if you plan to display one or more posters.

GRAD STUDENTS!!

Each year the NRES Institute sponsors an NRESI Colloquium given by a guest speaker nominated by the **NRES graduate students**. We are currently seeking nominations for a lecture to be given during the winter semester (2008) of the Colloquium series.

Please send us potential speaker's names, their affiliations and contact information, and a BRIEF description of why you believe your nominee would be appropriate for the NRESI Colloquium series.

Please forward your nominations to nresi@unbc.ca on or before **Friday, September 28, 2007**.

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

**PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL to
Elissa Zemlak: zemlak@unbc.ca**

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

THESIS DEFENCE

Congratulations to **Rachael Clasby** on the successful defence of her Master's thesis, "Networks and partnerships in a resource town: a case study of adapting to an aging population in Mackenzie, B.C." (Supervisor: **Dr Neil Hanlon**, Geography).

Congratulations also to **Pierre-Paul Bitton** on his successful defence of his MSc NRES (Biology) thesis, entitled, "Plumage Characteristics in Tree Swallows *Tachycineta bicolor*: Honest Signals of Condition, Reproductive Investment and Mating Strategies" . (Supervisor: **Dr. Russ Dawson**, ESM)

NOTICE

The ORTM program has started an e-newsletter aimed at our current students that will be produced periodically. *The Trailhead* is emailed directly to students as topics and issues and opportunities come up. To start with, we've kept the formatting minimal figuring that a 'within body of the email' message is more likely to be read by students than an attached document. *The Trailhead*, along with our program newsletter aimed largely at external audiences and partners, can also be found on the website at www.unbc.ca/ortm

TRAVEL

Gail Fondahl (GEOG) served as co-organizer, along with Natalia Novikova of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow) for the 5th International Summer School in Legal Anthropology, on *Self-Government and Co-management: Prospects for the Indigenous Peoples of Russia's North*. The summer school was held in the western Siberian city (and oil centre) of Khanty-Mansiysk, from August 6 -11. **Rick Krehbiel** (ENPL Adjunct), **Pam Tobin** (MA NRES GEOG, now working with **Dr. Laurie Chan**), Richard Binder from the Inuvialuit Joint Secretariat and Gail presented talks on co-management, impact benefit agreements and resource revenue sharing, and cultural dimensions of EIAs. The summer school involved 30 students (comprised of undergraduate and graduate students and indigenous activists), and 8 lecturers (lawyers, anthropologists, geographers from Russia and Canada).

Participants of the 5th International Summer School



CONGRATULATIONS

Lizette Tuason, PhD NRES student, won the best poster award at the 2007 annual meetings of the Canadian Soil Science Society held in Quebec City on June 3-7, 2007. The poster, entitled "Root organic exudates and properties of rhizospheres of *Picea glauca* and *Abies lasiocarpa*", is part of her PhD research under the supervision of **Lito Arcena**.

PUBLICATIONS

Thompson, R. Douglas , Lori Daniels, **Kathy Lewis**. A new dendroecological method to differentiate growth responses to fine-scale disturbance from regional-scale environmental variation. *Canadian Journal of Forest Research*, Volume 37, Number 6 (June 2007), pp. 1034-1043.

Fondahl, G. and D. Atkinson (2007) Re-making space in north-central British Columbia: the establishment of the John Prince Research Forest, *BC Studies* 154:67-95.