

## **NRES WEEKLY NEWS**

### **September 10 - 14, 2007**

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

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## **Welcome Back!**

The Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Institute would like to welcome everyone back and we look forward to another productive year. The Institute is planning a number of events to facilitate communication and collaboration among its members. Watch this newsletter for coming events.

## **Coming Events**

# **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](mailto:poirier@unbc.ca)) if you plan to display one or more posters.

**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](mailto:zemlak@unbc.ca)**

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## EVENTS

### Fall Colloquium Series

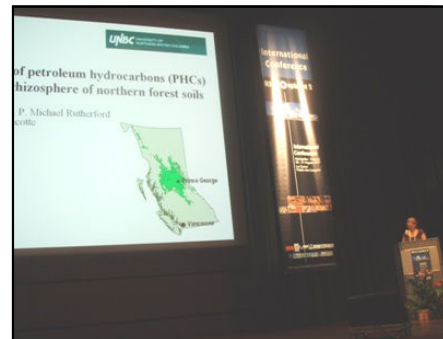
There are a few spots available in the Friday Colloquium series. If you are interested in giving a seminar this semester, please contact Roy Rea (reav@unbc.ca) or Dezene Huber (huber@unbc.ca)

## PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to **Susan Robertson** in co-winning the Luella Weresub Award. The paper entitled "Ectomycorrhizal fungal communities of black spruce differ between wetland and upland forests" by **Susan Robertson, Linda Tackaberry, Keith Egger & Hugues Massicotte**, published in Canadian Journal of Forest Research (2006) 36: 972-985.

The paper by **Susan Robertson** highlights significant variation in ectomycorrhizal fungal community structure along a moisture gradient and offers a prediction for the success of black spruce and its ectomycorrhizal associates in adjusting to the inevitable climate change. The work stems from her M.Sc. degree while at UNBC under the supervision of **Hugues Massicotte**. Susan is currently pursuing a PhD at UNBC with **Mike Rutherford** and **Hugues Massicotte** on the contribution of mycorrhizal systems to the degradation of petrochemicals.

Susan Robertson at the RHIZOSPHERE 2 International Conference, Montpellier, August 2007



## PUBLICATIONS

**Rea, R.V.**, K.N. Child, D.P. Spata, and D. MacDonald. 2007. Influence of cutting time on brush response: Implications for herbivory in linear (transportation) corridors. *Environmental Management* 40 (2):219-230. Roy also got the cover photo on the issue!

Schiefer, E., **B. Menounos**, and **R. Wheate**, 2007, Recent volume loss of British Columbian glaciers, Canada, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 34.

## TRAVEL

**Hugues Massicotte, Linda Tackaberry** and Cameron Wagg (M.Sc. student, U of Guelph, cosupervised by Hugues) attended the Plant Canada meeting in Saskatoon (June 10-14). Cameron presented work from his thesis: "Soil fertility and mycorrhizal association influences on lodgepole pine and interior hybrid spruce seedling growth", co-authored by C. Wagg, B. Husband, **HB Massicotte** & RL Peterson.