



Adirondack Research Consortium

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September 2011 News and Updates



McKibben Headlines Annual Conference

The Adirondack Research Consortium was pleased to welcome world renowned author and environmentalist Bill McKibben as the keynote speaker at the 19th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks held last May in Lake Placid. Bill delivered a powerful

message concerning the devastating impacts of global warming and called for deliberate and vigorous actions to stop it. "350.org" is a worldwide grassroots campaign founded by McKibben to rally political support and social capital to enact meaningful carbon emission reduction strategies today.



Commissioner Martens Featured Speaker

The Honorable Joseph J. Martens, Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation was a featured speaker at the 2011 Annual

Conference. The Commissioner outlined the wide ranging scope of DEC programs and activities. He assured the audience of the Department's future commitments to the Adirondack Park's resources and economy. The Commissioner also said that the Department would soon be moving forward on regulations regarding high-volume hydraulic fracturing (sometimes referred to as hydrofracking).



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Jerry Jenkins 2011 Adirondack Achievement Award

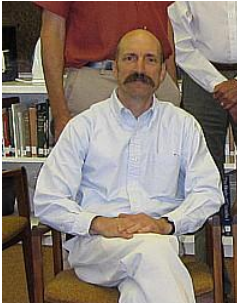
Author and ecologist Jerry Jenkins was honored by the Adirondack Research Consortium with the 2011 Adirondack Achievement Award. Jerry is the author of several books including his most recent, *Climate Change in the Adirondacks* published by Cornell University Press. "Jerry has dedicated his life to research and science and has a knack for making his findings available and understandable to all audiences", said Dan Spada, Consortium President. Jerry said he appreciated the award as it came from a group of people he personally has an enormous amount of respect for.

Pearsall Foundation Sponsors Juried Student Paper Program

The Carol and Glenn Adirondack Pearsall Foundation awarded a grant to the Consortium to fund the Inaugural Juried Student Paper Program at the 2011 Annual Conference. Several students from area colleges including Paul Smith's College, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and the University of Vermont participated. Paul Smith's College President John Mills chaired the

proceedings. Catherine Haase of SUNY ESF won the graduate level award for her paper on moose habitat, and Ben Eck, et. al., of Paul Smith's College won the undergraduate award for a paper on salamander habitat. The program was so well received it will become a permanent fixture at the Annual Conference.

Daniel Spada – New Consortium President



Dan Spada has succeeded Dr. William Porter as President of the Adirondack Research Consortium. His election came at the 2011 Annual Conference last May in Lake Placid. Dan has been on the Consortium Board for several years and is the chief science

officer at the NYS Adirondack Park Agency. He is actively involved in several Adirondack organizations. Also elected were Brian Chabot, Cornell University, Vice President; Tom Young, Clarkson University, Vice President; and Eileen Allen, SUNY Plattsburgh, Secretary/Treasurer.

The 2011 Consortium Board of Directors



The 2011 Consortium Board: (From the left) Jerry Pepper, Tom Burkly, Stacy McNulty, Ross Whaley, Liz Thorndike, Dan Fitts, Bob Stegemann, Dan Castle, Bruce Selleck, Eileen Allen, Amanda Lavigne, Brian Chabot, Dan Spada, and Tom Young. (Photo by Ken Rimany)



Now On-Line at AJES.org!

This spring, the Consortium successfully launched the

on-line version of the popular Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies (AJES). The on-line version features perspectives, business profiles, book reviews, interviews, and peer reviewed articles. Jon Erickson, AJES Executive Editor, said the on-line version provides opportunity for greater interaction between reader and author, and dramatically expands the reach of the publication. "In today's information age, digital publication has become the norm and we wanted AJES to be part of this transformation". For those of you that prefer the printed version of the Journal don't worry! The Consortium will continue to publish an annual printed version and distribute it to its members and libraries.

Upcoming Events

October 11, 2011 – Reception honoring Robert B. Catell at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY. ESF President Neil Murphy, Honorary Event Chair.

February 15, 2012 – Alternative Waste Water Treatment Technology One-Day Conference, Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY.

May 16-17, 2012 – 19th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

For information on these and other Consortium activities contact our Paul Smith's College Campus office or visit our webpage at ADKresearch.org.

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