



Adirondack Research Consortium

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21st Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

“Moving Forward- Revitalizing Communities and Forging Opportunities”

May 14-15, 2014, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, Poster and Exhibit Set-Up
- 8:30 a.m. “Opening Remarks and Introduction”, **Daniel M. Spada**, President, Adirondack Research Consortium

8:45 a.m.

Revitalizing Communities

“Setting the Context for Moving Forward”, **Jim Herman and Dave Mason**, ADK Futures

Panel: Cleaner Greener Communities, **Kate Fish**, ANCA, Chair, Overview, goals and strategies, and funded projects. These projects include:

- The first small scale food waste biodigester in the nation coming to Lake Placid:
- A solar thermal greenhouse installation, Rivermede Farms, Keene Valley
- New sidewalks in Lyons Falls
- Biomass projects in a number of communities
- Upgrade to Saranac Lake's hydro system

- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Panel Sustainable Local Energy – Biomass Projects, **Robert B. Catell**, Chair, Advanced Energy and Research Technology Center, SUNY Stony Brook, NYSERDA
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch: Speaker: **Richard L. Kauffman**, Chairman, NYSERDA and Chairman of Energy and Finance for New York

1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

Sustainable Resources: Water Quality – Threats, Economic Services, Groundwater, and Advocacy	Innovative Examples of the Regional Economy at Work – The Key Drivers, Opportunities, and Challenges.
<p>Dan Kelting, Chair, Adirondack Watershed Institute, Paul Smith’s College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Heintzelman, Clarkson University, Economic Value of Clean Water • Curt Stager, Paul Smith’s College, Impacts of Climate Change • Colin Beier, SUNY ESF, Recovery from Acidification/Resource Services • Willie Janeway, Adirondack Council, Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Food & Agriculture: TBA • Manufacturing: TBA • Clean Energy: Moriah Hydro Corp., Jim Besha, President Albany Engineering Corp. • Biotech: TBA • Investors: Melinda Little, Coordinator, Point Positive • Entrepreneurial Support: TBA

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m.

Social Aspects of Resource Protection: Demographics of the Adirondacks – Ethnicity, age diversity, and trends compared to other parts of the State and Country	Community Colleges as Economic Drivers: Adjusting to Student Demographics, Market Needs, and Demands
<p>Jeff Anthony, The LA Group, Chair Jim Martin, The LA Group Brad Dake, Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project</p>	<p>John Mills, President, Paul Smith’s College, Chair; Kristine Duffy, President, Adirondack Community College; John Jablonski, President, Clinton Community College; and Steve Tyrell, President, North Country Community College</p>

5:00 p.m. Student Paper and Poster Author Reception, Opportunity to meet students presenting at the Annual Conference and discuss their work. Music by: The Adirondack Research Scientists Musical Review, **Dr. Curt Stager**, Paul Smith’s College, Musical Director.

7:00 p.m. Premier Screening: “**THE SUMMIT**”, Discussion, and Reception - A Mountain Lake PBS Documentary. Climate change is a global problem but its effects are felt locally. This 60-minute documentary explores local adaptive strategies.



Thursday, May 15, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. 2012 Adirondack Research Consortium’s Annual Meeting and Elections
- President’s Report
 - Election of Board of Directors
 - Open Membership Comments
- 8:45 a.m. Panel: “Adirondack Research Pathways to Policy and Solution”, **Brian Houseal**, SUNY ESF’s Adirondack Ecological Center, Chair; Renewable Energy, Recreational Tourism, State Land Master Plan, and Encouraging Local Business.

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	Science/Ecology Track	Economic/Social Science/Humanities Track
9:45 a.m.	Contributed Paper	Contributed Paper
10:15 a.m.	Contributed Paper	Contributed Paper
10:30 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.	Contributed Paper	Contributed Paper
11:20 a.m.	Contributed Paper	Contributed Paper
11:40 a.m.	Contributed Paper	Contributed Paper

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch: Honorary Luncheon Chair, **Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr.**, SUNY President Emeritus
- Presentation of the 2014 Adirondack Achievement Award, **Dr. Myron J. Mitchell**, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- Guest Speaker, **Dr. Quentin Wheeler**, President, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, “Perspectives on ESF and the Future”.
- 1:30 p.m. Optional Field Trip: “Behind the Scenes” at the Wild Center, Tupper Lake, NY

Submitted Posters

The Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and Whiteface Mountain Field Station	Paul Casson ¹ , Richard Brandt ¹ , and James Schwab ² Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, University at Albany, State University of New York ¹ Whiteface Mountain Station, Wilmington, NY ² Albany, NY
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