



# Adirondack Research Consortium

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

May 13-14, 2015, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

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### The Adirondack Forests - Opportunities for Diversity, Water Quality, and Innovation\*

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#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

##### Wednesday, May 13, 2015

- 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. **Keynote Address: Tom Martin**, CEO, American Forest Foundation, Innovations and Trends in the Nation's Forests and the Relationship to the Adirondacks. Understanding the social, economic, and environmental benefits forests provide to our communities, our nation, and the world.
- 9:30 a.m. **Panel: Trends and Innovations in Adirondack Forest Management** – Manufacturing, Land Management, and Private Landowner/Educator Perspectives. Moderator, **Tom Martin**  
**Pat Curran**, Curran Renewable Energy, LLC, Using responsible forestry practices when harvesting timber and working with landowners to mitigate potential environmental harms and protect soil and water quality.  
**Tim Burpoe**, Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC, New York State's largest private land manager discusses approaches to land management, timber sales, and best management practices.  
**Mike McLarty**, Finch, Sustaining a paper making business with healthy forests.
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Energy Panel: **The Changing Energy Landscape and the Impacts on the Adirondacks** -  
**Robert B. Catell**, AERTC@SUNY Stony Brook, Chair  
**Tim Volk**, SUNY ESF  
**Mark Watson**, NYSERDA  
**Phil Hopke**, Clarkson University
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch - Speaker: **New York State Energy Policy and Implications for the Adirondacks, John Rhodes**, President and CEO, NYSERDA,
- 1:30 p.m. Panel with **Jerry Jenkins, Wildlife Conservation Society, Adirondack Landscapes and How They Work**, The ecological trends being observed in the forests of the Adirondacks forests what can be expected in the future.
- 3:00 p.m. Break



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3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Climate Change Initiative	Student Research in the Adirondacks	Citizen Science in the Adirondacks
<p>An Update on the Initiative and What it Means for the Adirondacks</p> <p><b>Dave Mason and Jim Herman</b></p>	<p><b>Dan Kelting</b>, Paul Smith's College, Moderator</p> <p><b>Jesse Smith</b>, Paul Smith's College, Inter-reach Movements Of Brook Trout in a Northern Adirondack Watershed.</p> <p><b>Samouel J. Beguin</b>, SUNY ESF, Adirondack Boreal Wetland Soundscapes: Birds, Land Use, Roads, And Noise.</p> <p><b>Chloe Matillo</b>, Paul Smith's College, Implications for Species Responses to Climate Change.</p> <p><b>Sean Patton and Brandon Morey</b>, Paul Smith's College, Correlations between watershed attributes and DOC and DN in Adirondack streams</p>	<p><b>Ezra Schwartzberg</b>, Adirondack Research, LLC, Moderator</p> <p><b>Stacy McNulty</b>, SUNY ESF, Regional Research and ATBI</p> <p><b>Jennifer Dean</b>, NY Natural Heritage Program, Tracking Environmental Challenges</p> <p><b>Ezra Schwartzberg</b>, Technology and How To Harness It</p> <p><b>Steve Langdon</b>, NYS APA, Wetland Monitoring Program</p>

5:00 p.m. **Poster Author Reception**, High Peaks Resort

## Thursday, May 14, 2015

7:00 a.m. **President's Ring Institution Breakfast** (By invitation)

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. **2012 Adirondack Research Consortium's Annual Meeting and Elections**

- President's Report
- Election of New Board Members
- Open Membership Comments

8:30 a.m. **The Intersection of Research and Policy**, **Thomas Gais**, Director, Rockefeller Institute of Government

8:45 Panel: **Challenges Conservation – Lessons, Opportunities, and Partnerships**  
**Mike Carr**, The Nature Conservancy  
 TBD

9:45 a.m. **Water-The Most Important Compound in the Biosphere** - An Overview of the History of Water from the Beginning of Time into the Future, and the Issues Confronted, **Cornelius B. Murphy**, SUNY ESF

10:30 a.m. Break



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10:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

<p><b>§480 Tax Law and Certification Programs, Changes and Business Implications</b></p>	<p><b>The Booming Wellness Economy: Can it Be the Adirondack Community Economic Driver and Connector of the Future Born from its Rich Past?</b></p>	<p><b>Updates on Regional Initiatives - Water Quality, Human Health, and Sustainability</b></p>
<p><b>Jeff Denkenberger</b>, Molpus Woodlands Group, LLC (Moderator)  <b>Dennis Gingles</b>, International Paper, Business perspectives and implications  <b>Sloan Crawford</b>, NYS DEC, Regulatory perspectives  <b>Julie Tighe</b>, NYS DEC</p>	<p><b>Adirondack Wellness Initiative</b>  <b>Naj Wikoff</b>, Creative Healing Connections  <b>Ernest Hohmeyer</b>, Adirondack Lake Clear Lodge &amp; Retreat Center</p>	<p><b>Dan Kelting</b>, Adirondack Watershed Institute, Paul Smith's College, Water Quality and Road Salt Initiatives, Moderator  <b>Lee Ann Sporn</b>, Paul Smith's College, Monitoring Lyme Disease Ecology in the Adirondacks  <b>Brett McLeod</b>, Center for Working Landscapes, Paul Smith's College, Neo-Homesteading in the Adirondack-North Country: Crafting Durable Communities</p>

12:00 p.m. Lunch: **Presentation of the 2015 Adirondack Achievement Award, Dr. Barbara Bedford**, Cornell University  
**Perspectives on Leading the College of the Adirondacks and the Future** Guest Speaker, **Dr. Cathy S. Dove**, President, Paul Smith's College,

1:30 p.m. Panel: **The Adirondack Diversity Advisory Council: A Dialogue on Diversity in the Adirondacks - Economic, Social and Political Implications for the Future.**  
**John Warren**, *Adirondack Almanack*, Moderator  
**Dr. Donathan L. Brown**, Assistant Professor in Rhetoric and Communication Studies, Ithaca College  
**Paul B. Hai**, Program Coordinator for the Northern Forest Institute of SUNY-ESF  
**Kelly Metzgar**, Transgender, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Gender Queer Advocate  
**Pete Nelson**, Founder and Coordinator, Adirondack Diversity Advisory Council

3:00 p.m. Adjourn



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