



Adirondack Research Consortium

Finding Ways to Share Research and Information

Fall 2015

Barbara Bedford Receives the 2015 Adirondack Achievement Award



The Adirondack Research Consortium presented the 2015 Adirondack Achievement Award to **Dr. Barbara Bedford** of Cornell University. The presentation was made by **Dan Spada**, President of the Consortium, on May 14th, 2015 at the Awards Luncheon held during the 22nd Annual Conference on the Adirondacks in Lake Placid. Dr. Bedford is a wetland ecologist with abiding interest in understanding processes controlling biological and functional diversity of wetlands, and applying this science to the conservation and management of wetland ecosystems. She has been recognized nationally for her ability and passion for translating science to policy makers, and has been recognized by both her college and university for outstanding teaching. Barbara has taught at Cornell for 34 years. *Photo by Frank Pine.*

Union College Partnership to Publish AJES

Last March, Consortium President Dan Spada and Dr. Robert Kelly, Chief of Staff at Union College, signed a Memorandum of Understanding providing for a partnership between the two organizations to publish the annual edition of the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies. Under the agreement, beginning this fall, Volume 20 of the Journal will be published with a general theme of “Birds of the Adirondacks” with a tribute to the work of Teddy Roosevelt. Board Members Stacy McNulty of ESF and Caleb Northrop of Union College, are leading the project. Work is underway on Volume 21, a Adirondack geology themed edition to be published in 2016 and coordinated by Consortium Board Members Jeff Chairenzelli of St. Lawrence University and Bruce Selleck of Colgate University.

Board News



The Consortium is pleased to welcome two **new Board Members** from Union College, Hallie Bond and Caleb Northrop, pictured above. Hallie is the Director of the Kelly Adirondack Center at the College, and Caleb is Special Assistant to President Stephen Ainlay and to the Kelly Adirondack Center. *Photo Bruce Selleck.*



Stacy McNulty of SUNY-ESF left the Board in 2015 to devote more time to finishing her doctorate at SUNY ESF and her family. Stacy has been a Consortium Board Member since 2009.

Photo by Frank Pine



Dr. Robert Kelly, left, and Dan Spada signing the MOU providing for the partnership with Union College to publish AJES. *Photo by Caleb Northrop.*



Fall Workshop

On October 7, 2015, the Consortium, in partnership with the Rockefeller Institute of Government, held a workshop in Albany on demographic trends in the Adirondacks. The purpose of the workshop was to explore the latest demographic research and consider how it can shape future management strategies and policies impacting the region. Moderated by **Matt Ryan** of WMHT in Albany, researchers and policy makers participating included: (top, left to right) **Fred Monroe**, Local Government Review Board, and **Willie Janeway**, Adirondack Council; and, (bottom left to right) **Brad Dake**, Arietta, **Dave Mason**, Anthros Consulting, and **Assemblyman Dan Stec**. *Photos by the Rockefeller Institute.*



New Partnership In 2015, the Consortium entered a long-term partnership with the **Rockefeller Institute of Government** to jointly hold workshops on current Adirondack issues in Albany. The goal of the partnership is to feature current research to help inform future management decisions impacting the region. The first workshop was held this fall on demographic trends. A future workshop is being planned on Article 14 and the Constitutional Convention.



NEW DATES AND LOCATION!
23rd Annual Conference on the Adirondacks
 May 25th and 26th, 2016
 Conference Center at Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY
“Birds, Water, Ecology, and Energy Choices”

Featuring
 Frank Gill, Ornithologist and Author
 Bob Catell, Evolving Energy Technologies
 Jerry Jenkins, Ecological Trends
 Water Quality Improvement Initiatives
 Women of Significance in Adirondack History
 2016 Adirondack Achievement Award



Student Researchers The Consortium was pleased to host the “Green Team” from Goveneaur Central School at the 2015 Annual Conference on the Adirondacks. These students had the opportunity to participate in the Conference programs and gain experience in a professional environment. At the left, the students are pictured with their teacher, Shawn Cummings, (far left); and, Jen Kretser, Youth Summit Coordinator, The Wild Center, and Dan Spada, Consortium President (far right). This program is part of the Consortium’s **Student Research Program** funded by the **Pearsall Adirondack Foundation and International Paper’s Ticonderoga Mill**. *Photo by Frank Pine.*

The 2015 Board of Directors held the summer meeting at SUNY ESF’s Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb. Pictured top, left to right, Dave Miller, Eileen Allen, Jeff Denkenberger, Greg Slack, Hallie Bond, Caleb Northrop, and Dan Fitts. Bottom, left to right, Amanda Lavigne, Dan Spada, Stacy McNulty, Tom Young and Liz Thorndike. *Photo by Bruce Selleck.*

