



Adirondack Research Consortium

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FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER

20th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

The 20th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks was held May 15th and 16th, 2013 in Lake Placid, NY. The theme was “20/20 - A Retrospective Look Back 20-Years, Today, and 20-Years in the Future”. The program involved a multi-disciplinary look at the issues of climate change, community, energy, working landscapes, wildlife, and ecological trends. Featured speakers included Andy Revkin of the New York Times, Stephen Jackson of the Southwest Climate Center, and Jerry Jenkins from the WCS Adirondack Program. The complete program for the Annual Conference can be found at <http://www.adkresearch.org/conference/>. Mountain Lake PBS was media sponsor for the Conference.



Pictured top and bottom left, Andy Revkin, Dot Earth, New York Times, photo Ken Rimany; middle left, Stephen Jackson, Southwest Climate Center, photo provided; top right, left to right, Leilani Ulrich, NYS Adirondack Park Agency, Liz Thronkike, Cornell University, and Alice Recore, Mountain Lake PBS, photo Naj Wicoff; middle right, left to right, the Universities and Colleges as Economic Drivers Panel, Neil Murphy, Chair, President, SUNY ESF, Jake Liszka, Provost, SUNY Plattsburgh, Stephen Ainlay, President, Union College, John Mills, President, Paul Smith's College, and Chuck Thorpe, Provost, Clarkson University, photo Ken Rimany; and, left to right, the Energy Future panel, Robert B. Catell, Chair, Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, Frank Murray, NYSERDA, Paul SeCotis, LIPA, Echo Cartwright, National Grid, and Dan Whyte, Brookfield Renewable Power, photo Ken Rimany.

Student Scholars Collaborate with Leading Adirondack Scientists

In February the Consortium's 2014 Student Research Symposium was held at Paul Smith's College. The event was sponsored by International Paper's Ticonderoga Mill and the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation. Students from five colleges participated and presented research on topics that included the North American porcupine and the relationship between the built and natural environment during the restoration of the Santanoni Great Camp in Newcomb. Select International Paper/Pearsall Foundation Scholars were invited to present their research at the Annual Conference on the Adirondacks.



Pictured left to right, Consortium President, Dan Spada; Michale Glennon, WCS; Erin Siracusa, St. Lawrence University; Jerry Jenkins, WCS; Nina Caruso, Roger Williams University; Kevin Ohol, SUNY Potsdam; and, Rebecca Steinberg, Adirondack Research Consortium, photo by Ken Rimany.



Liz Thorndike Honored

The Adirondack Research Consortium was pleased to present Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike with the 20th Anniversary Leadership and Legacy Award at the 20th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks. Liz was recognized for her lifelong commitment and dedication to projects which lead to preserving natural resources, promoting education, and enhancing the quality of life in Adirondack communities.

Pictured with Liz is Dr. Bill Porter, Michigan State University and past

International Paper Sponsors Forestry Workshop

The Consortium received a \$1,500 grant from the International Paper Foundation in support of the 2013 Forestry Workshop held at Paul Smith's College on October 15, 2013. The purpose of the workshop was to promote an understanding of current forest practice issues on privately owned and managed land in the Adirondacks, consider how their ownership, condition and management practices have evolved over the past 30-years and what law and policy recommendations would enhance forest practices and forest health in the future. The Consortium also received sponsorship support for the event from Finch Paper, LLC., and ReEnergy Holdings, LLC. An article summarizing the workshop proceedings will be published in AJES soon.



2013 Forestry Forum, Joan Weill Library, Paul Smith's College, ARC Photo

Events Coming in 2014

TBA in Early 2014, Stephen Jackson, Southwest Climate Center. For those of you that missed Stephen's presentation on changing climate at the Annual Conference, he's agreed to come back in early 2014. Watch our webpage or call our office for details. Don't miss out!

April 12, 2014, Annual Student Research Paper Symposium, Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths, NY.

May 14th and 15th, 2014, the 21st Annual Conference on the Adirondacks, Lake Placid, NY, "Looking Forward – Evolving Issues Over the Next 30-Years".

AJES Update

The Consortium is working to complete and publish Volumes 18 and 19 by the end of 2013. 2014 is our 20th Volume and we are celebrating the occasion by updating previously published articles, as well as, current contributions. We will also feature a special section on birding which is sponsored by Northern New York Audubon. We welcome and encourage your input.

Support the Adirondack Research Consortium

Please consider a membership or donation today! Your contributions support our organization and the ongoing effort to find ways to better serve our members, partnering organizations, and the Adirondack community. As a 501 (c)3 not-for-profit organization, your contribution is tax deductible.

The 2013 Board of Directors

Pictured below, left to right, standing, Graham Cox, Dave Miller, Dan Fitts, Bill Porter, Brian Chabot, Tim Burpoe, Tom Young, Joe Visalli, and Bruce Selleck. Seated, left to right, Rebecca Steinberg, Stacy McNulty, Dan Spada, and Amanda Lavigne. Missing are Eileen Allen, Jeff Anthony, Ron Heacock, Elizabeth Thorndike, and Ross Whaley. *Photo by Ken Rimany.*

