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FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

19th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

Clockwise from upper left corner:

Plenary Session.

Colin Beier, SUNY ESF; **David Wolfe**, Cornell University; and, **Curt Stager**, Paul Smith's College.

Georgia Jones of Lake Placid and **John Mills**, Paul Smith's College.

Jerry Jenkins, Wildlife Conservation Society.

Rick Fedrizzi, U.S. Green Building Council; **Neil Murphy**, SUNY ESF; **Alice Recore**, Mountain Lake PBS; **Tony Collins**, Clarkson University; and, **John Mills**, Paul Smith's College.



The 2012 Annual Conference on the Adirondacks was held last May in Lake Placid. The theme was “Entrepreneurship, Sustainability, and the Environment”. The keynote speaker was **Rick Fedrizzi**, President and CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in Washington, D.C. USGBC is committed to cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings through its LEED certification program. There are now 150,000 LEED registered projects in 130,000 countries around the world. Currently, the Council is working on a new rating system for warehouses, schools, and retail stores.

The Conference featured a panel with Clarkson President **Tony Collins**, SUNY-ESF President **Neil Murphy**, and Paul Smith's College President **John Mills** on “Institutions of Higher Education as Economic Engines for the Community”. As an example, Dr. Mills noted that according to the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities, Paul Smith's College generates an annual economic impact of

\$62 million. The Conference also featured an energy panel on “Bringing Alternative and Renewable Technologies to Gridscale Energy Resources” with **Bob Catell** of AERTC, **Frank Murray** of NYSERDA, **Paul DeCotis** of the Long Island Power Authority, and **Echo Cartwright** of National Grid. The panel discussed alternative energy sources and the challenges of providing for market demands.

David Wolfe, Cornell University; **Curt Stager**, Paul Smith's College; **Colin Beier**, SUNY ESF; and, **Jerry Jenkins**, Wildlife Conservation Society, presented their latest research findings on climate change and ecosystem impacts. In addition we were pleased to learn about the Syracuse Center for Excellence from **Ed Bogucz**, and Ecology and Environment Inc's work with Adirondack organizations on the North County Sustainable Growth Plan from **Rebecca Flora**. For complete conference program information, please go to our webpage at adkresearch.org.

2012 Adirondack Achievement Award

The 2012 Adirondack Achievement Award was presented to **Dr. Charles Driscoll** of Syracuse University. His teaching and research interests are in the area of environmental chemistry, biogeochemistry



Pictured above from left: Consortium President Dan Spada with Charley and Kim Driscoll

and water quality modeling. Dr. Driscoll's life long work in the Adirondacks includes studies on the effects of acidic deposition and the transport, transformations, and bioavailability of mercury.

2012 Student Juried Paper Program

The 2012 Juried Paper winners were **Michael Hall** of Paul Smith's College, undergraduate, for his work concerning the apical influences of eurasian watermilfoil; and, **Kristel Guimara** of Green Mountain College, graduate, for her work on the effects of black carbon on snowpack. The 2012 Honorary Chair was **Dr. Jake Liszka**, Provost, SUNY Plattsburgh. The program is sponsored by the **Pearsall Adirondack Foundation**. We are expanding the program in 2013, watch our webpage for more information.



Michael Hall and Kristel Guimara

AJES in Print!

The Consortium is pleased to welcome **Rebecca McKay Steinberg** as the new AJES Executive Editor. Rebecca brings a strong background to the



position and has lots of ideas for the Journal which you will see developing in the coming months. She welcomes any ideas or suggestions you may have. Many thanks to **Jon Erickson** for the job he did with AJES especially bringing it to the on-line platform. The 17th published edition is currently in print and will be in our members and partners mailboxes soon. Please go to www.AJES.org to see articles in that edition, articles we are working on, and historical pieces.

20th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

"Twenty Years - A Look Back, Today, and the Future" May 15 & 16, 2013, Lake Placid, NY.

It's the Consortium's 20th Anniversary and we have plenty to howl about! We are planning the Conference program now which will include a retrospective look back 20-years, where we are today, and where we hope to be 20-years, all across interdisciplinary perspectives. A Call-for Papers will be announced soon. We welcome your program ideas and participation.



Newsletter photos by **Ken Rimany**

Visit our webpage at WWW.ADKRESEARCH.ORG for more information on these and other Consortium programs.

Board News: The Consortium welcomes two new Board Members. **Tim Burpoe** of Saranac Lake, NY. Tim is a managing partner with Timberland Assets & Management, LLC. of Saranac Lake and is a Franklin County Legislator for District 7 which includes Saranac Lake. **Ron Heacock** has been the President of Adirondack Community College since 2007. He has 24 years of experience in higher education. Many thanks to Jon Erickson, Jerry Pepper, and Bob Stegemann who left the Board in 2012.



2012 Adirondack Research Consortium Board of Directors

Pictured from left, Dan Fitts, Joe Visalli, Ross Whaley, Liz Thorndike, Bruce Selleck, Brian Chabot, Amanda Lavigne, Tom Young, Dave Miller, Dan Spada, Tim Burpoe, Stacy McNulty, Graham Cox, and Jerry Pepper. Missing: Jeff Anthony, Eileen Allen, Jon Erickson, Ron Heacock, Bill Porter, and Rebecca Steinberg.