



Adirondack Research Consortium

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News and Updates

Information-Packed Spring Conference in 2010

The 17th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks was held at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid on May 19-20, 2010. Nearly 200 people participated in the two-day meeting.



(Photo: Ken Rimany)

We were pleased to host Bob Catell, Chairman of the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, and Richard Kessel, President of the New York Power Authority, as keynote presenters. Both are experts and leaders on energy issues and freely shared their perspectives on the future for both New York State and the Adirondacks.



Dr. Carol Brown with Ross Whaley, Dan Fitts
(Photo: Ken Rimany)

The Consortium also welcomed Dr. Carol Brown, President of North Country Community College, and Dr. Anthony Collins, President of Clarkson University. Both shared their unique perspectives on higher education and economic development in the Adirondacks through their

institutions' ongoing initiatives.

Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward moderated a very successful panel discussion on "Reconnecting Children with Nature." Our audience so enjoyed this presentation that the Consortium plans on building on the topic at the 2011 Conference.

For the full conference program and those of years past, visit our website <http://adkresearch.org/conference/>.

New Consortium Office Space Donated by Paul Smith's College

The Adirondack Research Consortium has settled into its new headquarters at the Countess Alicia Spaulding-Paolozzi Environmental Science and Education Center of Paul Smith's College. The building is built to LEED standards and overlooks Lower St. Regis Lake. The building also houses the Adirondack Watershed Institute and the Center for Adirondack Biodiversity, and for the first time, combines multiple research initiatives at the College with state-of-the-art lab facilities.



The Paolozzi Center, Paul Smith's College Campus (Photo: Paul Smith's College)

We are extremely grateful to the College for donating this space to the Consortium. This not only provides critical support for our organization, but it also provides our staff opportunities for interacting with Paul Smith's faculty, staff and students and developing new ideas for collaboration.

For instance, Consortium staff have been working with Drs. Dan Kelting and David Patrick on a Student Award Program for the 2011 Annual Conference on the Adirondacks. Students will have the opportunity to submit extended abstracts detailing their original research. The winners will present at the Conference. An overall winner will receive special recognition and will have opportunity to be published in AJES.

Please feel free to stop by our office, take in the view of lake, and share your ideas for research needs in the Park.

New and Ongoing Partnerships

We are pleased to welcome Iberdrola USA and Paul Smith's College as Sustaining Partners of the Adirondack Research Consortium. We also welcome North Country Community College and Clinton Community College to our growing network of academic partners of the organization.

The support of our Partners allows us to continue growing our annual spring conference, hold a specially-themed fall conference each year, invite experts from within and outside the Park to address emerging issues, edit and publish the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies, and actively develop new areas for research and collaboration.

Becoming a sustaining partner of the Adirondack Research Consortium has a variety of benefits including display space at the conference, opportunities to set up a discussion panel on a topic of interest to your organization, and free conference registration.



Consortium members Liz Thorndike, Bill Porter, and Dan Fitts pose with Richard Kessel (second from left), President of NYPA, at the May 2010 Annual Conference (Photo: Ken Rimany).

For more information on becoming a Consortium Partner and the benefits to your organization, contact Dan Fitts at 518-327-6276.

Upcoming Events

Fall 2010 - "Sustainability" One-Day Conference
May 18th and 19th, 2011 - 18th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies

Executive Editor Jon Erickson is hard at work on *Volume 16* of *AJES*, which will be published as a double issue soon. Watch for it in your mailboxes!

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