21st Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

“Moving Forward- Revitalizing Communities and Forging Opportunities”

May 14-15, 2014, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

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.  Revitalizing Communities

“Setting the Context for Moving Forward”, Jim Herman and Dave Mason, ADK Futures

Panel: Cleaner Greener Communities, Kate Fish, ANCA, Chair, Overview, goals and strategies, and funded projects. These projects include:

• The first small scale food waste biodigester in the nation coming to Lake Placid:
• A solar thermal greenhouse installation, Rivermede Farms, Keene Valley
• New sidewalks in Lyons Falls
• Biomass projects in a number of communities
• Upgrade to Saranac Lake’s hydro system

10:15 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  Panel Sustainable Local Energy – Biomass Projects, Robert B. Catell, Chair, Advanced Energy and Research Technology Center, SUNY Stony Brook, NYSERDA

12:00 p.m.  Lunch: Speaker: Richard L. Kauffman, Chairman, NYSERDA and Chairman of Energy and Finance for New York
1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:

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| **Dan Kelting**, Chair, Adirondack Watershed Institute, Paul Smith’s College | • Local Food & Agriculture: TBA  
• Manufacturing: TBA  
• Clean Energy: Moriah Hydro Corp., **Jim Besha**, President Albany Engineering Corp.  
• Biotech: TBA  
• Investors: **Melinda Little**, Coordinator, Point Positive  
• Entrepreneurial Support: TBA |
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• **Martin Heintzelman**, Clarkson University, Economic Value of Clean Water  
• **Curt Stager**, Paul Smith’s College, Impacts of Climate Change  
• **Colin Beier**, SUNY ESF, Recovery from Acidification/Resource Services  
• **Willie Janeway**, Adirondack Council, Advocacy |  
| 3:00 p.m. Break |
| 3:30 p.m. | Community Colleges as Economic Drivers: Adjusting to Student Demographics, Market Needs, and Demands |
| Social Aspects of Resource Protection: Demographics of the Adirondacks – Ethnicity, age diversity, and trends compared to other parts of the State and Country | **John Mills**, President, Paul Smith’s College, Chair;  
**Kristine Duffy**, President, Adirondack Community College;  
**John Jablonski**, President, Clinton Community College; and  
**Steve Tyrell**, President, North Country Community College |
| **Jeff Anthony**, The LA Group, Chair  
**Jim Martin**, The LA Group  
**Brad Dake**, Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project |  
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5:00 p.m. Student Paper and Poster Author Reception, Opportunity to meet students presenting at the Annual Conference and discuss their work. Music by: The Adirondack Research Scientists Musical Review, **Dr. Curt Stager**, Paul Smith’s College, Musical Director. |
| 7:00 p.m. Premier Screening: “THE SUMMIT”, Discussion, and Reception - A Mountain Lake PBS Documentary. Climate change is a global problem but its effects are felt locally. This 60-minute documentary explores local adaptive strategies. |
Thursday, May 15, 2014

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

8:30 a.m. 2012 Adirondack Research Consortium’s Annual Meeting and Elections
- President’s Report
- Election of Board of Directors
- Open Membership Comments

8:45 a.m. Panel: “Adirondack Research Pathways to Policy and Solution”, Brian Houseal, SUNY ESF’s Adirondack Ecological Center, Chair; Renewable Energy, Recreational Tourism, State Land Master Plan, and Encouraging Local Business.

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12:00 p.m. Lunch: Honorary Luncheon Chair, Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr., SUNY President Emeritus

Presentation of the 2014 Adirondack Achievement Award, Dr. Myron J. Mitchell, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Guest Speaker, Dr. Quentin Wheeler, President, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, “Perspectives on ESF and the Future”.

1:30 p.m. Optional Field Trip: “Behind the Scenes” at the Wild Center, Tupper Lake, NY

Submitted Posters

The Atmospheric Sciences Research Center and Whiteface Mountain Field Station: Paul Casson¹, Richard Brandt¹, and James Schwab²

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