



Adirondack Research Consortium

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22nd Annual Conference on the Adirondacks

May 13-14, 2015, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

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The Adirondack Forests - Opportunities for Diversity, Water Quality, and Innovation*

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

- 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. **Keynote Address**: [Tom Martin](#), CEO, American Forest Foundation, Innovations and Trends in the Nation’s Forests and the Relationship to the Adirondacks. Understanding the social, economic, and environmental benefits forests provide to our communities, our nation, and the world.
- 9:30 a.m. **Panel: Trends and Innovations in Adirondack Forest Management** – Manufacturing, Land Management, and Private Landowner/Educator Perspectives. Moderator, **Tom Martin**
Pat Curran, Curran Renewable Energy, LLC, Using responsible forestry practices when harvesting timber and working with landowners to mitigate potential environmental harms and protect soil and water quality.
Tim Burpoe, Molpus Timberlands Management, LLC, The Adirondacks largest private land manager discusses approaches to land management, timber sales, and best management practices.
TBA, The educational aspects and needs of the forestry education system.
- 10:45 a.m. Energy Panel: **The Changing Energy Landscape and the Impacts on the Adirondacks** - [Robert B. Catell](#), [Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center@SUNY Stony Brook](#), [Energy Panel Chairman](#)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Program: Introduction by [Erik Nycklemoe](#), President and CEO, Mountain Lake PBS
New York State Energy Policy and Implications for the Adirondacks [John Rhodes](#), President and CEO, NYSERDA,
- 1:30 p.m. Panel with [Jerry Jenkins](#), WCS, **Adirondack Landscapes and How They Work**, The ecological trends being observed in the forests of the Adirondacks forests what can be expected in the future.
- 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Climate Change Initiative What it Means and Adirondack Implications Dave Mason and Jim Herman	Health and Economic Impacts of the Adirondack Wellness Initiative Naj Wikoff & Ernest Hohmeyer, Chairs	Citizen Science in the Adirondacks Ezra Schwartzberg, Ph.D. Adirondack Research, LLC
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- 5:00 p.m. **Poster Author Reception**, High Peaks Resort



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Thursday, May 14, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. **President’s Ring Institution Breakfast** (By invitation)
- 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. **2012 Adirondack Research Consortium’s Annual Meeting and Elections**
 - President’s Report
 - Election of New Board Members
 - Open Membership Comments
- 8:30 a.m. **The Intersection of Research and Policy**, [Thomas Gais](#), Director, Rockefeller Institute of Government
- 8:45 Panel: Challenges and Innovations in Conservation – **Mike Carr**, Executive Director, [The Nature Conservancy](#), Lessons, Opportunities, and Partnership – The Finch Forests of the Central Adirondacks.
Willie Janeway, Executive Director, [Adirondack Council](#), Listening to the Community.
- 9:45 a.m. **Water-The Most Important Compound in the Biosphere** An Overview of the History of Water from the Beginning of Time into the Future, and the Issues Confronted, [Cornelius B. Murphy](#), SUNY ESF
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Ecotourism	Forest Certification, Motivations and Business Implications	Update from Adirondack Road Salt Management Task Force
	Program Summary (DEC) Private Land Owner Perspectives (International Paper, Finch) Public Land Manager (DEC, ESF)	Dan Kelting , Adirondack Watershed Institute, Paul Smith’s College AdkAction.org

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch: **Presentation of the 2015 Adirondack Achievement Award**, [Dr. Barbara Bedford](#), Cornell University
Perspectives on Leading the College of the Adirondacks and the Future Guest Speaker, [Dr. Cathy S. Dove](#), President, Paul Smith’s College,
- 1:30 p.m. Panel: **A Dialogue on Diversity in the Adirondacks** - Economic, Social and Political Implications for the Future, **The Adirondack Diversity Advisory Council**
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn