



Building success through participation and learning exchange

Autumn 2012

Message from the Head, Dr Marwan Hassan

Welcome to the Network!



UBC Geography's Professionals Leadership Network (PLN) is an innovative new program in our department. It arose from our students' and the departments' desire to become more involved with our community. The PLN is a volunteer-based program. It maintains an exclusive membership through

individual nominations and it plays an important role in building relationships. In today's market, these links between researchers, students and industry, have become critical to the success of individuals in Geography.

All parties to benefit from these network relationships: the students gain insight into industry practices and what the profession would expect of them, the faculty benefit from research and information exchanges, while the professionals see first-hand what direction research and technology is heading in their respective fields.

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I extend my great appreciation to you as a Network member. I have already received numerous reports of the success of our first mentorship cohort and from those who attended our inaugural reception. With your continuous involvement, we hope to expand this program and integrate it into a

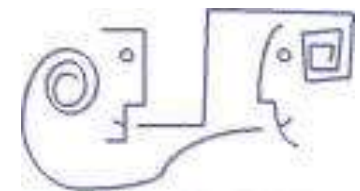
fundamental part of a well-rounded education and research agenda here in Geography.

Together, we are blazing new paths in university-industry partnerships and we look forward to hearing from you and working with you to take the role of universities beyond the classroom and labs to make it applicable, relevant, transparent, and beneficial to all members of our communities.

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2012 Membership Events

All PLN members are invited to attend the 2012-2013 UBC Geography speaker series, 12:30pm in room 200, Geography Building, UBC.

20 November

Vivian Leung (Department of Earth and Space Sciences, University of

Washington): "Wood, Sediment and Water: How woody debris interacts with river morphology"

27 November

Michael Collyer (Department of Geography, University of Sussex): "Member of Parliament for the Rest of the World': representing emigrants in national legislatures"

4 December

Jessica Dempsey (School of Environmental Studies, University of Victoria): "Enterprising Nature:

Economics and finance in global biodiversity politics"

Email suzanne.lawrence@geog.ubc.ca to RSVP or for event information.

SEND US YOUR EVENT!

Do you know of a speaker, conference, or event which may be of interest to network or Department members?

If yes, email the event details to our Network Coordinator, Suzanne Lawrence, at suzanne.lawrence@geog.ubc.ca.

Professionals Leadership Network Reception

On September 19th, UBC Geography kicked off the Professionals Leadership Network with its inaugural reception at Koerner House, University of British Columbia.

Reception guests included more than 80 graduate students, faculty members, university representatives and individuals from government, NGOs, and the private sector.

The event was chaired by Dr. Ian McKendry, Atmospheric Scientist and Chair of the Graduate Committee. John Horn from UBC Career Services discussed networking tricks and everyone enjoyed the food, beverages, and excellent company.

Thanks to everyone who attended and we hope to see you again next year!

2012-2013 Geography Graduate Mentorship Partners

Scott Babakaiff, BC Ministry of Environment - Jason Leach, PhD Student
 Karen Campbell, Ecojustice - Dawn Hoogeveen, PhD Student
 Leigh Greenus, BC Housing - Lisa Dumoulin, MA Student
 Darren Ham, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants - Michael More, MSc Student
 Deborah Harford, Adaptation to Climate Change Team - Doris Leong, PhD Student
 Dan Hogan, BC Ministry of Environment - Ilana Klinghoffer, MSc Student
 Dawn Paley, Journalist - Paige Patchin, MA Student
 Kathy Sherrell, ISS of BC - Sarah Przedpelska, MA Student
 Elisa Scordo, B G Engineering - Lisa Henault, MSc Student
 Zool Suleman, Suleman & Co. - Jenny Francis, PhD Student
 Claire Wooton, Environmental Youth Alliance - Sam Robinson, MSc Student
 Andre Zimmerman, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants - Joel Trubilowicz, PhD Student

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