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1. Q & A's from the BCIA AGM in Prince George

* This year at the AGM in Prince George there were a number of questions from the floor regarding the 2015 audited financial statements. These questions with answers are now available for members to view. Go to 'Member's Resources' > Minutes and Finances within the Members login area.

2. What do Agrologists Do? Questionnaire

* As an Agrologist, you have no doubt been asked the question "What does an Agrologist do?" BCIA members work in a diverse range of fields. We would like to know more about what BCIA members do. This questionnaire is your opportunity to let others know what you do.

Members, please take a few minutes to download the questionnaire and answer six questions about yourself and your work. Go to 'Member's Resources' within the Members login area.

We will be using this information to help the public better understand who Agrologists are and what they do by including excerpts in brochures and newsletters and highlighting a different member each month on the website – Zachary Luck is our first Featured Agrologist!

If you have photos to share, please send those as well to Bonnie at admin@bcia.com

3. Featured Agrologist – Zachary Luck, A.Ag.

* Zachary Luck, A.Ag. took a few minutes of his time to answer a few questions on his work in agrology and the interesting aspects of his job. Go to www.bcia.com > News & Announcements on the homepage.

4. Member Resources Section Updated

* This feature behind the member log-in is more user-friendly and has been streamlined to access BCIA documents such as PD presentations, minutes and finances, webinars, plus the logo policy and guidelines etc. Please take a look to see what's available for viewing/downloading.

5. Okanagan Branch Activities

* PD Tour July 12th: BC Tree Fruits Cherry Packing Tour. This 1 hour event is at BC Tree Fruits, 880 Vaughan Ave. downtown Kelowna with parking on Vaughan Ave in front of the plant. Carl

Withler is hosting the tour. Meet Carl outside at 12 noon and have your tailgate lunch and preamble before entering the building for the tour. No charge to members. **Wear closed toed shoes only! NO sandals.** Everyone must wear the safety vests supplied by BC Tree Fruits

Full details and online registration for this event is on the BCIA website at www.bcia.com
>Branches>Okanagan Branch

6. Fraser Valley Branch Activities

- *Upcoming PD events for August and September (dates TBD):
- *Vertebrate pest management field tour and information session in August
- *Boviteq West to host a tour of the facility and present the IVF process used in Dairy and Beef cattle for the advancement of desirable genetics for meat and milk production in September
- *Cranberry Harvest field tour hosted by Brian Mauza in September

Further details will be provided soon.

7. Website Additions

*The following are what's been added to the BCIA website recently. Go to the BCIA home page then follow the prompts below and take a look/read.

Under www.bcia.com > News > Monthly Update

**Past editions of the monthly Email Update of Activities are posted for quick reference

Under www.bcia.com > News

**SCBAT (South Coast Bat Action Team) is seeking help and support from landowners, farmers and associations in the Fraser Valley area

Under www.bcia.com > Resources

**Free certificate online course in climate change offered by USDA

Under www.bcia.com > Resources > PD

**GeoEnviro Training Professionals Inc. (GeoEnviroPro) has interesting events for Fall 2016

**The University of Victoria is offering 2 online ecological restoration courses for 2016-2017 terms

8. New Professional Development Sessions/Conferences by Different Organizations posted on the BCIA events page

- *Inverness Passage Grass/Sedge ID in Port Edward area, July 16-17th
- *Canadian Beef Industry Conference in Calgary, Aug 9-11th
- *BC Wildlife Federation Wetlands Institute Training in Mission, Aug 27-Sept 2nd
- *National Organics Recycling Conference 2016 in Niagara Falls, Sept 26-28th

For more details any of the above events, go to www.bcia.com >Events

9. Job Postings

- *Waste Management Engineer * Ministry of Agriculture * Closing Date: July 6th
- *Senior Regional Dam Safety Officer * MFLNRO * Nelson or Cranbrook. Closing Date: July 19th

For more details on the above job postings go to www.bcia.com >Employment>Job Postings

***If you have anything you would like posted to the web and included in the email update,
or have any questions please let us know.***

Thank you!