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1. BCIA AGM & Conference in Prince George

*The BCIA 69th Conference & AGM held May 11-13 in Prince George was a great success with over 150 individuals in attendance! A huge thank you goes out to the CCI Branch organizing committee for their work and efforts in hosting the conference. We also appreciate the support of our sponsors and PD tour and PD session presenters.

Various powerpoints from the PD sessions on May 12th have been uploaded to the BCIA website at www.bcia.com >Member Log-in>Member Resources.

At the banquet dinner on May 12th, Andrea Gunner, P.Ag. was awarded with the 2015 Agrologist of the Year. Jim Collins, P.Ag. was presented with his 50 year membership pin, and long standing membership certificates were presented to those in attendance at the event.

At the BCIA AGM outgoing councillor Margot Pittaway, P.Ag. was acknowledged, Lynn Lashuk, P.Ag. was presented with her 25 year membership pin, and 9 newly minted P.Ag.'s received their certificates. Attendees then participated in fantastic bus tours and were treated to a day of great weather.

The question/answer session during the AGM has been documented and will be posted to the BCIA website behind the member log-in>Member Resources in the next few weeks for members to view.

Photos will be available to view from the BCIA 69th Conference and AGM in the coming weeks. Check back to the BCIA website at www.bcia.com >News. We are looking for additional pictures so if you attended the conference and have a few good pictures you'd like to share please send to Bonnie Keleher at admin@bcia.com.

See you in Abbotsford for the 70th BCIA Conference and AGM in May 2017, hosted by the Fraser Valley Branch!

2. Communications Committee – Volunteer Opportunities

*The BCIA Communications Committee is seeking volunteers to sit on the Committee with the purpose of increasing the visibility of the Institute in the public and with its own members and to promote the practice of agrology with potential members. There is also a need for the appointment of a new Chair for the Committee as Marg Crowley, P.Ag. has stepped down from this position. Please contact the BCIA office at p.ag@bcia.com if you would like further information or to put your name forward.

3. Mentoring Agreement

*A.Ag.'s that need to secure a mentor, please do so as soon as you can. When you have a mentor, send in a copy of your signed mentoring agreement to the BCIA office via fax, email or mail AND send to your branch A.Ag. Coordinator (contact information can be found @ www.bcia.com >Branches). If you need assistance in finding a mentor, your A.Ag. coordinator may be able to help.

4. Okanagan Branch Activities

*PD Tour June 16th: Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting. This 2 hour event starts at Ken Sapsford's vineyard located at 215 Juniper Ave., Kaleden at 3:00 pm then everyone will head to Kraze Legz Winery and Vineyard for a tour followed by a wine tasting and networking with other agrologists. No charge to members; guests welcome.

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

5. Cariboo Central Interior Branch Activities

*PD Tour June 9th: Tour the PRT Summit Forest Seedling Nursery, 10496 Skillhorn Road, Telkwa with pre-tour appetizers and beverages to start at 5:30pm. Presenter Shawn Sponton, PRT Summit Nursery Manager Shawn has been the manager at Summit for over a dozen years and brings a wealth of experience in seedling culture and the challenges of greenhouse growing in the north.

To register, please RVSP: Steve at Steven.Kiiskila@gov.bc.ca by June 7th and please note any food allergies.

Full details for this event is on the BCIA website at www.bcia.com >Branches>CCI Branch

6. 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 > Approved AGM Minutes

**2015 Approved Minutes BCIA Annual General Meeting in Kelowna

Under www.bcia.com > News

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: ALR Boundary Preliminary Analysis for the Regional District of Nanaimo by June 13th

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Agricultural dams knowledge transfer resources for the Cariboo Cattlemen's Association by June 23rd

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Fraser Valley Agricultural Pest (activities, gaps & priorities) Assessment for the Lower Mainland Horticulture Improvement Association by June 14th

Under www.bcia.com > Behind Member Log-in > Member Resources

**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, and logo policy and guidelines etc. Please take a look to see what's available for viewing/downloading.

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

- *Annual Update on Contaminated Site Regime in BC by GeoEnviroPro in Vancouver, June 9th (BCIA members receive a 10% discount)
- *Symphony of Species: Managing Diverse Ecosystems Workshop by Society for Range Management in Osoyoos, June 9-10th
- *Pacific Regional Society of Soil Science - 2016 Summer Soil ID Course in Summerland, June 13-16th
- *Spatially Explicit Capture-Recapture (SECR) Modeling by CMI of AE in Castlegar, July 5-7th
- *Canadian Beef Industry Conference in Calgary, Aug 9-11th
- *BC Wildlife Federation Wetlands Institute Training in Mission, Aug 27-Sept 2nd

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

8. Job Postings

- *District Range Agrologist * FLNRO * Two positions. Closing Date: June 9th
- *Technical Sales Representative * Monsanto Canada. Closing Date: June 10th
- *Planning Forester * BC Timber Sales (BCTS)* Port McNeil. Closing Date: June 13th
- *VP of Environmental Engineering * Fort St. John. Closing Date: June 15th
- *Research Leader, Forest Ecology Interpretations *FLNRO * Victoria. Closing Date: June 17th
- *Junior Environmental Scientist *Blackbird Environmental *Fort St. John. Closing Date: June 17th
- *Intermediate Environmental Scientist * Blackbird Environmental * Fort St. John. Closing Date: June 17th

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!