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1. BCIA AGM & Conference in Prince George

* We are in the final days before the 2016 BCIA Conference and AGM in Prince George May 11-14, hosted by the Cariboo Central Interior (CCI) Branch.

With a theme of 'Resource Management in BC: Designing the New Paradigm' the organizing committee will provide a reception and entertainment at the Two Rivers Art Gallery, informative PD sessions, an awards banquet dinner, interesting PD field tours, and of course... great networking!

* The BCIA Ethics Workshop is provided as a post-conference all day workshop on Saturday, May 14th. The A.Ag. workshop - The Profession of Agrology will be held Thursday, May 12th in the morning and the BCIA Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, May 13th in the morning.

****Registration and details for the BCIA Conference & AGM plus BCIA Ethics and A.Ag. Workshops is available now – check www.bcia.com/conference**

****The Special Report for the 69th Annual General Meeting and BCIA 2015 Audited Financial Statements are posted to the website behind the member log-in under Member Resources. Copies will be available at the event.**

****Pacific Coastal Airlines is offering reduced fares on direct flights between Victoria or Vancouver to Prince George for BCIA conference travel. Use promo code **BCAG** when booking online at www.pacificcoastal.com, by phone at 1-800-663-2872 or with your travel agent to receive 25% off. New bookings only.**

2. 2017 Conference & AGM Location

* It has been confirmed that the Fraser Valley Branch will be hosting the BCIA Conference & AGM at the Ramada Plaza Abbotsford Hotel & Conference Center in May 10-13, 2017; dates are approximate. The hotel name will be changing very soon to 'Quality Hotel & Conference Center'.

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. Vancouver Branch Activities

* PD Tour May 7th: 1 hour guided tour of the VanDusen Botanical Garden, 5251 Oak Street in Vancouver with 1:00pm start (12:30pm sign in) then a mix & mingle afterwards until 2:30pm. This is a family event so BCIA members are welcome to invite their family members/guests. \$5 for BCIA members; \$10 family/guests. Register by May 4th to guarantee your reduced pricing.

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

5. Okanagan Branch Activities

* PD Tour May 14th: Meet at the Salmon Arm, Askew's Uptown location (near the MacDonalds at the top of the hill), at 9:45am in the north end of the parking lot then carpool to tour Tasty Acres Organic Farm & McLeod Dairy Farm Ltd. Tour to end at 1:00pm with lunch at Setters Pub afterwards. Please RSVP to Julia Beatty 250.804.5476 or email at julia.beatty@telus.net

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

6. Victoria & Islands Branch Activities

* Networking Event May 25th - Meet your Neighboring Agrologist: Come and enjoy an informal evening meeting fellow agrologists who live/work in the Comox Valley and surrounding areas. Venue is the Flying Canoe Pub at the Best Western Hotel, 1590 Cliffe Ave, Courtenay starting at 7:00pm. Register by May 20th.

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

7. Kootenay Boundary Branch Activities

* Spring Conference May 27th - Diversity in Agrology: This professional development and networking event will be free for BCIA members and \$30 for non-members. Presentations will cover various Agrology Areas of Practice such as Habitat Restoration, Resource Management, and Plant Science. 9:00am - 4:30pm MDT in Creston (location TBA). Please register by May 14th.

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

8. Fraser Valley Branch Activities

* Save the Date: Fruit Winery and Farms Tour on Saturday, June 4th 9:30am-4pm. Come and explore a handful of local wineries to learn more about the niche market of "unconventional" wines and the vintners' winemaking processes here in the Fraser Valley via coach bus. You will be visiting Vista D'Oro Farms & Winery, Maan Farms, Kermode Wild Berry Wines and Krause Estate Winery. These wineries have received some well deserved recognition in both domestic and international markets. Cost is \$40 for BCIA members and students; \$50 for non-members. Register by May 30th.

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

9. Kamloops Branch Activities

*Rotary Vocational Training Day Tour on June 7th. Kamloops Branch is working with Rotary to bring this unique opportunity to BCIA members. A group of five young Agriculturalists from other countries with diverse backgrounds will interact with local producers, Rotarians and Agrologists and see some beautiful country and learn more about Agriculture in B.C. Full day starting at 7:00am to 6:00pm. You are welcome to join for all events or part of the tour; there will be carpooling. Please pre-register by May 25th. www.rotary.org www.RotaryinKamloops.com

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

10. 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 > Newsletters

**Spring 2016 Newsletter – Special AGM Report

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

**2015 Audited Financial Statements and 2016 Approved BCIA Budget

**Climate Change and Professional Development Responsibilities of Agrologists in BC - A Guidance Document for Members

**Module 2 – Governance of Professional Conduct – presenter Angela Westmacott, QC

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

*Wetland Restoration Success webinar by Assoc. State Wetland Managers, May 10th

*Fish Identification Course by CMI of Applied Ecology in Castlegar, May 10-11th

*CMI Annual Researchers' Meeting & AGM in Kaslo, May 13th

*Identification of Native Grassland Plants by CMI of Applied Ecology in Invermere, May 24-25th

*Bettering Environmental Stewardship & Technology Conference in Whistler, May 25-27th

*8 Steps to Better Environmental Report Writing in Fort St. John, May 27th

*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

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

12. Job Postings

Manager, Agriculture Wildlife Program Ministry of Agriculture * Kelowna. Closing Date: May 11th

Intermediate Environmental Scientist Blackbird Environmental * Fort St. John. Closing Date:
May 13th

*Nutrient Management Specialist * Ministry of Agriculture * Abbotsford. Closing Date: May 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!