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## **1. DUES 2017**

\* Dues invoices for 2017 will be sent this month. You will have the option to pay online prior to the hardcopy invoices being mailed out by the end of November. More information will be available very soon – watch your inbox for details. Dues must be paid by February 15, 2017.

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## **2. BCIA Ethics Workshops in November**

\* In Vancouver (Burnaby) - BCIA Ethics Workshop for Professionals is being held on Saturday, November 19th 9am – 4pm at the Executive Hotel and Conference Centre, 4201 Lougheed Hwy.

\* In Cranbrook – BCIA Ethics Workshop for Professional is being held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm – 5pm at the Cranbrook & District Chamber office, 2279 Cranbrook Street.

This workshop is a mandatory component of the AAg program. Professionalism, Code of Ethics, and responsibilities of Professional Agrologists are discussed using numerous case studies in both small group and plenary sessions. \$95.00 for members, \$165.00 for non-members.

*\*\*For P.Ag.'s who have taken the BCIA Ethics Workshop previously and would like to take it as a refresher course for PD hours, there is no charge. You must call the BCIA office directly to register.*

Full details and registration for these events are on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) >Events

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## **3. Okanagan Branch Activities**

\* Social and AAg Workshop at the Summerhill Winery: Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at Summerhill, 4870 Chute Lake Rd, Kelowna. The mixer for everyone is 6-8pm; AAg Workshop – The Profession of Agrology is 7-9pm. Cost is \$10 for the mixer; \$15 for guests. No Charge for the AAg's attending the AAg workshop and mixer (mentors are welcome to attend). Register by November 21<sup>st</sup> please.

Full details and registration for this event are on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
>Branches>Okanagan Branch

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## **4. Victoria & Islands Branch Activities**

\*Brown Bag Lunch Talk - K'omoks Estuary Projects by Project Watershed: Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at noon for about an hour at Service BC Access Centre, 2500 Cliffe Ave., Courtenay. Free event for members; \$2 for non-members at the door. Join us during your lunch hour for a talk by Bill Heath on the Courtenay Air Park Lagoon Breach project. This culvert and salt marsh restoration project was completed during the summer of 2015.

Full details and registration for this event are on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
>Branches>Victoria & Islands Branch

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## **5. Kamloops Branch Activities**

\*PD Presentations, Dinner and Branch AGM: Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Thompson River University, in the Mountain Room, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Campus Activity Centre. Cost is \$15.00 for members; \$20.00 for non members; AGM only no charge. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Kamloops branch executive for 2017, please contact Tracy Ronmark at [tracy.ronmark@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tracy.ronmark@gov.bc.ca).

\*AAg Workshop – The Profession of Agrology (pre AGM workshop): Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00pm at the same venue. This workshop is a mandatory course for AAgs as part of their AAg program. Mentors are invited to attend with their mentees. No charge.

Full details and registration for these events are on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
>Branches>Kamloops Branch

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## **6. Kootenay Boundary Branch Activities**

\*AAg Workshop – The Profession of Agrology: Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am -11:30am at the Cranbrook & District Chamber office (2279 Cranbrook Street, North Cranbrook). This workshop is a mandatory course for AAgs as part of their AAg program. Mentors are invited to attend with their mentees. No charge. Following the workshop, the BCIA Ethics Workshop is being offered as an afternoon session. Cost for Ethics Workshop: \$95.00

\*PD Workshop and Branch AGM: Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 3:00pm at the Ramada Creston Hotel, 1 1809 Highway 3A. We have partnered with the Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) for a morning off-site PD Workshop: Tools for Stewardship on Private Land. Workshop participants will meet at the Creston Ramada, ready for an 8:30am departure to the field sites. The workshop will conclude at 12pm at the Creston Ramada, followed by a KB Branch lunch from noon - 1pm, and Branch AGM 1-3pm.

Full details and registration for these events are on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
>Branches>Kootenay Boundary Branch

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## **7. Vancouver Branch Activities**

\*Mentor Appreciation Night: Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Distillery Yaletown 7:00pm-9:00pm. Our mentors play a leading role in shaping the next group of Professional Agrologists and as another year comes to an end, we want to thank them for sharing their knowledge with the A.Ag.'s and putting in the extra time. We would love to see the mentors, mentees, members and guests come and enjoy a festive evening. Cost is \$10 for members; \$40 for guests.

Full details and registration for these events are on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com)  
>Branches>Vancouver Branch

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## **8. Peace River Branch Activities**

\* Save the Date: Branch AGM in Fort St. John at the North Peace Cultural Centre on January 20, 2017 from 9:30am – 3:00pm. Registration and further details will be available later in the year. We will also be looking for executive members for the 2017 year so if you are interested in serving on the executive or would like more information please contact Connor Fraleigh at [Connor.Fraleigh@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Connor.Fraleigh@gov.bc.ca).

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## **9. 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](http://www.bcia.com) > News

- \*\*Stage 10 Omnibus Amendment to the Contaminated Sites Regulation has been approved
- \*\*Seeking Input on Policies on the Implementation of the Species at Risk Act
- \*\*Accepting Applications: For the Waneta Terrestrial Compensation Program (WTCP)

Under [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) > Branches

- \*\*Okanagan Branch: Request for Nominations for Okanagan Branch Recognition Awards
  - \*\*Kootenay Boundary Branch: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Newsletter
  - \*\*Fraser Valley, Vancouver and Victoria & Islands Branches: Strategic Planning Branch Reps Needed
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## **10. New Professional Development Sessions/Conferences by Different Organizations posted on the BCIA events page**

- \* Soil Vapour Webinar Series by GeoEnviroPro, Nov 16, 23 & 30<sup>th</sup>
- \* Vulnerability Assessments for Groundwater Dependent Streams by APEGBC, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
- \* Site Remediation Webinar Series (Free) by GeoEnviroPro, Nov 18; Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
- \* Human Health & Ecological Risk Assessment Webinar Series by GeoEnviroPro, Dec 7 & 14<sup>th</sup>
- \* IVMA of BC Biennial Conference in Prince George, Nov 8-10<sup>th</sup>
- \* Public Workshop: Private Land Conservation Initiatives in the North Columbia Region, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>
- \* Growing for Tomorrow COGA Programs in Abbotsford and Kelowna, Nov 24; Jan 10; Feb 8

For more details any of the above events, go to [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) >Events

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## **11. Job Postings**

\* Group Manager – Environmental Sciences \* Associated Environmental \* Burnaby

For more details on the above job postings go to [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) >Employment>Job Postings

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## **12. Found Item from CCI Branch AGM**

\*A striped brown, blue and cream coffee mug with lid was left behind from the CCI Branch AGM on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Prince George Golf and Curling Club. Contact Rebecca Martin if it's yours at [rmartin@slrconsulting.com](mailto:rmartin@slrconsulting.com)

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***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!***