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## **1. 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 – James Hamilton, P.Ag. is our Featured Agrologist for October!

If you have photos to share, please send those as well to Bonnie at [admin@bcia.com](mailto:admin@bcia.com)

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## **2. Featured Agrologist for October – James Hamilton, P.Ag.**

\*James Hamilton, P.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](http://www.bcia.com) > News & Announcements on the homepage.

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

\*In Victoria (Langford) - BCIA Ethics Workshop for Professionals is being held on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 9am – 4pm in conjunction with the Victoria & Islands Branch AGM on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 829 McCallum Road (behind Costco).

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

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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#### **4. Kamloops Branch Activities**

\* PD Presentations, Dinner and Branch AGM: Thursday, November 24 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Thompson River University, in the Mountain Room, located on the 3rd floor of the Campus Activity Centre. Online registration will be available by mid October. 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).

*Full details for this event is on the BCIA website at [www.bcia.com](http://www.bcia.com) >Branches>Kamloops Branch*

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#### **5. CCI Branch Activities**

\* Branch AGM, Lunch and Presentations: Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Prince George Golf and Curling Club 10:30am – 3pm. For an overview of the PD presentations, please check the BCIA website. No Charge.

\* AAg Workshop – The Profession of Agrology (tentative) will be held on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 9:00 pm at EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc. at 301 George St., Prince George. Contact Tim Antill (A.Ag. coordinator) at [t\\_antill@hotmail.com](mailto:t_antill@hotmail.com) to register. No charge.

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

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

\* Branch AGM, Lunch and PD Tour: Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Four Points Sheraton in Langford at 829 McCallum Road (behind Costco). 10am start for the AGM then lunch and a tour of the Tod Creek Craft Cidery at 1pm, Victoria's newest Craft Cider maker. No charge.

\* AAg Workshop – The Profession of Agrology is being held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in conjunction with the branch AGM. AAg's will have to miss the craft cidery tour if the workshop is still needed as part your AAg program. Your mentors are invited to attend with you. No charge.

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#### **7. Joint Fraser Valley/Vancouver Branch Activity**

\*Joint PD Event: Land Use Planning in the ALR Nov 5th, 9am – 3:30pm at the Signature Sandman, Langley (South of Hwy #1 at 200th Street). Details to follow soon.

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## **8. 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

- \*\*Request for Proposals: Regional Agricultural Research Alliance/Organization
  - \*\*Seeking Input on Policies on the Implementation of the Species at Risk Act
  - \*\*Reports & Papers: BioGleanings - climate change impacts on species and ecosystems
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## **9. New Professional Development Sessions/Conferences by Different Organizations posted on the BCIA events page**

- \*Bioengineering: A Restoration Course by CMI in Revelstoke, Oct 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>
- \*Site Remediation Webinar Series (Free) by GeoEnviroPro, Oct 21, Nov 18 and Dec 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*Hydrogeology Webinar (Free) by GeoEnviroPro, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>
- \*Environmental Report Writing Webinar Series by GeoEnviroPro, Nov 1, 3, 8 & 10<sup>th</sup>
- \*Soil Vapour Webinar Series by GeoEnviroPro, Nov 16, 23 & 30<sup>th</sup>
- \*Human Health & Ecological Risk Assessment Webinar Series by GeoEnviroPro, Dec 7 & 14<sup>th</sup>
- \*Compost Facility Operator Course in Abbotsford, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*IVMA of BC Biennial Conference in Prince George, Nov 8-10<sup>th</sup>
- \*Growing for Tomorrow COGA Programs in Abbotsford and Kelowna, Nov 2 & 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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## **10. Job Postings**

- \*District Range Agrologist \* MFLNRO \* Dawson Creek. Closing Date: Oct 10<sup>th</sup>
- \*Integrated Pest Management Senior Policy Analyst \* Ministry of Environment \* Victoria. Closing Date: Oct 11<sup>th</sup>
- \*Project Manager Contaminated Sites \* Keystone Environmental \* Burnaby. Closing Date: Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

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

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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!***