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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 – Daryl Schwarz, P.Ag. is our Featured Agrologist for September!

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

2. Featured Agrologist for September – Daryl Schwarz, P.Ag.

*Daryl Schwarz, 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 > News & Announcements on the homepage.

3. Peace River Branch Activities

*Soils ID and Classification Workshops on September 9th & 10th. These are two separate day-long workshops with lunch included from 9am – 5pm. You are welcome to attend one day or both days and the cost is \$35.00/person each day for BCIA members; \$85.00/person each day for non-members. Sandra Burton and Rick Kabzems are offering two days of training on soils classification. We will be dividing into small groups to dig soil pits on both days, with Rick and Sandra's guidance.

On Friday (Day1) we will visit 4 different locations to compare soils in forests and pastures. On Saturday (Day 2) we will visit 3 locations to look at soils from drier to progressively wetter sites. We will learn to recognize and describe soil profiles, and what we should be aware of based on our management needs.

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

4. Fraser Valley Branch Activities

* PD Bovine Genetics Tour Saturday, Sept 10th from 10am to 12pm: Technical session/site tour of Boviteq West in Langley. This 2 hour event is at the former Westgen site: 6681 Glover Road, Langley. Boviteq West is a key player in WestGen's Group of companies through a suite of services that include In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) procedures, donor cow care, provision and care of recipient cows, and embryo flushing. No charge for members; \$10 for non-members (payable by cheque at the door). Register by Sept 8th please.

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

5. Kamloops Branch Activities

* PD Event Saturday, Sept 24th (was Sept 10th) from 9am to 5pm: Tour of Indian Gardens and First Nations Component. This full day event is at the Haywood-Farmer Ranch with lunch included. Cost is \$15.00 for BCIA members. 18 people max. as we are travelling by bus. Meet at Versatile Drive Petro Canada at 8:45 am. The bus leaves at 9am sharp. Indicate your sandwich choice when registering online.

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

6. Okanagan Branch Activities

* Brown Bag Lunch Event: Tour of the Richard King Farm – Bite Me Organics on Tuesday, September 13th at noon to 1:30pm. Location is 2934 Dunster Road in Kelowna and is FREE. Bring your bagged lunch and learn about the 13 acre certified organic apple and peach orchard in East Kelowna.

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

* Branch PD Event: Save the Date - September 29th at UBC – Okanagan for a day of interesting speakers. Further details will be emailed when available.

7. CCI Branch Activities

* Branch AGM: Save the Date - October 20th at the Prince George Golf and Curling Club. Further details will be emailed when available.

8. Victoria & Islands Branch Activities

* Branch PD Tour: Saturday, September 17th at 10am – 1:00pm for a Saanichton Family Farm tour and lunch at 1947 Stelly's X Road. Meet owners Bryce and Jill Rashleigh to hear firsthand about their farming experiences, including cutting edge goose deterrents. The farm produces grains (Red lentils, Hard Red Spring Wheat, and Malting Barley), hay and seasonal turkeys & chickens for both meat and eggs. No charge for BCIA members; \$15.00 for non-members

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

*Branch AGM: Save the Date – Saturday, November 5th at the Four Points Sheraton in Langford (behind Costco). More details to come.

9. Vancouver Branch Activities

*Branch PD Tour: Saturday, September 24th for an all day fun field trip on a bus. This tour will include the bus from Waterfront Station (Vancouver), ferry and lunch. More details will be provided soon.

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

**Expressions of Interest: EFP Planning Advisors needed for ARDCorp

**Province of BC releases its Climate Leadership Plan

Under www.bcia.com > Branches > Kootenay Boundary Branch

**KB Branch 2nd Quarterly Newsletter

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

*Agribusiness Webinar Series offering AM & PM sessions, September 9th and 20th

*Surrey Agriculture Week at Surrey City Hall, Sept 15-17th

*Site Remediation in BC Conference in Vancouver, Sept 21-22nd

*National Organics Recycling Conference 2016 in Niagara Falls, Sept 26-28th

*Bio-engineering: A Restoration Course by CMI in Revelstoke, Oct 18-19th

*Trend Analysis and Environmental Impact Assessment Course by CMI in Revelstoke, Oct 18-20th

*Technical Writing Webinar from GeoEnviroPro - a series of 4 sessions, Oct 25, 27 and Nov 1, 3

*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 >Events

12. Job Postings

*District Range Agrologist * MFLNRO * Merritt. Closing Date: Sept 7th

*Senior Environmental Coordinator * BC Hydro. Closing Date: Sept 11th

*Agricultural Land Use Inventory Technician * Ministry of Agriculture * Abbotsford. Closing Date: Sept 16th

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!