Happy World Water Day! Have you found our shiny new bottle-filling fountain in the BEC lobby? It’s new! It’s shiny!
And here are a couple of H2O facts for you to ponder:

• Apparently each of us consumes two to four litres of water every day, mostly in the food we eat.
• Producing a kilo of beef uses 15,000 litres of water while a kilo of wheat drinks up 1,500 litres.

Leverage this for your own interest and maybe for inclusion in next year’s courses. Which you’re already planning. Right?

Our very own Monika Winn was one of the editors for Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management’s current special issue, “Case studies on trade-offs in corporate sustainability.” Check it out at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/csr.v19.2/issuetoc

Peter Keller, dean of Social Sciences, is the UVic lead in a partnership of eight universities and a national organization working to change university culture, policies and practices in order to recognize and reward Community-Engaged Scholarship. Their overarching goal is to realize the potential of universities to improve the quality of life for all Canadians through CES.

Specifically, the objectives are to:

• Establish a learning community around institutional change strategies, policies and practices that support and advance CES
• Ensure that university tenure and promotion policies and practices recognize and reward CES
• Implement and evaluate innovative mechanisms for developing community-engaged faculty
• Establish a vibrant, sustainable network of universities that support and advance CES

Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement has recently published the first issue of Volume 16, 2012 as a thematic issue dedicated to:

• Seven articles about a Faculty for the Engaged Campus Initiative in the United States;
• Three articles resulting from the conference Community-Engaged Scholarship: Critical Junctures in Research, Practice and Policy, held November 4-5, 2010 in Guelph; and
• Three book reviews on topics related to community-engaged scholarship.

The rationale for a thematic issue was to provide a critical mass of information focused on lessons learned and best practices for higher education institutions interested in strategies to support and encourage faculty members to do engaged research.

Shaping Communities as if Sustainability Mattered presented by Drs. Mark Roseland, SFU Centre for Sustainable Community Development and Ron Kellet, UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture on Wed. March 28, 2012; 5:00 - 7:00 pm. A live webcast will be available at www.pics.uvic.ca/events.php