Drs. Patrick von Aderkas and Lisheng Kong travel to China

Sabbaticals have their uses, such as being able to accept invitations to go to interesting places. Drs. Patrick von Aderkas and Lisheng Kong are currently on a tour of northern Chinese forestry institutes and universities. Lisheng has been a Research Associate in the Department for the better part of ten years. The tour began with the largest nature reserve in the country - Changbai Mountain, hard up against the North Korean border, and has then moved through various red pine seed orchards between Luishuihe and Jilin City.

Red pine forests are in serious decline. They provide not only lumber but pine nuts. Dr. von Aderkas writes, "Our contribution to Chinese conservation efforts relies on the technology we developed for increasing the number of cones per tree, which scientists at the Jilin Forestry Institute in Changchun have already successfully applied to black pine." The trip has also taken in the Chinese Academy of Forestry (Beijing), as well as the Beijing Forestry University, where the interest has been more on refinements of conifer tissue culture cloning methods, i.e. somatic embryogenesis, that Drs. Kong and von Aderkas have developed over the years. Next, the two go off to Xi’an to visit the Northeastern University of Forestry and Agriculture in nearby Yangling. A trip such as this has its perks, such as the wonderful cultural sites (Changchun sculpture garden, Beijing’s Forbidden City, Xi’an’s terra cotta warriors), not to mention the endlessly varied and interesting cuisines of China.
Annual Biology Graduate Student Symposium

Invitation to Attend the Annual University of Victoria Biology Department Graduate Student Symposium
The annual Biology Graduate Symposium will be held on the 10th and 12th of November, 2014. This event provides an opportunity for UVic faculty and students, researchers from other organizations, and interested members of the public to learn about the wide variety of research projects being conducted by Biology graduate students.

Students will present new techniques and novel results from diverse fields including Biomedical Research, Marine Science, Forest Biology, and Neuroscience.

Presentation subjects will range from the mechanisms by which trees protect themselves from caterpillars to the influence of stress on the susceptibility of Pacific Salmon to disease.

Please feel free to attend a single talk or the entire symposium. Presentations will be grouped by theme to make it easier to attend several talks in a given area of interest.

A schedule of presentations will be posted during the week of November 3rd under the “Graduate Symposium” tab on the Biology Department website at (http://www.uvic.ca/science/biology/graduate/current/index.php).

The symposium runs from 9:00 to 4:30 each day in room C103 of the David Strong Building. Attendance is free and a light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Sessions

CBR PCP Lunch Session
Fast paced, easy to understand presentations by graduate students and an excellent opportunity to meet other students involved in biomedical research.

Tuesday, November 18 at 11:00 am
ECS 660 (Engineering Computer Science)
Pizza and coffee will be provided.
Please RSVP cbr@uvic.ca 250-472-4067
For more information go to: www.cbr.uvic.ca

Calendar

Important Dates:
Friday, October 31  Last day for withdrawing from first-term courses without penalty or failure
Friday, November 7  Senate Meets
Monday –Wednesday, November 10-12  Reading Break (Except for Faculty of Law)
                                      Fall Convocation
Tuesday, November 11  Remembrance Day

If you have an event or story you would like to share in the Biology Newsletter, please e-mail: biology@uvic.ca or bioclerk@uvic.ca
Workshops

Pathways to Success/ Career development workshops for grad students

*Wednesday, November 12
You, Graduate School and Your Career: Making the Connections 9:00 to 10:50 am David Turpin A120
The Labour Market and Work Search Strategies 11:00 am to 12:00 noon David Turpin A120
Panel: Landing Your First Academic Job 12:45 to 2:15 pm David Turpin A120
Panel: Career Paths Outside Academia 2:30 to 4:00 pm David Turpin A120

*Tuesday November 18
Build Effective CVs, Resumes and Cover Letters 9:00 to 11:00 am David Strong C128

*Friday, November 21
Ace Your Interviews for Graduate Students 10:00 am to 12:00 pm McPherson Library 129

*Friday, November 28
Using LinkedIn for Your Work Search 1:30 to 3:00 pm
McPherson Library 129

Learn more and register: uvic.ca/coopandcareer/pathways

Student Jobs and Fellowship Opportunities

Department of Biology UVic
Spring Lab job positions are posted on the Biology website. Deadline for applications Nov. 14, 2014
Please see individual postings for more details online

Marine Biological Laboratory/ Grass Fellowship in Neuroscience
Independent summer research opportunities Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA. Application deadline: December 5, 2014
Apply at: www.grassfoundation.org

Fellowship Applications 2015-2016 - Centre for Global Studies (CFGS)
The Centre for Global Studies is pleased to offer UVic graduate student and international/visiting graduate student Fellowship opportunities. These fellowships provide students with a title, a shared office, an opportunity to provide a public lecture based on their research, opportunities to work on the objects housed in the CFGS, and regular opportunities to meet other students and professors interested in related issues.

Topics: The CFGS promotes critical citizenship in a complex and rapidly changing global environment including the advancement and understanding of major global issues by civil society, the private sector, governments, and international institutions. Students who are engaged in governance, international environmental challenges, social justice issues, and culture and identity, are invited to apply.

Eligibility: The fellowships are open to all University of Victoria graduate students in the process of writing either a Masters thesis or major research paper, or a PhD dissertation, on issues related to the centre’s research mandate. Students may receive a CFGS award only once during their Masters program and only once during their PhD program.

For more information on Value, Conditions, Application Procedures and Applications please visit the following website:
http://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/globalstudies/fellowship/index.php
Application Deadlines : Noon, November 18, 2014 (for September 2015 arrival)
Complete applications should be sent by email to: Jodie Walsh, Research Coordinator
jodie@uvic.ca Tel: 250-721-8800
Address to: Dr. Oliver Schmidtke, Director
Center for Global Studies
University of Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2
Call for Nominations

President’s Distinguished Service Awards 2014
Do you know a staff member who makes UVic a great place to work and learn? You can nominate him or her for one of this 2014 President’s Distinguished Service Awards.
Any UVic employee or recognized student organization can nominate an individual, group or team for these awards. Winners will receive a certificate and $1,000.00.
The nomination deadline is November 21, 2014 and results will be announced at the celebration held in February 2015.

More information on the awards and nomination forms are available online at: [uvic.ca/hr/pdsa](http://uvic.ca/hr/pdsa)