Coffee Wednesdays

Every Wednesday morning for about a year now, rain or shine (it has never rained or snowed) the members of FORB have been meeting outside the Cunningham Building for coffee Wednesdays. The members of the Lewis lab have also been meeting for coffee on Wednesday morning and now both groups have merged. Drs. Patrick von Aderkas and Mark Lewis lead this Wednesday morning activity and has given the opportunity for Biology and FORB graduate, undergraduate students, Postdocs and faculty to meet informally. Drs. von Aderkas and Lewis hope that as a member of the Biology Department, you can join them sometime.

If you are a member of the Biology department at UVic, please join them Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. They meet outside, behind Cunningham building.

Biology Work Party

Department of Biology Work Party

On May 5 Staff, Graduate Students, Faculty and many more members of the Department of Biology, had a work party under the guidance of the Greater Victoria Green Team to remove ivy from Mystic Vale.

After everyone’s hard work there was a pizza lunch at the Greenhouse!

Thank you Jennie Bartosik for organizing this event!
FORB ‘Build-your-own-burger’ welcome to Summer Students

‘Build-your-own-burger’ lunch to welcome new Summer Students to FORB

Calendar

Important Dates:

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Biology News

Publications


M R Miller, R L Oakes, P A Covert, D Ianson, J F Dower Evidence for an effective defence against ocean acidification in the key bioindicator pteropod Limacina helicina https://academic.oup.com/icesjms/advance-article/doi/10.1093/icesjms/fsad059/7160602

Congratulations to Brian Timmer from the Baum Lab!

Brian Timmer, Biology Graduate student in the Baum lab has been accepted into the National Geographic Explorers program for his PhD thesis work in the North Salish Sea. You can find out more here.

Congratulations Biology Honours Students 2023!

Biology Honours Students

Paige Amos (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Julia Baum
Amran Aujla (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Raad Nashmi
Isabelle Cliché (Honours)  Supervisors: Drs. Catherine Stevens & John Dower
Hazel de Haas (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Rana El-Sabaawi
Nicole Fung (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. John Dower
Gemma Graham (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Gautam Awatramani
Kaitlin Griffith (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Bob Chow
Cierra Hart (Honours)  Supervisors: Drs. Bill Halliday & Francis Juanes
Emma Houston (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Nicole Templeman
Alistair Knox (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Patrick von Aderkas
Rebecca Krohman (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Amanda Bates
Bethany Robson (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Barbara Hawkins
Kirsten Suesser (Honours)  Supervisors: Drs. Brian Christie & Nicole Templeman
Angus Townsend (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Francis Juanes
Olivia Waller (Honours)  Supervisor: Dr. Raad Nashmi
Science Rendezvous

Science Rendezvous Victoria 2023

Science Rendezvous Victoria 2023 took place on May 13 at the University of Victoria, with over 1200 participants and it was a great success!

Department of Biology staff and Faculty were there showing invertebrates; sponges, live insects and nematode and flat worms, and vertebrates with live glo-fish, stuffed birds and mammals. They also had fungi and mycorrhizae, protists and plants like mosses, ferns, gymnosperms, angiosperms. They also had a Microscopy, and one molecular pipetting station.

Science Rendezvous is a national outreach initiative with one of the largest one-day festivals promoting STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-in Canada.

Students from K-12 and beyond were able to learn from world-renowned scientists, engineers, mathematicians, computer and software experts, geographers and anthropologists who live in Victoria, BC.

The University of Victoria, Ocean Networks Canada, and Camosun College partnered to bring Science Rendezvous to Victoria for the second time.

Job opportunities

Ministry of Forests

Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John
One temporary opportunity available until March 17th, 2024. An eligibility list may be established to full future temporary and permanent vacancies. Flexible work options are available. This position may be able to work up to five (5) days at home per week as per the Telework agreement.

Wildlife Biologist $73,855.41 -$84,134.34 annually

The wildlife biologist provides professional and technical expertise to support management of natural diversity of wildlife species and their habitats. Key activities include recommendations to support statutory decisions, operational planning, science-based standards, monitoring and technical reports, lead and/or support projects which may include management of contracts.

For more information and to apply online by June 16, 2023.