

AINA NEWS

2010 Scholarship Winners

Carissa Brown, a PhD student in plant ecology with the Department of Biology, University of Saskatchewan, is the winner of the 2010 Jennifer Robinson Memorial Scholarship. Carissa works in the forest-tundra transition zone of the northern Yukon, where her research focuses on how fire and climate interactions can drive vegetation change.

The recipient of the 2010 Lorraine Allison Scholarship is Jennie Knopp, a PhD student in Environmental Life Sciences at Trent University. For her doctoral research, Jennie is studying the impacts of environmental change on fish in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region of the Northwest Territories (NT). Jennie is working with the community of Sachs Harbour, Banks Island, NT, combining scientific sampling and data analysis with traditional knowledge to assess the current status of its arctic char resource and create a community-based char monitoring program.

New Chair for AINA Board of Directors

At the June 2010 Board meeting, the Arctic Institute said goodbye to Michel Scott, who has served on the AINA Board for nine years, the last seven as chairman. We warmly thank Michel for his unwavering interest in and support of the Arctic Institute over the past decade.

Henry Sykes, president of MGM Energy Corp. and an AINA Board member since 2008, has taken over the reins as chairman. John Miller, who works in the Investment Banking section of CIBC World Markets Inc. in Calgary, is now vice-chair of the AINA Board of Directors.

New AINA Research Associate

At the June 2010 meeting of the AINA Board of Directors, a new research associate was added to the Institute's roster. Jon Dudley, a geologist who recently retired after three decades of working in the Calgary oil industry, is assisting an Inuit Elder-driven initiative called *Tusqatuut*, which seeks to document the traditional knowledge of the few remaining Elders who were born on the land before the Inuit relocation to Arctic settlements. Jon is hoping to arrange a knowledge-sharing visit by Inuit Elders to the University of Calgary, hosted by the Arctic Institute. Our visitors may be able to assist with the identification of the Inuit people in photographs held in the Arctic Institute's photo archives.

ASTIS News

The coverage of Canada's northern database, the Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS), continues to improve on many fronts. The main ASTIS database now describes 71 000 publications and research projects about northern Canada and provides links to PDF files of 16 400 publications. The database is available for free from the AINA website at www.arctic.ucalgary.ca.

Chevron Canada and ConocoPhillips Canada have joined Shell Canada and MGM Energy in supporting the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) Database. The ISR Database, produced by ASTIS and the Joint Secretariat–Inuvialuit Renewable Resource Committees, is available at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/isr. The database describes 10 800 publications and research projects about the ISR and provides links to PDF files of 2500 publications.

The Yukon River Panel will be providing funding to the Yukon Biodiversity Database this year. The money will be used to add 50 scientific reports on Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund projects to the database. The Fund, managed by the Joint Technical Committee of the Panel, supports efforts to increase understanding of the factors that affect the health and abundance of Yukon River salmon. The proposal to the Panel was written by Scott Gilbert of the Renewable Resources Management Program at Yukon College, on behalf of the Yukon Biodiversity Working Group. The Yukon Biodiversity Database is produced by ASTIS and the Yukon Biodiversity Working Group and is funded by Foothills Pipe Lines. The database describes 6600 publications and research projects about the biology of the Yukon and the Beaufort Sea. It is available at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/yb.

The Nunavik Bibliography is a cooperative long-term project to build a comprehensive bibliographic database about northern Quebec. The database has been growing steadily and now lists 6200 publications, 2600 of which are available through links to PDF files. The Nunavik Bibliography is a joint project of Makivik Corporation, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Canadian Circumpolar Institute, the Centre d'études nordiques, and ASTIS. The Nunavik Bibliography is available at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/nunavik.

Erich H. Follmann 1943–2010

The Arctic Institute was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Erich Follmann on July 26, following a heart attack earlier in July. A wildlife biologist with the Institute of Arctic Biology and the Department of Biology and Wildlife at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) since 1989, Erich was instrumental in the revival of the Arctic Institute's Grant-in-Aid Program in the early 1990s. For the past 15 years, Erich served as chair of the bi-national Grant-in-Aid Committee. From 1994 to 2010, Erich was a member of the Board of Governors of the Arctic Institute's U.S. Corporation. A memorial scholarship has been set up in Erich's name by the Institute of Arctic Biology at UAF.