

Invited International Distinguished Visitor Fund

Follow-up Report - Dr. Peter Millard

Dates of visit: September 12th – 27th, 2013

The goal of the international distinguished Visitor Fund is to facilitate the sharing of research findings and ideas, to encourage discussion with students and faculty, and to solidify linkages between UBC O and international institutions. During his visit, Dr. Millard, who is Science Director with Landcare New Zealand, met with students and faculty, presented several lectures to students and to the wider community, and laid the foundation for future collaborations. Thus, the funding provided for Dr. Millard's visit certainly achieved the stated goals. Specific details:

Discussions on collaborative activities:

1. September 15, 2014: Met with collaborators from UBC O and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to discuss research progress and future research directions, Summerland, BC
2. September 18, 2014: Met with collaborators from UBC O, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Neil Mackinder (Senior Planning officer, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) to present research progress, Summerland, BC
3. September 18, 19, 22 & 24: Met with Kirsten Hannam (UBC O Research Associate) to work on a jointly authored manuscript

Lectures presented to broader community:

1. September 16, 2014: 'The role of research institutes: opportunities and risks', presented as part of a panel on 'Connections between science, policy and the public'; opening speaker in the Okanagan Water and Biodiversity Forum, Rotary Centre for the Arts, Kelowna, BC
2. September 22, 2014: 'Swimming against the tide: why society needs government-funded research institutes', presented at the Pacific Agriculture and Agri-Foods Research Centre, Summerland, BC
3. September 26, 2014: 'Swimming against the tide: why society needs government-funded research institutes', presented as part of the Biology Department Seminar Series at UBC O Campus, Kelowna, BC

Lectures presented to undergraduate students:

1. September 25, 2014: BIOL 358 Plant Ecophysiology lecture (UBC-O)
2. September 25, 2014: BIOL 358 Plant Ecophysiology methods seminar (UBC-O)

Committee meetings attended:

1. September 16, 2014: for Josh Smith, UBC-O Campus

Meetings with scientists, students:

1. September 25, 2014: Josh Smith (Graduate Student)
2. September 25, 2014: John Klironomos (Associate Dean of Research, IKBSAS) to discuss possible future collaborative relationships between UBC O and Landcare
3. September 25, 2014: Discussion with graduate students over pizza and beer