Upcoming Events

The Adirondack Research Consortium has received a grant from First Pioneer Farm Credit to support an Adirondack/North Country Biofuels Conference to be held Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY. This one-day conference will feature a program dedicated to the business and economic development aspects of developing new biofuel manufacturing facilities in or around the Adirondack/North Country area.

Mark your calendar! The 17th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks is scheduled for May 19 and 20, 2010, at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. The ARC welcomes research abstracts for presentation at the conference all year long on topics ranging from the natural and social sciences to the arts and humanities.

Watch the ARC webpage at adkrsearch.org for information pertaining to both events, or send an e-mail to info@adkrsearch.org.

Dudley Raynal Receives Adirondack Achievement Award

The Adirondack Research Consortium presented the 2009 Adirondack Achievement Award to pioneering acid rain researcher Dr. Dudley J. Raynal of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. In 1978, Raynal initiated the acid rain monitoring station at the Huntington Wildlife Forest in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. In continuous operation ever since, it is one of the oldest monitoring stations in the United States. Information gathered from this and other stations throughout the country provided the scientific basis to identify the causes of the acid rain problem.

Through the years, Raynal has been involved in many research projects to determine the impacts of acid rain on Adirondack lakes, plants, and forests.

Raynal’s work has been extensively published and he has received numerous international research awards. He recently retired from the position of Dean of Instruction and Graduate at SUNY ESF, where he is both Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Teaching Professor.

The Consortium’s Adirondack Achievement Award is an annual award given to an individual or group of individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions to the long-term sustainability of the Adirondack Park.

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