

Northern Ontario Research, Development, Ideas and Knowledge



Building Resilient Communities through Community-Based Forest Management

First Call for Student Poster Presentations

January 16-18, 2013

Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

NORDIK Institute at Algoma University, the Northern Ontario Sustainable Communities Partnership (NOSCP) and the Faculty of Natural Resources Management at Lakehead University invite **student poster presentation abstracts** for the first ever interdisciplinary conference on “Building Resilient Communities through Community-Based Forest Management” to be held January 16-18, 2013 at Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Conference participants will address the emergence of community forests and initiatives to promote them throughout Canada. The conference will provide a **forum to advance community-based forest management** as a growing model for collaborative decision-making and development, and **help establish a national community forest network** where researchers, practitioners, government representatives, community members and others can meet to explore and share relevant experiences, resources and tools.

The event will feature student poster presentations to highlight current research and student researchers from postsecondary institutions. **Posters that address practical and/or conceptual aspects directly related to one or more the following themes are particularly welcome: innovative policies and governance models for community-based forest management; cross-cultural collaboration; local capacity, collective action and community resilience; forest-based economic development and diversification.** The main focus will be on community forests in Canada, with an eye to relevant international experiences and lessons. We encourage submissions from students at Canadian and international postsecondary institutions who are actively involved in original research directly related to the overarching conference themes and geographical orientation.

The **deadline for abstract submission is October 31, 2012.** Successful projects will be notified by November 17, 2012. **Student presenters will be eligible to apply for up to a \$1,000 travel bursary** to help support conference participation.

Abstracts must be kept to 250 words and should provide the: title of the research; author names (indicating the corresponding author*), affiliations and email addresses; research question(s) and objectives; methods; and results and conclusions as appropriate. Abstract submissions should include a brief estimate of costs to attend.

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