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IRSI Newsletter - July 2018

Happy Summer, everyone! This is the first iteration of the Indigenous Research Support Initiative's monthly newsletter. We will be sending out a short newsletter on the 1st of every month to provide highlights on IRSI activities, our blog updates, event notifications and some other relevant information.

Last month, we spoke to Helen Brown and Kelsey Timler, from Critical Research in Health and Healthcare Inequities (CRiHHI). CRiHHi is a research unit within UBC's School of Nursing. Helen and Kelsey have been working in Indigenous communities for some time, and we were interested in learning what they feel contributes to meaningful, effective research in Indigenous community. You can take a look at their thoughts here: Blog #1!

This month, we're talking to Candace Cook, a research scientist at <u>RES'EAU WaterNET</u>. The RES'EAU WaterNET is an NSERC-funded program which aims to achieve breakthroughs in engineering, chemistry, genomics and social sciences in small water systems. RES'EAU focuses on water research and strategic approaches that can be applied to water health monitoring and treatment technology development, as well

as novel approaches to treating water for microbial and chemical contamination, algal toxins and taste and odour compounds. In addition, we are also going to be speaking with Warren Brown, Operations and Maintenance Manager with Lytton First Nation about his experience with water in his community, and his experience working with RES'EAU WaterNET.

We encourage you to share this newsletter with your colleagues! If you didn't receive this email directly from us, please feel free to subscribe to this monthly listserv <u>here</u>.



On April 19th of this year, IRSI hosted a
Research Day for staff and faculty working in
Indigenous communities. We were so excited
that so many shared their research
collaborations through research posters and
that we got feedback and guidance about our
strategic framework (soon to be shared on the
IRSI webpage!).



Tribal Canoe Journeys 2018 to the
Puyallup Territory of the Medicine Creek
Nation will be hosting the final landing July
28, 2018 – August 4, 2018 to celebrate
Indigenous Nationhood with singing,
dancing, stories and sharing food. 92
canoe families of the Pacific Northwest
coast have registered to attend.



A cooperative research protocol agreement between the Heiltsuk Nation and UBC was signed May 31 in Bella Bella.

Pictured left to right: Qatuwas Brown, Hereditary
Chief Harvey Humchitt, Chief Councillor Marilyn



IRSI is headed back up to Teslin Tlingit traditional territory this month to sign a new research protocol agreement.

Pictured left to right: Marina Bailey, Clifford Hanuse, Executive Councillor Ralph Smarch, Slett, Helen Burt, and Lerato Chondoma.

Kelsey Timler, Helen Brown, Quinn Chondoma,

Chief Richard Sidney

Quick takes:

- Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters is now open, with the preliminary
 Notice of Intent to be submitted September 8th 2018.
- If you're an Indigenous researcher working on Indigenous wellness in BC or the Yukon, check out IMN-PN's newly opened <u>awards application</u> (includes one for Conference/Community travel funds!).
- Launch of new tri-agency Indigenous Research Capacity and Reconciliation—
 Connection Grants: see here.



Our office is always open to community members and researchers. We'd love to hear about the work you're doing with Indigenous communities this year! You can reach us at irsi.info@ubc.ca, or our coordinator Alexis Okabe at 604-827-2801.











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