



**Are you interested in hosting a speaker in your department? Do you want to get together with fellow students and talk about forestry issues?**

### **Welcome to the 'Lunch and Learn' new SNP N event**

The Sustainable Forest Management Student & New Professional Network (SNPN) is making available small grants, up to \$500, for hosting informal “Lunch and Learn” events on topics related to forestry for 2008-2009. These events are meant to be casual, low-cost, informative and enjoyable.

**\*\*\*\*\*Funding is still available for the 2009 winter semester! \*\*\*\*\***

### **Who are we?**

The SNPN is an association of undergraduate and graduate students, post doctoral fellows, and research professionals who are not principal investigators in a Sustainable Forest Management Network (SFMN) funded project. As students and new professionals, we are a part of the future generation of researchers and managers of Canada's forests.

We aim to provide a meeting place and information centre for students and new professionals interested in forests and their sustainable management. We work towards this goal by 1) providing professional development resources for students and new professionals, and 2) actively encouraging networking opportunities for SNPN members.

### **What does the grant cover?**

We are making available up to \$500 to cover a series of events. Included are pizza (or similar food) and non-alcoholic drinks, printing of promotional material and minor travel costs. The SFMN will reimburse the invoiced expenses upon receiving receipts.

### **How can you participate?**

Are you a representative from your University's Graduate Student Association, or an association interested in issues of forest management? Send us a short expression of interest (half a page), outlining your proposed themes, venue and proposed invited speakers – they could be external researchers visiting the University, students presenting their research, and community members involved in different aspects of forest management. Let us know the number of events you aim to hold as well as your tentative budget. Please ensure a gift-in-kind donation from your faculty of AV equipment rentals and a meeting space. Send us a short summary of each “Lunch and Learn” event so that we can post it on our website ([http://www.sfmnetwork.ca/html/resource\\_for\\_students\\_e.html](http://www.sfmnetwork.ca/html/resource_for_students_e.html)). Summaries will include name of presenter(s), topic, and issues of interest to sustainable forest management that were raised.

We welcome interdisciplinary topics, ranging anywhere from forestry and biodiversity conservation, to social and economic impacts, community enterprises, the involvement of Aboriginal communities in forestry, as well as new technologies in forest management. Include a cover page with your contact information, and identify the sponsor of the events (student association). The SFMN will directly reimburse the sponsor upon receiving receipts.

**If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Catie Burlando <[umburlac@ccumanitoba.ca](mailto:umburlac@ccumanitoba.ca)> by February 13, 2009.**

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