



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 25-MAY 1, 2010

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FACULTY/STAFF/OTHER MEETINGS

Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 27, 2010**, in the **Speech Pathology Building #68 in room SPA 315 at noon.**

SEMINARS

Parag P. Joshi, MS graduate student with **Dr. Michael A. Thomas**, will present his Proposal Seminar, "What is the Biological Significance of Psychoactive Pharmaceuticals in Aquatic Systems?" **Tuesday, April 27, 2010**, at **11 pm in Lecture Center 10.**

Hilary Billman, MS graduate student with **Drs. Charles Peterson and Sophie St-Hilaire**, will present her Defense Seminar, "The Effects of Piscicide Application on Amphibians in Yellowstone National Park and Southwestern Montana," **Wednesday, April 28, 2010**, at **11:30 AM in the REND 209.**

Xuejiao Zhang will present his MS Proposal Seminar **Thursday, April 29, 2010**, at **12 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Prajwal Wagley will present his MS Proposal Seminar **Thursday, April 29, 2010**, at **12 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Dr. Steve Novak, Boise State University, will present his seminar, "Multiple Introduction, Local Range Expansion and Patterns of Selection in the Invasive Grass Medusahead (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*)," **Thursday, April 29, 2010**, at **4:00 PM in Lecture Center 10.**

Ryan Patterson, MS graduate student with **Dr. Caryn Evilia**, will present his Defense Seminar, "Characterization of a Novel Halovirus from the Great Salt Lake," **Friday, April 30, 2010**, at **1:00 PM in the PLSCI 114.**

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Four Biological Sciences Employees were honored, for years of service, at the employee recognition reception held Tuesday at the Performing Arts Center. They are: **Rhonda Buchanan**, Animal Facility (5 years), **Erin O'Leary-Jepsen**, MRCF (15 years), **Shauna Charlson**, Clerical Support (20 years), and **Randy Owings**, 4th Floor Custodian (35 years). Congratulations and thanks to these folks for their dedicated service to Idaho State University.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The **Idaho Department of Fish and Game** has the **Staff Engineer position in Salmon, Idaho**, on open competitive announcement **until April 28, 2010**. The announcement is located at the following link: http://labor.idaho.gov/DHR/ATS/StateJobs/jobannouncement.aspx?announcement_no=03704063358. Applications will only be accepted through this website.

A summer job is available at the University of Idaho, Aberdeen Research and Extension Center, Aberdeen, Idaho. Employees will perform general field and lab duties. A basic knowledge of general laboratory procedures, including fungal and bacterial isolation, culture, and characterization is desired, but not required. **Pay range \$8 - \$9 per hour depending on experience.** General lab duties may include: preparing growth media, preparing buffers and reagents, working with hazardous chemicals such as acids and pesticides, assisting with preparing equipment set-up and take-down for experiments, entering data and maintaining logs and/or records, preparing samples for PCR-DNA extraction for pathogen detection and enumeration, and field work will include maintaining research plots and helping to rate plots for disease severity and incidence. This position has the potential to lead to future independent research projects. **Please contact Araby Belcher at arbelcher@uidaho.edu or (919) 609-2677 9 (call at any time).**

Summer Field Research Assistants in small mammal ecology. Two positions available. 20 hrs/week; \$10/hr. Conduct small mammal survey at the INL. Work will include live-trapping, handling, and marking of small mammals, data recording. Must be reliable, willing to work evenings/early mornings. Housing available in Atomic City, 4WD vehicle provided. RA's will receive training in animal handling, driving, safety, and INL security. **For more information or to apply submit resume and letter of interest to Dr. Rosemary Smith, smitrose@isu.edu.**

PAYROLL INFORMATION

Our pay period ends Saturday, May 1. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, May 3, at 12 NOON.** This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by Tuesday, May 4,** when time cards are due to Payroll. If you have employees working for you, you need to make sure they are submitting their hours and that you are approving their time cards on time. Time cards need to be submitted and approved on time for everyone to get their pay checks when they expect them.