News Highlights and Announcements

- **Student Sustainability Advisory Council Membership Applications due March 16, 2012**
The Penn State Student Sustainability Advisory Council is adding new student members for the 2012-13 academic year.

- **Deadline for Summer 2012 Jamaica Island Sustainability Program extended to March 12th**
Looking to explore the field of SUSTAINABILITY? Curious what it looks like from an ISLAND perspective? Interested in STUDYING ABROAD this summer? If so, join the Summer 2012 Jamaica Island Sustainability Program for a 5-week immersive learning experience in Jamaica to study the importance of COLLABORATION, LEADERSHIP, AND INNOVATION for creating a sustainable society.

- **Ph.D. Defenses Thursday March 1 and Friday March 2, 2012**
  - March 1: Nick Polato, Ph.D. Candidate in Ecology will defend his dissertation “The Influences of Population Structure, Dispersal and Environmental Stress on Neutral and Functional Genetic Variation of Reef Building Corals” on Thursday March 1 at 1:00 p.m. in 317 Mueller Lab. His advisor is Iliana Baums. The public is welcome to attend the presentation.
  - March 2: Elina Lastro Niño, doctoral defense seminar, "Multi-level analysis of reproductive changes in honey bee queens" at 12-1:00 p.m. in 504 ASI. Her advisor is Christina Grozinger.

Select Campus Events (from March 1-2, 2012)

March 1, 2012

- **Infectious Disease Dynamics Seminar**
  Geraldo Chowell, Arizona State University, "Dynamics of the 2009 A/H1N1 influenza pandemic using high resolution surveillance data"
  11:00 a.m.; 203 Millennium Science Complex

- **Materials 590 Genome Series**
  Ian Robertson, Director, Division of Materials Research, NSF, "The Materials Genome Initiative - The National Science Foundation Perspective"
  11:15 a.m.; 26 Hosler Building

- **BMB Seminar Series**
  Matthew Jennings, "Nucleosomal Recognition by Chromatin Enzymes RCC1/Ran and LSD1/CoREST"
  11:15 a.m.; 101 Althouse Laboratory
- **Chemical Engineering Seminar**
  Jingyue (Jimmy) Liu, Arizona State University, "Nanoscale Architectures for Catalysis and Energy"
  11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 102 Chemistry Building

- **Center for Environmental geoChemistry and Genomics (CECG) Wine and Cheese Reception**
  Guest Speaker Janet Jansson, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
  4:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Nittany Lion Inn Fireside Room | Please RSVP to Debra Lambert (dql6@psu.edu)

- **FLOW Movie Screening**
  The College of Education presents FLOW: How did a handful of corporations steal our water? The award-winning documentary investigates what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century - The World Water Crisis.
  7:30 p.m.; 12 Kern Building

**March 2, 2012**

- **Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research Seminar**
  Chuck Ammon, "An Introduction to Induced and Triggered Earthquakes"
  Noon - 1:00 p.m.; 117 Earth Engineering Sciences Building

- **Entomology Seminar**
  Elina Lastro Niño, doctoral defense seminar, "Multi-level analysis of reproductive changes in honey bee queens"
  12:00 p.m.; 504 ASI

- **Crop and Soil Sciences Seminar**
  Armen Kemanian (PSIEE co-hire), "Carbon, nitrogen, and crop yield in crop sequences with cover crops: an evaluation using simulation models"
  12:20 - 1:10 p.m.; 101 Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building

- **School of Forest Resources Seminar**
  Dani Sarsekova, Department of Kazakhstani National Agricultural Institute, Republic of Kazakhstan, "Forest and Natural Resource Development in Kazakhstan"
  12:30-1:30 p.m.; 105 Forest Resources Building

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Best regards,
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