EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenna Fusinatto and Sarah Humfeld shared information about the School of Natural Resources at the annual 4-H State Sportfishing event held at Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area. They were joined by graduate students Mike Thomas and Nick Sievert (pictured standing left to right) and John Brant. More than 40 young people from all across the state competed in a fishing derby, casting contest, and Skill-a-thon (fish ID, fishing regulations, aquatic ecology, fish biology). In addition to chatting with youth and their families about how they can translate their love of fish and healthy waters into careers in natural resources, the graduate students led hands-on learning activities about Missouri’s native fish and mussel species. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future, and would invite other faculty and students to join us during this fun event. (Submitted by Jenna Fusinatto and Sarah Humfeld; Photo by Jenna Fusinatto.)
Researchers from Resources for the Future (Washington DC) visited SNR, the MU Power Plant and the College of Engineering to continue to make progress on a multi-state model to optimize biopower use in the Eastern US. The project is funded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) with (PI: Aguilar, Co-PIs: McGarvey at College of Engineering and Steve Shifley at US Forest Service; Investigators: Dahal and Mirzaee). Pictured left to right: Ashkan Mirzaee, Ram Dahal, Ron McGarvey, Anthony Paul, Dallas Burtraw, Ken Davis, Francisco Aguilar. (Submitted by Francisco Aguilar; Photo by Greg Coffin.)

Chung-Ho Lin, Zhen Cai and Francisco Aguilar, along with USAID-CIFOR scholars Dienda Hendrawa, Dorin Kusumawardani, and Amanda Dwikarina visited the Center for International Forestry (CIFOR) and World Agroforestry Congress (ICRAF) in Bogor, Indonesia. They presented an overview of SNR and the MU Center for Agroforestry, and profiled ongoing research projects. Meetings with CIFOR and ICRAF personnel were followed by field trips to Bali, Borneo, Kalimantan, and Sulawesi. Highlights included trips to swamp peat forests, meetings with local farmers and overnights with local villagers (to mention just a few!). (Submitted by Francisco Aguilar.)
Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (HDNR) doctoral candidate and Missouri Parks Association (MPA) board member Lisa Groshong facilitated the first-ever MPA member meetup. The event was held on a gorgeous spring day at Finger Lakes State Park (FLSP). About 20 participants attended a presentation by FLSP superintendent Debbie Newby and took a park tour, riding the tram purchased by MPA to help Missouri State Parks provide trail access to seniors. After lunch, participants split up for a guided hike on the Kelley Branch trail and kayaking with Newby, a certified instructor. (Submitted by Lisa Groshong; Photos by Lily Bennett.)

THE WEEK IN SNR WITH DIRECTOR JOSE

Hosted a Budget Brown Bag with SNR Faculty and Staff
Attended the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) National Network Meeting in West Virginia
Attending the SNR Picnic

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