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Laurier to host second annual Northern Research Day

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WATERLOO — The Cold Regions Research Centre at Wilfrid Laurier University will hold its second annual Northern Research Day on Wednesday, February 6 in the university's Senate and Board Chambers.

The all-day event will highlight ongoing research activities in cold regions by Laurier faculty and students, and will include research presentations that touch on key environmental issues affecting cold regions. There will also be information sessions for students interested in pursuing research opportunities. The day will conclude with a keynote address by Dr. Ken Coates, the dean of arts at the University of Waterloo and one of the leading authorities on the historical perspective of the wide range of change in Canada's North.

Though climate change and the challenges of water and natural resource management are prominent issues today, scientists have been seeing evidence of land-use change, warmer temperatures and changing weather patterns in arctic zones for some time.

"The goal of Northern Research Day is to increase the general knowledge of such research at Laurier and bring important issues and research questions of the North to the minds of this country's more southerly inhabitants," says Dr. Richard Petrone, director of the Cold Regions Research Centre. "Few people realize how closely connected Canada's cold regions are to the rest of the country."

The Cold Regions Research Centre, established in 1988, is a multidisciplinary research and training facility focusing on cold regions topics such as hydrology, climate change, glaciology, geochemistry, resource management and parks planning from the Himalayas to the high Arctic.