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Cumulative effects conference hosts diverse, acclaimed slate of speakers:  
Glavin, Greig to headline evening events

The lineup of speakers announced this week for Adding It All Up: Balancing Benefits and Effects of Resource Development promises diverse and inspired discussion at the Nov. 14-16 conference about cumulative effects.

Keynote speaker at the conference banquet on Nov. 14 is Lorne Greig, a systems ecologist whose experience includes adaptive management and environmental conflict resolution.

"All of the significant environmental issues that we deal with today are matters of cumulative effects," says Greig, whose talk *Adopting a Cumulative Effects Mindset* addresses a misunderstood approach to assessing cumulative effects.

"The effect that you're concerned about is the effect on a species at the end of a causal chain," he says. "If you understand the endpoint that you need to get to and you can stay focused on that, you will do a good job of assessing cumulative effects."

Award-winning author and journalist Terry Glavin will speak at the Thursday, Nov. 15 evening's social and poster-viewing session. Glavin's work has appeared in the Globe and Mail, Vancouver Sun and Georgia Straight and often addresses First Nations, environmental and political issues. His first book, *A Death Feast in Dimlahamid*, is about resource issues and First Nations rights in the Northwest.

Other speakers include representatives of First Nations, industry, government and conservation for a varied discussion about the future of northern B.C. and how to balance industrial development with social, economic and environmental wellbeing.

"This conference creates a much-needed dialogue between diverse perspectives," says Bulkley Valley Research Centre research program manager Rick Budhwa. "With multiple large-scale projects proposed for the North, it takes a timely look at where our region is headed and how we can balance economic growth with maintaining our northern lifestyles."

For a full list of speakers or to register for the conference, visit [www.bvcentre.ca/addingitallup](http://www.bvcentre.ca/addingitallup).

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