

## CNAES HQP Research & Collaborative Exchange Funding *Visit report*

### 1. Exchange information

Visitor: **Karly Harker, MSc Candidate, University of British Columbia CNAES Project II-3**  
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Gergel  
Conference: **Society for Freshwater Science at Raleigh, North Carolina – June 4-9, 2017**

### 2. Objective/Purpose

The purpose of attending the SFS conference was: 1) to present my M.Sc. project at the CNAES-led session on Aquatic Ecosystem Services and 2) interact and meet scientists in similar areas of research.

### 3. Description of the visit

Attending the SFS conference was an important and influential experience for me. It was my first international conference and it was the first time presenting my Master's research to a large audience. I was able to learn about an incredibly wide range of research projects, make connections with experts in the field and receive presentation and project feedback that will increase the rigour and validity of my work. The SFS conference also facilitated increased connections between CNAES members and helped to proliferate the work of the CNAES community to a broad scientific and regulatory audience.

The diversity of research scientists that attend SFS really makes it an interesting and engaging experience. In addition to research, there was also a diversity of keynote speakers from different fields, such as journalism, design and government policy. One of the speakers was Jeremy Munroe, a freshwater filmmaker who had interesting insight on finding stories and communicating research in freshwater science, which has also been an emphasis of CNAES.



*Camille Ouellet Dallaire, Maitane Erdozain, and Karly Harker (left to right)*