



**Dr. Richard Joseph Hebda**

**Keynote speaker at the Thursday Night Social, Main Conference Hall  
Filberg Centre.**

Dr. Richard Hebda has been Curator (Botany and Earth History) at the Royal British Columbia Museum 35 years and adjunct faculty at the University of Victoria for 28 years. He curated the Climate and Climate Change exhibit at the museum and was the first faculty coordinator of the Restoration of Natural Systems Program at University of Victoria. He studies vegetation and climate history of BC, climate change and its impacts, ecology and origins of alpine

ecosystems and botany of grasses. Richard Hebda is (co)author of 120+ scientific papers 250+ popular articles on native plants and climate change; (co) author/editor of several books and major reports including several reports on climate change for NGO's. He appears often on TV and radio, and in newspaper interviews. He recently received the Queen's Jubilee medal for his work in palaeontology.

Dr. Hebda's topic will be "*Climate Change and Ecological Impacts in the Comox Valley: Preparing for a different future*".