

## News Release

# U of M Crookston Chief Pilot Mike Vivion President of the International Association of Natural Resource Pilots Heads Planning of Annual Workshop May 1-3, 2007

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CROOKSTON, MN (January 3, 2006) – Planning for the annual workshop of the International Association of Natural Resource Pilots (IANRP) is being led this year by University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) Chief Pilot Mike Vivion, who is the organization's current president.



The annual workshop covers issues of interest including safety concerns, techniques and training along with an address by a nationally known speaker in the aviation field. Of special note for 2007 is an emergency underwater egress training session put on by a certified trainer from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The 2007 workshop will take place May 1-3 at Craguns Resort outside of Brainerd, Minn.

"One of the highlights of the annual meeting is an open forum where pilots gather together to exchange ideas about new technology, safety issues and any problems or concerns facing the profession," Vivion said. "This 'how we do what we do session' is very beneficial and a great place to share."

Vivion has been a member of IANRP for more than 20 years. He served as vice president before becoming president in 2006. The organization is dedicated to perpetuating a safe, economical and efficient program in resource management aviation. To provide more access to the IANRP annual meeting, it is taking place just prior to the Seaplane Pilot Association meeting at Craguns on May 4-5.

For more information on the IANRP or their annual meeting, contact Mike Vivion at 218-281-8141 or by e-mail at [mvivion@umn.edu](mailto:mvivion@umn.edu).

Vivion worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for more than 34 years prior to coming to the Crookston campus in December 2005 as chief pilot. UMC's aviation program is for students with mission-specific interests in natural resources, law enforcement, aerial application or business.

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