



# DOWN TO EARTH



*Newsletter of the Department of Earth Sciences, U.W.O.*

*Friday February 29, 2008*

## **DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES**

**Dr. Robert Linnen  
Dept. Earth & Environmental  
Sciences, U. Waterloo**

**“Trace elements: magma genesis  
to ore deposits”**

**Friday March 7, 2008**

**Time: 1.30 p.m.**

**Place: B&G Bldg. room 52**

**>All Welcome<**

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## **Initiative to Enhance Mineral Deposit Studies and Professional Development**

Paula Luchak

As most of you will be aware, a new Initiative has been launched in the Department of Earth Sciences to Enhance Mineral Deposit Studies and Professional Development. This Initiative is being launched to ensure that it has the people, the courses and the partnerships with industry, other academic institutions, and government agencies to graduate a new generation of economic geologists and to further relevant basic and applied research. It is our goal to become the premier institution in Canada where students can pursue a four-year undergraduate program that will lead to professional registration, and that will be supported and challenged by an excellent graduate program with attendant research. We are committed to putting the

resources in place that will define the Department as the leader in preparing young people for professional practice in industry, academia, and government.

On January 27, 2008, an Earth Sciences reception was held in Vancouver at the Mineral Exploration Roundup in order to launch this Initiative. Over 125 alumni, faculty, friends and Industry contacts attended the function. At the reception an announcement was made by one of our prestigious alumnus Dr. Keith Barron. Keith announced that he was donating \$1.2 Million dollars toward the Initiative. This very generous donation will provide the necessary funding to start moving this Initiative forward.

Looking ahead, we are making a presence at the Prospectors and Developers Convention (PDAC) in Toronto next week. We will host a reception that will be held at the Fairmont Royal York in the Jasper Room between 5pm-7pm. I wish to thank those who have confirmed their attendance at the PDAC. The PDAC provides a wonderful opportunity for networking with alumni, fellow academics, students, Industry contacts and potential employers.

If at any time you have questions about this exciting Initiative, please contact me at ext. 86642 or [Paula.Luchak@uwo.ca](mailto:Paula.Luchak@uwo.ca).

*Paula Luchak, Development Officer/  
Initiative to Enhance Mineral Deposit  
Studies and Professional Development*

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## **Goldschmidt Conference 2008**

The 2008 Goldschmidt conference is being held in Vancouver. Lachlan MacLean, currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Environmental Kinetics Analysis at PennState, is hosting session

19(i) entitled “Novel use of complimentary techniques to characterize low temperature biogeochemical environments”:

(<http://www.goldschmidt2008.org/themeView?theme=19>). If your work fits into this theme, please consider submitting an abstract.

*Abstract deadline: March 1, 2008.*



### **2008-09 Ontario Graduate Scholarships in Science & Technology (OGSST)**

Applications are invited for the 2008-09 Ontario Graduate Scholarships in Science & Technology (OGSST).

*Value:* Up to \$15,000, minimum two term award, maximum 3-term award.

*Deadline for applications:* 4 pm, March 21, 2008.

Details of the award are available on the Faculty of Graduate Studies web site.



### **“Research on Teaching: Its impact on student learning, academic communities and faculty careers”**

**Tuesday March 11, 2008, 10 am-12 noon**

**Place: TSC, room 122, Weldon Library**



### **Teaching Support Centre Faculty Mentor Program 2007-08**

**Friday March 7, 2008, 1.30-3.30 pm**  
**Room 121, The D.B. Weldon Library**  
 Please register online: Upcoming Events,  
<http://www.uwo.ca/tsc>



### **Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships Program**

The SPWLA Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible/qualified recipients pursuing a degree program related to oil, gas or other mineral formation evaluation. Scholarships are available for undergraduate students and are awarded on a competitive basis, taking into account academic achievement, career objectives, and financial need.

*Value:* Minimum \$1,000

*Deadline* to the Foundation: April 1, 2008

More information and application forms are available at: [www.spwla.org](http://www.spwla.org)



### **The Canadian Society for Coal Science and Organic Petrology (CSCOP) Graduate Awards**

A call for applications is made for the 2008 Alexander R. Cameron Award under which there is an award for a Ph.D. student and an M.Sc. student involved in academic research related to coal geology, organic geochemistry, and/or organic petrology.

*Value:* M.Sc. \$400; Ph.D.: \$600

*Deadline:* June 30, 2008.

For more information, please contact Dr. Hamed Sanei, Chair of the Award Committee, CSCOP at [hsanei@nrca.gc.ca](mailto:hsanei@nrca.gc.ca)



### **UWO Earth Day Colloquium 2008**

Monday April 21, 2008

*Deadline for abstracts:* Monday March 31, 2008,  
 e-mail to [erwabs@gmail.com](mailto:erwabs@gmail.com).

