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

Friday, October 12, 2007

Department of Earth Sciences Annual SCUGOG Public Lecture

Dr. Bruce Kjarsgaard
Geological Survey of Canada

“The World of Diamonds”

Date: Wednesday October 24, 2007

Time: 7.00 p.m.

**Place: North Campus Building,
Room 101**

>All Welcome<

Bring Family and Friends!

**Department of Earth Sciences
Colloquium Series**

Dr. Alexander P. Wolfe
Dept. Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
University of Alberta

**“Diamonds, diatremes, and diatoms:
Post-eruptive Lagerstätten from
Ekati kimberlites, Lac de Gras,
Northwest Territories”**

Date: Friday October 19, 2007

Time: 1.30 p.m.

Place: B&G room 116

>All Welcome<

Faculty Mentor Program 2007-08

**Third Workshop Session on
Friday October 19, 2007, 2-4 p.m.**
Place: Teaching Support Centre,
Weldon Library, Room 122

**“The development of graduate students and teaching
assistants: The role of the faculty”**

Please register online: <http://www.uwo.ca/tsc>

Congratulations...

to Lyndsay Moore on her successful M.Sc. defence on
September 25, 2007. Lyndsay will be starting her Ph.D.
program shortly at the University of Quebec at
Chicoutimi.

Northern Training Grants Application 2008

For those interested in available support for
research in the North by senior undergraduate or graduate
students, Dr. Robert Bailey will be holding an information
session on Friday October 12, 2007 at noon in Collip
Bldg. room 112.

Applications for next year’s grants are due in
Ottawa by December 1, 2007 and therefore are due to Dr.
Bailey for review by November 15, 2007. Please see the
website www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/nstp/manu_e.html for details
about application procedures, and also for reports by
holders of 2007 awards.

Dr. Bailey is also available for questions:
drbob@uwo.ca or tel: 84022.

Sangster Award 2008 CNC-CODATA

The Canadian National Committee for CODATA (CNC-
CODATA) is accepting applications for The Sangster
Award, which will enable a graduate student enrolled in a
Canadian University, or a graduate who has completed



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his/her graduate degree within 3 years of the application deadline, to attend and present their work at the 21st International CODATA Conference, Scientific Information for Society - from Today to the Future, October 5-8, 2008, Kyiv, Ukraine.

For details, please go to their web site: www.codata.org/canada/sangster

Value: \$3,000

Deadline for submission of application:

March 31, 2008 to Ottawa.

The Robert and Ruth Lumsden Undergraduate Awards in Earth Sciences

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The following needs based award is specific to students registered in Earth Sciences:

The Robert and Ruth Lumsden Undergraduate Awards in Earth Sciences. Awarded to full-time students in the Department of Earth Sciences on the basis of financial need and academic achievement.

For all candidates registered in second year of any program in Earth Sciences, the minimum academic requirement is 75% overall average in first year courses. For all candidates registered in third or fourth year of an Honors Specialization, Major, or Specialization in Earth Sciences, the minimum academic requirement is a 75% cumulative average from all courses designated as principal courses.

Application forms can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar, and must be completed and returned by October 31. These awards were made possible by a bequest to Foundation Western by the late Ruth V. Lumsden (BA'79) and Robert O. Lumsden (BA'78). **Value: 15 @ Up to \$1,000 each.**

Deadline: To be considered for needs based awards, please apply by **October 31, 2007** to the Office of the Registrar. Please visit the Registrar's website <http://www4.registrar.uwo.ca/FinancialServices/NeedBasedAwards.cfm> for details regarding application procedures and eligibility.

Canada Savings Bonds

Western employees are advised the annual Canada Payroll Savings Program runs from October 2 through October 31, 2007.

Access to the program is now online. Under the heading "Canada Savings Bonds go on sale October 2"

at :

<http://communications.uwo.ca/facultyandstaff/> is further information and the link for enrolling or changing your deduction.

If you are already registered and want to continue without making changes, you do not need to do anything.

Budgeting tools for NSERC RTI and ADF Applicants

The Purchasing Department is providing tools to enable researchers to compile their budgets for NSERC RTI and ADF applications. The Purchasing web page outlines services they can provide to NSERC RTI applicants as well as contact details for any assistance:

www.uwo.ca/finance/purchase/nsercrti.html

Any questions regarding these tools should be directed to Purchasing.

Essay Contest for Undergraduate Students - The Bridge Program

The Bridge Program, hosted by the University of British Columbia, is a fellowship-funding program that brings together graduate students, post-docs, and practitioners to address public, environmental, and occupational health issues.

The Essay Contest is designed to raise awareness about the Bridge Program amongst interested students in universities across Canada and to encourage 3rd and 4th year undergraduate students to consider entering graduate school.

Value: \$1,500 first prize

\$500 for up to three honorable mentions

Deadline for submission: November 9, 2007

Please contact the Bridge Program for more information at www.bridge.ubc.ca, tel: 604-822-8042.



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