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

Friday September 26, 2008

Congratulations...

J. Jin
to Pengfei Chen on winning the Thomas E. Bolton Award at the 2008 Canadian Paleontology Conference (Winnipeg, September 19-21). The award is awarded each year by the Paleontology Division of the Geological Association of Canada "to acknowledge excellence in paleontological research by students through their paper and poster presentations at the Canadian Paleontology Conference".



Graduate Thesis Research Award

The Graduate Thesis Research Awards are provided jointly by the Vice-President (Research and International Relations) and the Faculty to help support costs of research undertaken by graduate students at Western. Awards are available to full-time students at Western (excluding Ivey and affiliate colleges) who are enrolled in a graduate program leading to an M.Sc. or PhD degree. Applicants must be engaged in writing a thesis/dissertation as part of their degree requirements.

Departmental deadline: November 1, 2008

The application and guidelines are available at: www.uwo.ca/research/internal/rds_funding_internfunding_studentgrants_graduatethesis.html.

In this department, new applicants will be ranked higher than recent winners



Operation Wallacea Presentation

Tuesday September 30, 2008

10.30 a.m.

North Campus Bldg., room 340

with regard to opportunities for students in the summer of 2009. More information can be obtained from their web site at www.opwall.com or contact the office via e-mail: canada@opwall.com or telephone: 905-231-2095.



Bancroft Field Trip: A Success

R. Flemming
A field trip to the Bancroft area on September 19-21, lead by me and Deana Schwarz, was attended by an enthusiastic group of 2nd, 3rd and 4th year undergraduate and graduate students. For the 2nd year students, it was a successful first encounter with minerals in their geological context. Special thanks are extended to Deana for her detailed route planning and arrangements for access to many excellent mineral collecting localities.



Ronald C. Wells Geological Education Fund – Undergraduate Scholarship Announcement

The Kamloops Exploration Group Society invites applications for scholarships under the Ronald C. Wells Geological Education Fund.

Value: Up to \$1500

Applicants must be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant and registered fulltime in the 3rd or 4th year of an accredited bachelor's level geology or earth science program at a Canadian post-secondary institution. Applications are available at: www.keg.bc.ca

Deadline: November 30, 2008 to the Kamloops Exploration Group Society in B.C.



ADF New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award – Major Grant Competition

Reminder for faculty: *The internal deadline for the Dean's office is Wednesday November 12, 2008.* All PDF applications should be forwarded to Stephanie Attardi in the Faculty of Science (sattard3@uwo.ca) along with the printout of the signature page (WSC 191).



Academic and Professional Communication Series for Graduate Students

Registration is now available for the fall session of the Teaching Support Centre's Academic and Professional Communication Series, starting October 3, 2008. To register, please go to www.lib.uwo.ca/tsc/calendar/view_program.php?id=129 or look for the series under graduate student programs on the Teaching Support Centre website: www.uwo.ca/tsc



**New Faculty Network Workshop
“Effective graduate supervision”
Thursday October 9, 2008
11.30 am to 12.30 p.m.
Western Science Centre, rm 240**

Although designed for newer faculty, it will be of benefit to anyone who supervises graduate students.

