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

Friday April 4, 2008

**JOINT DEPTS. PHYSICS &
ASTRONOMY/EARTH SCIENCE
and PLANETARY SCIENCE
RESEARCH GROUP
COLLOQUIA**

**Dr. Irene Antonenko
University of Toronto**

**“Data fusion: Application and
implications for planetary research”**

**Friday April 11, 2008, 1.30 p.m.
Place: B&G Bldg. room 52**

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**Dr. Gopalan Srinivasan
University of Toronto**

**“²⁶Al and ¹⁰Be in primitive
meteorites: constraints on formation
of CAIs”**

**Monday April 14, 2008, 1.30 pm
Place: B&G. Bldg. room 52**

>All welcome to both talks<

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**Update on the Initiative to
Enhance Mineral Deposit Studies
and professional Development**

Paula Luchak, Development Officer and
Executive Assistant for the Initiative

I wish to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief update on the Initiative. First of all, I wish to thank all of the Earth Sciences Faculty, staff and students who attended the Prospectors and Developers Convention (PDAC) this March. We had a tremendous turnout of Western representatives at the Trade Show and the Reception. We had approximately 135 people attend our reception. This was the largest turnout to date. The reception was a huge success and the Department representation was a big part of that success. Many of our alumni commented on the fact it was great to see the Department so well represented at the PDAC and the reception. I have already spoken for a larger room for our reception next year. I know how busy your schedules are and truly appreciate your support for this important Initiative. I hope to see you all at the PDAC 2009.

We are producing a new marketing document for the Initiative which will be ready next week. Once this document is completed, you will receive a copy via email. This document will be utilized by the Development team to make calls to potential donors for the Initiative. It will also be made available for other marketing initiatives.

Along with Bob Hodder, I have met on numerous occasions with our Senior Development Team to work on the fundraising strategy. Meetings are currently being booked to visit with alumni and Corporations regarding support for the Initiative. Western's VP External, Ted Garrard, Dr. Davenport, Grant Stirling (Associate VP Development), Dean Wardlaw, Bob Hodder and I will all be participating in meetings with potential

donors. As we heard at the PDAC reception, the University is very supportive of this Initiative and has made it a fundraising priority. This is evidenced by the upcoming fundraising trips to Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary by Ted Garrard and Dr. Davenport.

If at any time you have questions about the Initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me at ext 86642 or at paula.luchak@uwo.ca



Undergraduate Award Recipients

Roberta Flemming

Congratulations to the following undergraduate students on receipt of the following merit based awards/scholarships:

Norman B. Keevel Award in Earth Sciences –
Mary Phan

Dr. Harvey Hunter Memorial Award – Joel Shank

Aleksis Dreimanis Prize – Nathan Bridge

Mark A. Turner Award in Geology – Joel Shank
Geophysics Scholarship for Excellence –

Kirk Scanlan

William Wyatt Scholarship –
Meghan Hewton

J.P. Bickell Foundation Mining Scholarship
recipients:

Nathan Bridge Natasha Bumstead

Lisa Cupelli Sian Marsden

Lindsay McClenaghan Vicki Sarkijarvi

Joel Shank Kellen Shenton

Tracy Smith

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
recipients:

Nathan Bridge – sup’r: Neil Banerjee

Christine Ciszkowski – sup’r: Murray

Gingras (University of Alberta)

Meghan Hewton – sup’r: Liz Webb

Mary Phan – sup’r: Robert Shcherbakov

Kirk Scanlan – sup’r: Robert Shcherbakov

Laura Thomson – sup’r: Gordon Osinski



SEG Foundation Scholarship Honoring Dr. Kenneth L. Zonge Established

The SEG Foundation is very pleased to announce that a graduate scholarship in exploration geophysics has been recently established to honor Dr. Kenneth L. Zonge, noted geophysicist and founder of Zonge Engineering.

The scholarship, which is open to qualified candidates around the world attending a university with a recognized geophysics program, is intended to support a graduate student in geophysics whose primary focus is the further development of Induced Polarization, Complex Resistivity and related electrical methods. Interested students should apply following the normal scholarship application process of the SEG Foundation, which may be found at <http://foundation.seg.org/scholarships/>.



Faculty of Graduate Studies – Direct Deposit of Scholarships, Awards and Tuition Refunds

To ensure that they are providing efficient and secure services to the graduate students, the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be changing business practices later in April to allow the direct deposit of scholarships, awards and tuition refunds to the bank account that they have on file through the Human Resources system.

Once scholarships, awards and/or tuition refunds have been awarded through this system, an e-mail will be sent to the student confirming the details.



Physics and Astronomy Stores

The Physics & Astronomy Store, electronic and Machine Shops will be closed for their annual inventory counts from April 28 to May 2, 2008 inclusive.

