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

Friday August 8, 2008

## CONGRATULATIONS...

to Gordon Osinski on the award of the prestigious Nier Prize. The Nier Prize is a prestigious international award of the Meteoritical Society. It recognizes "outstanding research in meteoritics and closely allied fields by young scientists". The award was established in 1995 to honour the memory of Alfred O. C. Nier. To quote the President of the Meteoritical Society, Joe Goldstein:

"Gordon Osinski was awarded this prize for his work on advancing the understanding of the petrology and field aspects of impact cratering. This is the major award of the society for its young members and is an indication of his major contributions to date and in anticipation of his developing a first class scientific reputation. The award will be given at the 2009 Meteoritical Society meeting in Nancy, France."

Congratulations, Oz!

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**EARTH SCIENCES -  
M.SC. GEOLOGY PUBLIC  
LECTURE  
DUANE C. PETTS**

**"Regional infiltration of meteoric water into the Mira Terrane: a stable isotope study of the Avalonian Huntington Mountain Pluton and related rocks, Cape Breton Island, Canada"**

**Tues. August 19, 2008, 9.00 a.m.  
Location: B&G Bldg. room 1015  
>All Welcome<**

Oral examination to take place at 10 am in B&G 1065 on the same day.

**EARTH SCIENCES –  
M.SC. GEOLOGY PUBLIC  
LECTURE  
DEANA M. SCHWARZ**

**"Oxygen and carbon isotope geochemistry of Late Ordovician brachiopods from Anticosti Island, Quebec"**

**Thurs. August 21, 2008, 9.00 a.m.  
Location: &G Bldg. 100m 1015  
>All Welcome<**

Oral examination to take place at 10 am in B&G 1065 on the same day.

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**EARTH SCIENCES – M.SC.  
GEOLOGY PUBLIC LECTURE  
MATT IZAWA**

**"Mineralogy and IR spectroscopy of the Tagish Lake C2 chondrite and enstatite chondrites"**

**Fri. August 22, 2008, 9.00 a.m.  
Location: B&G Bldg. room 1015  
>All Welcome<**

Oral examination to take place at 10 am in B&G 1065 on the same day.



## CONGRATULATIONS...

to **Arslan Akhmetov** on the award of the new GSC Pioneers Scholarship via the KEGS Foundation. This award honours pioneering geophysicists and their contributions at the Geological Survey of Canada.

and to

**Matt Izawa** on his complimentary book award by the KEGS Foundation.



### Sabbatical Leave

**Reminder:** Deadline to receive sabbatical leave applications for 2009-2010 is Monday September 8, 2008, 4.00 p.m. in the Dean's Office; Therefore the **departmental deadline is September 4, 2008, 12 noon, to the Chair.**

Full details regarding sabbatical leave provisions can be found under the Sabbatical Leave article of the Collective Agreement

<http://www.uwo.ca/pvp/facultyrelations/relations/FC%20FINAL.pdf>.



### Permanent and Summer Workterm Geoscience Postings for 2009 – Esso/Imperial Oil

We have been notified recently of the following job postings. Please note the **deadline** for online e-applications is September 24, 2008 for summer positions and October 5, 2008 for permanent positions. Figures in brackets denotes the number of positions available.

#### *Permanent Geoscience Positions in Calgary (2009)*

- i) Seismic processing geophysicist specialist (1)
- ii) Geophysicist/seismic interpreter (2)
- iii) Sequence stratigrapher (2)
- (iv) Structural geologist (1)
- (v) Reservoir geoscientist (2)
- (vi) Oilsands mining geologist (2)

#### *Summer/Co-op Geoscience Positions in Calgary (2009)*

- (i) Geology summer student (2)
- (ii) Geophysics summer student (2)

#### *Permanent Geotechnician positions in Calgary (2009)*

- (i) Geoscience support technician (2)
- (ii) Data technician (1)

The website will be available effective September 1, 2008. Please go online to

[www.imperialoil.ca/campus](http://www.imperialoil.ca/campus)

to find the application forms.



### Space Society of London Public Lecture

**Dr. Randy Kissack**  
**Physics & Astronomy Dept.**  
**U.W.O.**

**“The *other* pale blue dot: the remarkable discovery and exploration of Neptune”**

**Date: Thursday, August 21, 2008**

**Time: 7.00-8.30 p.m.**

**Location: P&A Bldg. room 123**

