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

Friday, March 6, 2009

EARTH SCIENCES COLLOQUIA SERIES

The Florence Bucke Science Prize Lecture

Dr. Frank Brunton, P.Geo.
Geoscientist, Sedimentary
Geoscience Section
Ontario Geological Survey, Sudbury

Dr. Bernie Kraatz
Dept. of Chemistry
“Biosensors – Detecting it all”
Tuesday March 31, 2009, 7.30 p.m.
3M Bldg. room 3250

Complimentary reception to follow at Michael's.

"Mapping the bedrock
groundwaters of Southern Ontario:
Integration of sequence
stratigraphy/sedimentology/
hydrogeology to delineate
hydrogeologic units (HGUs)"

Friday March 13, 2009, 1.30 p.m.
Kresge Bldg. room 203.

§§ Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Student Chapter at UWO

Joel Shank

The CSPG supports student chapters at universities across Canada. Benefits of a student chapter include issues of Reservoir (the CSPG's monthly publication), funds for chapter events, and more. (See <http://cspg.org/students/docs/CSPG-Outreach-Brochure.pdf> for details.)

>All Welcome<

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Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

Western does not currently have a CSPG Student Chapter, but we are looking to start one. To qualify, we need a minimum of 5 CSPG student members. Benefits of personal membership include eligibility for scholarships, field trips, and networking events. Student membership is FREE! If you are interested in becoming a member, please email me the following details:

Dr. Andy Knights
Engineering Physics Dept. McMaster U.

Name; Degree/Program; Year of Program

Projected year of graduation; Email address

“Bottom-up and Top-down in 2nd
generation silicon photonics”

Submitting this information will make you eligible to apply for the CSPG Undergraduate Award (*deadline: March 27*). Eventually you need to fill out a membership application form; I will contact all interested members with details. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thurs. Mar. 19, 2009, 1.30 p.m.
Physics & Astronomy Bldg. rm. 123

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Web Site for Income Tax Return forms

If you have not received a personalized income tax return form for 2008, please go to the following site to download a blank form:

www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/forms/



March Break Open House

C. Tsujita

March Break Open House is right around the corner (Saturday, March 14) and I am again requesting volunteers to attend the Earth Sciences booth at this important recruitment event. As for Fall Preview, our booth will be set up in the Material Science Addition (adjacent to the stairwell) and it would be nice if both students and faculty could be present to talk to prospective students. The entire event officially runs from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. I would greatly appreciate anybody willing to help out to donate a couple hours of their time to help out at the booth.

The organizers would like to have some idea of how many volunteers plan to come so that they can make arrangements for complimentary lunches. So if you are willing to help out, please let me know so that I can put you on the list. It would also be helpful to know when you are planning to be at the booth.



Society of Petrophysicists and Well Log Analysts Foundation

Call for applications for undergraduate scholarships, and graduate and faculty grants

The SPWLA Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible and qualified recipients pursuing a degree program related to oil, gas, or other mineral formation evaluation. Grants are available for graduate students as well as faculty members to support research studies and educational projects related to formation evaluation and are awarded on a competitive basis.

The SPWLA also provides scholarships to undergraduate students and they are awarded on a competitive basis which takes into account

academic achievement, career objectives and financial need.

Deadline for all categories: April 1, 2009

For more information and application forms, please go to <http://www.spwla.org>, or contact the SPWLA Scholarship and Grant Committee, tel. 713-947-8727, e-mail: spwla@spwla.org



G.G. Suffel Fellowship for Graduate Studies in Applied Economic Geology

Reminder: *Deadline for application is March 15/09.*



National Graduate Scholarship, Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique

This scholarship was established by the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique in 2007. Any Canadian or permanent resident, entering or registered in a Canadian university M.Sc. or Ph.D. program which is directly related to an identified field of geotechnique is eligible, including hydrogeology, geoenvironmental engineering, geoenvironmental geosciences. Nominees must have a high academic standing. Preference will be given to those who have some practical experience and are active, or show leadership, in the geotechnical community.

Nominations are limited to one per academic department and require a letter, accompanied by rationale, written and signed by the graduate supervisor. Rationale should include evidence of academic standing, research output, contributions to practice, and leadership/activity in the geotechnical community. *Nomination packages are limited to 5 pages.* **Deadline: June 1, 2009** to the Canadian Geotechnical Society's Scholarship Selection Committee Chair, Dr. Paul Simms (c/o Carleton University, Dept. Civil & Environmental Engineering). For further information, please contact Mr. Doug VanDine PEng/PGeo (BC) tel. 250-598-1028, e-mail: vandine@islandnet.com.

Details are posted on the graduate board in the B&G Bldg.

