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

*Friday, April 9, 2010*

## **ES 4450Y Field School Registration**

Students are reminded that those wishing to take the ES4450y Field School must let Kevin Jordan know their intent to participate by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This advance notice is necessary so that bookings for flights and accommodation can be made in good time.

The field school will run in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick between September 1st and 10th inclusive, departing from and returning to London. It will be lead by Dr Guy Plint and Dr. Burns Cheadle. Please note that this course requires ES3350y as a prerequisite. Students will pay \$345 towards the cost of the trip.

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## **“Yuri’s Night” Celebration**

The Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration (CPSX) will be hosing several "Yuri's Night" events, which is an international celebration held on (or near) April 12th every year to celebrate humanity’s achievements in space. This date marks the anniversary of the first person in space in 1961, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, and the first launch of the US Space Shuttle in 1981.

Yuri's Night aims to increase public interest in space exploration and to inspire a new generation of explorers. This year events around the world are being planned between April 9-12th. For more information, check out the global website.

Events at Western include:

### **Friday April 9th, 2010**

Yuri's Night Space Party  
8:00pm - close, Grad Club

On the last day of classes, there will be a party hosted by CPSX and the Space Society of London at the Grad Club, Western campus (must be older than 19 years of age). Costumes welcome, prizes and surprises!

### **Monday April 12th, 2010**

3:30pm - 5:00pm  
Panel Discussion, Room BGS 0153  
“The future of human space exploration” including Bjarni Tryggvason, Canadian Astronaut, President QDAC Inc, Visiting Engineering Professor UWO

8:00 pm - 10:00pm  
Stargazing at the Cronyn Observatory

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## **Future Departmental Events**

- **May 8th** – Reception Calgary
- **May 10th – 14th** GeoCanada 2010 (CSPG/CSEG/CWLS/GAC/MAC/IAH-CNC)

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## **Colloquium Schedule, 2010**

The Earth Sciences Colloquium is held weekly on Fridays in B&G 0153, 3:30-4:30 PM.

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**April 9** - Qinya Liu (Dept. Physics, U of T):  
Seismic Tomography based upon 3D numerical  
simulations of wave propagation

**April 16** – Jie Li (COMPRES Distinguished  
Lecturer): Viewing deep inside Earth with  
synchrotron X-rays

For the complete and most up-to-date version of the  
Colloquium schedule, visit  
<http://www.uwo.ca/earth/news/colloquium.html>.

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## **Good Luck**

On behalf of the entire Department of Earth  
Sciences, good luck to all students on their final  
exams. To those fourth year students who are  
graduating, best of luck in your future, wherever  
your life's journeys take you.

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