



DOWN TO EARTH



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

Friday, June 19, 2009

DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES Ph.D. GEOPHYSICS PUBLIC LECTURE

Candidate: Xueyang YU
Supervisor: Rick Secco

**“Viscosity and melting temperature
of Fe-Si alloys at high pressure and
temperature”**

Monday, June 29, 2009

Time: 9.00 a.m.

Location: B&G Bldg. room 1056

>All Welcome<

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Congratulations...

***to *Gerhard Pratt*, who was presented with the Conrad Schlumberger Award, at the Annual Conference of the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers in Amsterdam recently.

The Conrad Schlumberger Award is presented to a member of the Association who has made an outstanding contribution over a period of time to the scientific and technical advancement of the geosciences, particularly geophysics.

***to *Natalie Pietrzak*, who won the Best Student Paper award for the Lake Superior Geology Conference held in Ely, Minnesota in early May with her talk entitled “Ore textures and mineral chemistry within the oxide-carbonated-silicate

flotation ores at the Cliffs Natural Resources’ Tilden Mine, Michigan”.

This is an annual conference which focuses on geology topics of the Lake superior regions of both Canada and the U.S.A..

***and to *Brendt Hyde* and *Ian Foster* on their recent successful M.Sc. defences.

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International Graduate Students

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Reminder: Please start the renewal of your student permit or your Social Insurance Number at least two months, preferably three months prior to their expiry dates. If you leave it to the last minute, you run the risk of being deregistered from your program at this university.

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Teaching Support Centre Graduate Student Information

New graduate students will find these two events helpful:

-International TA day, Tuesday September 8, 2009

-Graduate Student Conference on Teaching (TA Day): Wednesday September 9, 2009.

-Communication in the Canadian Classroom Course for international graduate students:

-*Session 1*: Sept.14-30, Mon/Wed 3.30-5.30 pm

-*Session 2*: Sept.15-Oct.1: Tues/Thurs. 3.30-5.30 pm

All international TAs in the Department of Earth Sciences are expected to complete this course as soon as they can after starting their graduate program.

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The TA Training Program (TATP) will be offered on the following dates starting at noon on the first day and running all day on the second and third days. *All graduate students in the Department of Earth Sciences are expected to complete this course at the outset of their graduate program:*

- August 21-23, 2009
- August 28-30, 2009
- September 1-3, 2009
- September 4-6, 2009
- September 18-20, 2009
- September 25-27, 2009

Information about other programs developed for graduate students may be obtained here:

<http://grad.uwo.ca/360/>

and

<http://www.uwo.ca/tsc/>

§§ Goodbye

M. Rice

As this is probably the last Down to Earth to be published before I retire on June 30, 2009, I would like to take this last formal chance to say to everyone that I have enjoyed my time at Western, particularly getting to know the new graduate students from all corners of the world as they come to start a program, thank you for your responses to my “cries of help” from time to time and the friendship shown to me by everyone in this department and across campus, including but not limited to: Pat Marshall (U.W.O. cashier), the various members of the School of Postdoctoral and Graduate Studies, Mary Dillon, Sheri Waring and Carol Curran in Biology, Joanne Lemon in Engineering, Clara Buma and Anne Brooks (formerly) of Physics and Astronomy, Sharon Kennedy in the Faculty of Science.

It is time to start another phase of my life, not necessarily doing less, but doing different things that I have not been able to do while formally working and increasing my time on things I already enjoy doing. I have not gone forever, and will be in

to see you, catch up on news, and have lunch from time to time with those that feel inclined so to do.

Best wishes to all our current and soon-to-be graduate students; may success follow you wherever you go.

Thanks again, and thanks for the memories.

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