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

Friday, June 25, 2010

**Ph.D. GEOLOGY/
ENVIRONMENTAL SCI.
PUBLIC LECTURE**

Ian Power

Supervisor: G. Southam

**“The Role of Microbes in
Carbonation Reactions:
Implications for CO₂
Sequestration”**

Fri. July 9, 9:00 AM

Location: B&G Bldg. Room 1084

All Welcome

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Congratulations...

to **Alaura Singleton**, for her recent successful
M.Sc. defense.

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**In Memoriam, Dr. Nick
Badham 1947-2010**

The Department is saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Nick Badham during the weekend of 19th June 2010. Nick was an adjunct professor in the Department and is well known for his tremendous support of international field education. Nick provided the inspiration for the spring 2008 international geoscience trip to Cornwall, U.K. He was an expert on tin-tungsten mineralization in the region as well as the geology of the Lizard Ophiolite in the Southwest. Nick later helped guide the spring 2009 trip through the Iberian Pyrite Belt in Portugal and Spain with colleagues at the University of Lisbon, Spanish Geological Survey, and industry.

Nick completed his undergraduate degree in geology at Oxford University and his Ph.D. in economic geology at the University of Alberta. In 1973 Nick established the School of Economic Geology at the University of Southampton and began a long tradition of mentorship of students, especially in the field. Nick constantly reminded everyone of the importance of primary observations in the field and challenged those of us in teaching roles to provide students with exceptional field experiences because in his words “There is no better teacher than Mother Earth”.

Nick subsequently left academia to join Selection Trust as exploration research manager and later BP Minerals International. He spent 7 years with RTZ Mining & Exploration Limited, rising to the position of Chief Geologist and was responsible for worldwide regional area selection and exploration research. Since 1996, he ran a very successful exploration consulting business with an impressive international client list including: Rio Tinto plc, BHP World Minerals, Noranda Inc., Exxon

Minerals S.A., Inco Technical Services Limited, Anglo American Corporation, WMC Corporate Services Inc. and Phelps Dodge. During this time he was a Director of West African Gold Limited and Chief Geologist of Azco Mining Limited. Most recently Nick was Managing Director for Sirius Exploration Ltd. He was a Fellow of the Geological Society, a Chartered European Geologist, a Fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists and published his work widely in scholarly papers and company reports.

Nick will be greatly missed by all his colleagues in academia and industry but perhaps most by the students to whom he gave such excellent training in geology. He will be remembered for his kind manner and infectious personality but most of all for his humor, which he shared at every opportunity and which made him such a pleasant person to know. The department would like to express our deepest sympathy to Nick's family, and particularly his wife Trisha, at this time.

