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

Friday, November 12, 2010

Gordon Osinski wins U.S. Antarctica Service Medal

Our own Gordon “Oz” Osinski has been selected by the U.S. National Science Foundation to receive the Antarctica Service Medal for 2010, for his field work searching for meteorites in the Transantarctic Mountains in 2003-04. Oz’s team recovered more than 500 specimens while living high on the East Antarctic Plateau in a 9’ X 9’ tent for 45 days.

The Antarctica Service Medal was established by the U.S. Congress for presentation to persons who have performed outstanding service as members of an Antarctic scientific expedition. On behalf of the entire Department of Earth Sciences, we offer our congratulations to Dr. Osinski.

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Geology and Geophysics Graduate Symposium Nov. 13, 2010

Please join us for the Graduate Symposium this Saturday, Nov. 13 in B&G 0153. Presentations get underway at 9:00 AM sharp.

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Congratulations...

To 2010 B.Sc. graduate **Farisa Mohd Zaffa**, for receiving the 2010 **Ontario Petroleum Institute**

Bachelor Thesis Award for her thesis, “Isotope Fingerprinting of Natural Gas Wells in Southwestern Ontario”.

To **Nathan Bridge** and **Michael Craig**, for their recent successful M.Sc. defenses.

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In the News...

Interesting story from NPR:
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/krulwich/2010/09/14/129858314/my-grandson-the-rock>

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AAPG Austin Weeks Undergraduate Grant - \$500

Undergraduates who are members of the AAPG student chapter are welcome to apply for the grant. 250 words on why they're interested in the petroleum geosciences and future career path should be submitted to Kevin Jordan no later than Wednesday November 24th.

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Fall Preview Day - Saturday, November 20th, Materials Science Addition

Students are encouraged to volunteer for Fall Preview and help at the Earth Science Display.

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Minerals, fossils, interactive displays and microscopes will be set up to engage future students interested in earth sciences. Signup sheets for volunteers will be available shortly.

Faculty are also invited to submit ideas or interactive displays they'd like to share with us that day.



Colloquium Series Schedule

Nov. 19: Geology/Geophysics Grad Seminar presentations

Nov. 22: Phil Thurston, GAC Howard Street Robinson Lecture

Nov. 26: Michael Doggett, Queen's University

The most up-to-date schedule can always be found at <http://www.uwo.ca/earth/news/colloquium.html>.

