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

Friday, September 11, 2009

Welcome...

*** to all new graduate students in the Department of Earth Sciences.

*** to **Dr. Burns Cheadle**, the new Bill Bell Chair of Petroleum Geology, effective Sept. 1.



DEPT. EARTH SCIENCES **Ph.D. GEOLOGY** **PUBLIC LECTURE**

Candidate: Aditya Tyagi
Supervisor: A. Guy Plint

“Sedimentology and High-Resolution Stratigraphy of the Blackstone Formation, Central and Southern Alberta, Western Interior Basin, Canada”

Wed. September 16, 2009, 2:00 PM
B&G Building, Room 1053

>ALL WELCOME<



Congratulations...

*** to **Dr. Wayne Nesbitt**, on his recent election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. This recognition by his colleagues and peers is among the highest academic distinctions in our country and places him within a community of truly outstanding scholars. The RSC, now known as RSC: Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada, is the country’s oldest and most prestigious organization of scientists and scholars. The RSC is dedicated to encouraging education and the advancement of knowledge in the natural and social sciences and the humanities.

*** to **Dr. Cam Tsujita**, who recently won the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations Teaching Award.

*** to **Marie Schell** for being chosen as one of the recipients of the Faculty of Science Award of Excellence for Staff.

*** to M.Sc. student **Matt Zbyszewski** and teammate **Josh Binstock**, for winning the 2009 Beach Volleyball Canadian National Championships on August 30th in Toronto.



Major Scholarship **Application Deadlines**

Graduate and fourth year students, please note the following departmental deadlines for major scholarships:

October 9, 2009: NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships
October 16, 2009: OGS

Only Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents can apply to NSERC. OGS has a limited number of scholarships for international students. A minimum average of 80% is required for each competition. Two references are required, and can be found on the application form online.

Students are strongly encouraged to apply if eligible.

vehicle(s) so transportation costs will be free. Priority will be given to those presenting.

This will provide a great opportunity to showcase some of the planetary science research being conducted here at Western, particularly focused on astromaterials (e.g., meteorites, analogue materials), meteor physics, etc.

Please e-mail **Dr. Gordon Osinski** at gosinski@uwo.ca if you would like to attend this event.



Departmental Meet & Greet

The Department of Earth Sciences will be hosting a meet & greet session for all graduate students and faculty to meet and get to know each other.

This will be held after the Colloquium on Friday, Sept. 25, at about 4:30 PM, B&G Room 1015. Pizza and pop will be served.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to **Kevin Jordan** at kjorda5@uwo.ca by the end of the day on Wed. Sept. 23.



Planetary Science Research Symposium

A Planetary Science Research Symposium will be held in Toronto on October 7th in association with a meeting of the Canadian Space Agency's Astromaterials Discipline Working Group, of which several Western faculty are members.

Graduate students: This is a great informal setting to present your research, and the Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration (CPSX) will be renting a