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Upcoming:

Wednesday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. – Soil Science M.Sc. Thesis Defense, Room 346 Ellis Building. **Ahmed Lasisi.** “Investigation of the mechanisms by which perennial grasses prevent nitrate leaching from solid and liquid pig manures”.

Friday, May 13, noon – SSGSA will be hosting their first summer BBQ in conjunction with a Bake Sale to raise funds for the Alberta Fires Appeal. The Red Cross responds with critical help to those affected by the recent (and currently ongoing) fire in Fort McMurray, AB. All proceeds from the BBQ and Bake Sale will be donated to support this initiative., If you would like to donate baking, please send me a note (Amanda_M_Taylor@umanitoba.ca) and bring your baking in to the kitchen in Ellis before 11 a.m. on Friday.

Department Staff Away:

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| Lynda Closson | May 9, Jun 22 afternoon |
| Wole Akinremi | Apr 20-Jun 4 (vacation, CSSS, Ghana) |
| Don Flaten | May 31 – Jun 3 (Washington) |

Note: Jennifer Henderson will be working Monday next week (to help fill in while Lynda is away) as well as Thursday and Friday.

Terri Ramm will be working Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week.

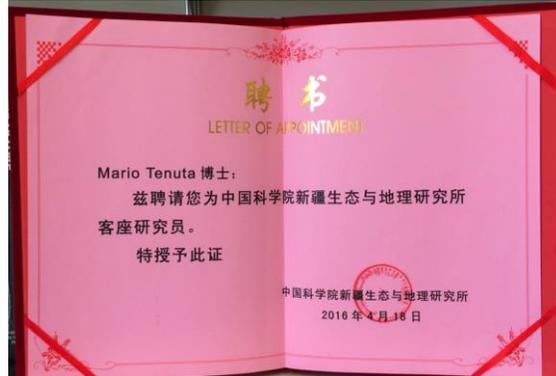
News:

Don Flaten's invitation

Don Flaten has been invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in a 4R P management workshop by the International Plant Nutrition Institute.

Mario's recent honor

Mario Tenuta recently returned from China where he was invited as a guest professor of Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography. This makes him a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He is now able to apply for research grants in China. Congratulations!



Rob Ellis

Rob Ellis is the new Support Staff representative for non-office staff to Faculty Council. Congratulations!

Soil Science Shed Construction

Construction is pending in the Soil Science shed sometime in the next 4 weeks.

- 1) Fire Alarm panel by the South Person Door will be replaced.
- 2) Observation windows are going to be added to the following room doors: drying room, soil grinding, plant tissue grinding and the growth chamber room. The grinding rooms will be out of service during construction.

Please note: windows are also going to be added to the 2 doors in Lab 359 Ellis.

Soil Science Orientation

There was a large crowd of Soil Science folks at the orientation on May 3. Thanks to everyone who helped organize the event and to Edin Kurbegovic from VWR who sponsored the coffee, donuts and prizes. Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks also to Mayowa and Matt for the photos.





Opportunities:

CSAFM Student Travel Bursaries

Travel bursaries are available to assist with funding students to attend the annual CSAFM meeting which will be held during the AMS Agricultural and Forest Meteorology/Boundary Layers and Turbulence/Biogeosciences meetings in Salt Lake City, Utah in June.

Please fill out the application form found here:

<http://csafm.ca/library/CSAFMTravelBursaryApplication.pdf> and return to Elyn Humphreys (elyn_humphreys@carleton.ca) **by May 1.**

HAWIRKO, ROMA ZENOVEA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

RESEARCH FIELD(S): MICROBIOLOGY; FACULTIES OF SCIENCE OR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES

Deadline: **May 27, 2016**. More information -

<http://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/gradawards/index.asp?WCI=SearchForm&WCE=browse&keywords=&criteria=any&category=0&citizen=0&range=0-1000000&tenable=0&byResearch=on&byAward=on&byEligibility=on&id=3584&letter=H>.

Potato Diggers, Soil Ecology Lab, Department of Soil Science, University of Manitoba

The Soil Ecology lab will need help for 2-3 weeks with potato digs for yield in field experiments at end of August. We are **looking for 4-6 high school students** interested in working at that time. The work involves lifting and carrying. Please let Mario know if you know of interested students.

Technician (Crop/Weather Specialist), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, ON

Essential qualifications include graduation from a recognized College or University with a specialization in electronics, meteorology, agriculture, engineering or science related to the duties of the position, experience in installing and operating weather stations and/or in the use of atmospheric monitoring instrumentation, experience in operating data acquisition systems and in programming data loggers, experience in evaluating in situ the quality of acquired data, identifying instrument malfunctions, archiving and pre-processing data using Excel or other programming software (e.g., Matlab) and knowledge in calibrating gas analyzers, calculating flow characteristics and converting units of measure used in gas concentration calculations.

The closing date for this job posting has been extended until Monday (9 May) night:

<https://emploisfp-psjobs.cfp-psc.gc.ca/psrs-srpf/applicant/page1800?poster=915765>.

For more information, contact Dr. Elizabeth Pattey, Research Scientist in Micrometeorology, Environmental Health, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, 2010-960 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0C6 Canada, Tel. : 613-759-1523, Fax : 613-759-1724, Elizabeth.Pattey@agr.gc.ca.

Events:

ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Nov. 16-19, 2016, Phoenix, AZ

Early submission of abstracts deadline: **May 24**.

More information: <https://www.acsmeetings.org>.