30 June 2016

Upcoming:

**Friday, July 1** – Canada Day national holiday.  **University closed.**

**Thursday, July 14** – Winnipeg Blue Bomber Game at Investors’ Group Field.  **Parking restrictions will be in effect for W lot starting at 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 21** – Winnipeg Blue Bomber Game at Investors’ Group Field.  **Parking restrictions will be in effect for W lot starting at 6:00 p.m.**

Department Staff Away:

Lynda Closson  July 18-Aug 5
Terri Ramm  July 6, Aug 8-10
Rob Ellis  July 25-27, Aug 1-8
Bo Pan  July 4-6
Brian Amiro  June 30, July 4
Paul Bullock  July 25-26

Jennifer Henderson’s last date for this term will be Thursday, June 30, 2016. She will be working 6 days during the summer to cover office staff vacation time as follows:

July 20 – Wednesday  July 22 – Friday  July 25 – Monday  July 29 – Friday
Aug 2 – Tuesday  Aug 5 - Friday

Jennifer will return Wednesday, September 14.

**Important note:** While Lynda is on holidays this summer, Terri will be doing payroll.  **Time sheets will need to be in to her on Thursdays by 2 p.m. for the time period of July 18 to Aug 5.**
**News:**

*Congratulations to Gustavo*
Gustavo successfully defended his M.Sc. on Monday. Well done!

*Congratulations to Manasah*
Manasah was selected as President-elect for the Canadian Society of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology at the AGM in Salt Lake City last week.

*Congratulations to Kevin Tiessen*
Former Soil Science graduate student, Dr. Kevin Tiessen, sent a photo of his son, born in mid-June. Axel John Tiessen may well be the world’s first Indo-Icelandic-Mennonite! Mother and son are now home and doing well.

*Brad nominated for a Support Staff Award*
Each year the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences has a call for nominations of a support staff member or team who have made outstanding contributions in support of the teaching, research and outreach goals of the Faculty. At last week’s lunch BBQ event, five individuals and one team were recognized as nominees. These included **Brad Sparling, Soil Science**; Crystal Jorgenson, FAFS; Surinder Kamboz, Plant Science; Dennis Labossiere, Human Nutritional Sciences; Taylor Friesen, FAFS; and team members: Kathy Graham, Mei Ding and Margaret Ann Baker, Plant Science. Two nominees received awards this year including Dennis Labossiere, Technician with Human Nutritional Sciences and Crystal Jorgenson, Communications Specialist for the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. Thanks Mario for nominating Brad. Thanks to both Brad and Mario for helping with shed cleanup prior to the award BBQ on June 22.

*Soil Science Rocks!*
At the Faculty Picnic on June 28, the department’s as-yet unnamed musical group (Rob Ellis, Mario Tenuta, Jackie Tenuta, Paul Bullock minus George Dyck and Meghan Westphal) provided some great musical entertainment for audience. This included a debut performance of Mario’s song, “Feel Like Makin’ Soil” and Rob’s favorite Hawaiian number (Iz’s version of the “Somewhere Over the Rainbow/Wonderful World” medley). It was well-received.
Opportunities:

Research Scientist, Forage Agronomy, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Kentville, NS
Close collaboration occurs with the Faculty of Agriculture of Dalhousie University (Truro), and it is expected that the incumbent will be officially co-located at the university while using the Nappan Research Farm site. Closing date for applications is June 30th, 2016. Here is the link to the advertisement: https://emploisfpsjobs.cfp-psgc.gc.ca/psrs-srfp/applicant/page1800?poster=926167

2016-2017 Vanier CGS Awards, Ph.D.
Online application form at the FGS Awards Database for additional information: http://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/gradawards/index.asp?WCIE=SearchForm&WCE=browse.

This Tri-Council award is open to Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents and International Students.
Deadline: September 19, 2016 for transcripts and nomination letter.

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.

Events:

University of Manitoba 4R Research Field Tour and Exchange, July 12, 2016, 9:00-2:00 (alternate rain day July 14), LaSalle, Domain, Brunkild

Target Audience: Growers, Consultants, Reps, Students
Cost of Admission: Completely Free

9-11:30 Tour 1 (La Salle): Fall/Spring Enhanced Efficiency N Spring Wheat Trial
11:45 - 12:45 Tour 2 (Domain): N Placement Depth Effects on Canola
1:00-2:00 Tour 3 (Brunkild): N Management for Protein in New Higher Yielding Spring Wheat Trial

Tour 1 Presenters: Mario Tenuta, U Manitoba – 4R and Greenhouse Gases, Why Care; Ray Dowbenko, Agrium – Being Smart with ESN; Don Flaten, U Manitoba – Its Not Just About N, 4R P Management; Rigas Karamanos, Koch – In season N Application Options; Mitch Rezansoff, Enns Brothers – Equipment Options for 4R Management; Kevin Baron, U Manitoba – Treatment Walk Through; Matthew Wood, U Manitoba – Measuring Site N2O Fluxes

Tour 2 Presenters: Rigas Karamanos, Koch – N Placement Considerations and Source Options; Kevin Baron, U Manitoba – Treatment Walk Through

Tour 3 Presenters: Don Flaten, U Manitoba – Need and Strategies to Get Higher Protein in New Wheat Varieties; Amy Mangin, U Manitoba – Treatment Walk Through

Snacks, Coffee and Drinks Provided

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