5 August 2016

Upcoming:
Saturday, Sep 10 – Winnipeg Blue Bomber Game at Investors’ Group Field. Parking restrictions will be in effect for W lot starting at 1:30 p.m.

Department Staff Away:
- Lynda Closson: July 18-Aug 5
- Terri Ramm: Aug 8-10
- Rob Ellis: Aug 1-8
- Bo Pan: Aug 15-26
- Brad Sparling: Aug 1-12
- Brian Amiro: Aug 4-5, Aug 10-12, Aug 31-Sep 2
- Tee Boon Goh: Aug 7-22
- Annemieke Farenhorst: Aug 8-26
- Don Flaten: July 29-Aug 12

News:

CANADA’S FUNDAMENTAL SCIENCE REVIEW
Consider adding your voice and comments to the review:

Paper of the week:
Opportunities:

TA and Grader/Marker Positions

There are 4 TA and 1 G/M positions that have now been posted. Graduate students, please apply online. Deadline: **August 18**.


John Dueck Graduate Entrance Scholarships, M.Sc. and PhD, RE-ADVERTISEMENT

There is an entrance award of $3,420 available to a PhD student who started their program in Fall 2015, and an award of $2,280 available to a M.Sc. student who started their program in Fall 2015. These awards are only open to students in Entomology, Plant Science, and Soil Science. Please note that it is important that the student began their graduate program in Fall 2015. Qualified students who started in either May 2015 or January 2016 can apply, but with the caveat that preference will be given to students who began their programs in Fall 2015. In the event that no candidates who began their programs in Fall 2015 apply, a donor exception will be requested for a qualified student who started in either May 2015 or January 2016.

Applicants are required to submit an application form, as well as a brief statement describing their research, two academic letters of reference from professors other than the research supervisor, a C.V. and all relevant transcripts.

Application deadline: **Friday, August 19 at 4PM**.

For further information and application forms contact: Regan Sarmatiuk, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Room 248, 66 Dafoe Road, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2, T: 204.474-8281, E: agawards@umanitoba.ca.

Soil and Water Management and Conservation Young Scholar Award

The Soil and Water Management and Conservation Young Scholar Award serves to recognize young scientists who have made outstanding contributions to soil and water management and conservation within seven years of completing their Ph.D.

Title: Nomination of (enter name of nominee) for the Young Scholar Award       Year of award: 2016
Nominee: Include name, date of birth, mailing address, telephone number, and email address
Nominator: Include name, mailing address, telephone number and email address
Documentation of nominee: List degrees received, field of study, date, and institution for each degree; Professional positions held, including name of position or office, years, organizations, and locations Qualifications of nominee (any combination of the following):
1) Teaching contributions (% time) - Courses taught, Advising. Evaluation of teaching effectiveness, Awards or recognition received, Teaching grants: proposals written and funding received
2) Extension and service contribution (% time) - Listing and evaluation of extension activities, Listing and evaluation of service activities, Awards or recognition received, Extension/outreach grants: proposals written and funding received
3) Research contributions (% time) - Listing and evaluation of basic and/or applied research activities, Other related research activities, Awards or recognition received, Research grants: proposals written and funding received
4) Contributions to public and professional organizations (% time) - Include memberships, positions and accomplishments in professional societies, universities, government agencies, and others (document service to SSSA, particularly to the Soil and Water Management and Conservation Division, Soil and Water Conservation Society, and other public and professional organizations with soil and water management conservation as its core mission), Awards or recognition received

5) Professional publications Report the total number (not the titles) of professional publications in each of the following categories: - books written; books or other publications edited; chapters of books written; technical papers, refereed; technical papers, non-refereed; nontechnical papers; patents; invited lectures, seminars, or symposia presentations; other related oral, written, visual presentations, or products; In addition, list only the five (5) most significant publications, patents, and presentations or products in literature citation form and provide copies of the two most significant publications.

Nomination narrative: Use this section to support this nomination in any way you deem appropriate

Note: Title through narrative must not exceed three (3) pages.

Supporting letters: Provide two (2) supporting letters, addressed to the Young Scholar Award Committee Chair, not to exceed one page each. One copy of each letter must be attached by the nominator to the nomination.

Submission: Deadline 16 Sept 2016; Send to David Huggins, 215 Johnson Hall, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164, dhuggins@wsu.edu.

Events:

2nd Canadian Organic Science Conference, September 19 - 21, Longueuil QC

Theme: “Sharing research that grows organic”.

On the program: two days of conference presentations (in English) and a field day of visits to Quebec organic farms. World renowned international and Canadian scientists will present their research in all aspects of organic agriculture, including soil science, crop and livestock production, and value chain development.


40th Annual Conference, Prairie Division, Canadian Association of Geographers, September 23-25, Melfort, SK

Abstracts now being accepted for presentations that communicate the results of original geographic research in all fields of Geography. Graduate and undergraduate student participation is strongly encouraged. Deadline: Friday September 16, 2016.

Abstract format:
1. Title of submission
2. Format: specify paper or poster
3. Author(s): include affiliation and contact information
4. Name of presenting author
5. Abstract: 150 words maximum
6. Keywords: maximum three
7. Session preference: please indicate the field of Geography (hydrology, health, etc)

Please submit your abstracts by email as MS Word attachments to robert.patrick@usask.ca. In the subject line of your email please type “primary author's last name_PCAG_2016” (Example: Eberts_PCAG_2016). Abstracts will not be edited. Paper presentations will be 15 minutes, plus 5 minutes for questions. Poster presentations are strongly encouraged. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference for viewing.

This event begins with a mixer on Friday evening, oral and poster presentations on Saturday morning, a field trip on Saturday afternoon, and a banquet complete with awards and a photo competition on Saturday Evening. The annual general meeting is held on Sunday morning. Conference registration information will be finalized soon. Student registration for the event is typically around $100 (which includes the banquet) and students are often given a travel award averaging about $100 for presenting (amount determined at the AGM). Field trips are reasonably priced as an add on to the registration ($20-$50 range).

If you have other questions please contact Janna Wilson, Department of Environment and Geography, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, University of Manitoba, Phone: 204.480.1817, Email: janna.wilson@umanitoba.ca.