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Upcoming:

Monday, Sep 5 – Labour Day Holiday. University closed.

Tuesday, Sep 6, 8:30 a.m. – Technician’s meeting in Room 375 Ellis.

Wednesday, Sep 7, 7:45 a.m. – Bus boarding time for the Annual Agroecology Program Field Trip in front of the Ellis Building.

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.**

Monday, Sep 12, 9:30 a.m. – The technician’s meeting in Room 375 Ellis will move to the fall and winter time of 9:30.

Wednesday, Sep 14, 3:30 p.m. – Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Seminar Series: “Ecological thinking in agriculture: Why you should care!” Dr. Rob Gulden, Department of Plant Science. Room 130 Agriculture, Refreshments at 3:00

Monday, Sep 26, 12:30 p.m. – Department of Soil Science Seminar: “Research on Nutrient Losses and Climate Change in a Northern Cold Climate.” Dr. Martti Esala, Professor of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition and the Natural Resources Institute, Finland. Room 346 Ellis.

Department Staff Away:

Brian Amiro	Aug 31-Sep 2
Paul Bullock	Sep 1-2
Terri Ramm	Sep 13 afternoon, Oct 24-26, Oct 31-Nov 2, Nov 7

Please note: Terri’s schedule the week of September 12. She will working Mon, Sep 12, Tuesday morning, Sep 13 and Fri, Sep 16.

News:

More information on the Annual Agroecology Program Field Trip, September 7 from Mario and Brian

Details:

- Bus boards at 7:45am in front of Ellis Building
- Return by 6pm
- Bring your own lunch and water
- No cost
- Bring outerwear and footwear appropriate for walking fields and being outdoors
- Snacks will be provided
- Coffee and muffins provided for departure

The theme of this year's trip is "Polyculture". We plan to visit the Boyd Livestock Farm near Brandon, Nature Conservancy of Canada Yellow Quill native prairie and cropped fields near Shilo. If you know of students interested in the Agroecology program but are not in it at the moment, please let them know of the trip, there will be room on the bus.

More Information about Dr. Martti Esala's visit on September 26

The main focus of Martti's seminar will be on his research team's work on Finnish soils, climate change adaptation and mitigation, leaching of nutrients, plus their agro-environmental program to mitigate nutrient leaching. In addition, Martti will also discuss some of their work on food security in Africa.

On that Monday morning, September 26, Martti will be available to meet informally with staff and students from 11 am until noon. If you and/or your students are interested in meeting with Dr. Esala during that session, please contact Don Flaten.

For more information about Martti, see: <https://www.luke.fi/en/personnel/martti-esala/>.

For more information about Martti's role in the FoodAfrica Programme:

https://portal.mtt.fi/portal/page/portal/mtt_en/projects/foodafrica/news/FoodAfrica%20continues%20under%20new%20leadership.

Social Insurance Number Application Session on the Fort Garry Campus – September 7 and 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Location: Room 521 University Centre

Students will be seen on a drop-in basis (first come, first served). The waiting times could be long and there is no guarantee that all students will be able to receive their SIN at the sessions.

Students coming to the SIN card sessions must bring the following documents:

If you DO NOT have a valid Work Permit:

- Passport
- U of M student card
- Study permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) that states the permit holder "may accept employment" or "may work" in Canada. If your Study Permit does not contain either of these statements, you must bring a study permit and a

“confirmation to work off-campus” letter issued by IRCC (previously called Citizenship and Immigration Canada - CIC) prior to February 6, 2015.

-OR-

If you have a valid Work Permit:

- Work Permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
- Passport
- U of M student card (if you are a student)

If you have any questions, contact the U of M International Centre office at (204) 474-8501.

Axel John Tiessen



Past Soil Science M.Sc. student, Kevin Tiessen, sent us a photo with him and his 2-month old son, Axel John.

Paper of the week:

Sheppard, S.C., S. Bittman, K.H. Ominski, D. MacDonald, and **B.D. Amiro**. 2016. Changes in land, feed and manure management practices on beef operations in Canada between 2005 and 2011. *Canadian Journal of Animal Science* 96: 252-265.

Opportunities:

Excellence in Ag Program, Federated Co-operatives Ltd

A scholarship and internship opportunity is available that helps finance a student's education, provide valuable field experience, and build their professional career in the agribusiness industry. Federated Co-operatives Limited and the Co-operative Retailing System are working together to provide the Excellence in Ag program that is helping tomorrow's ag leaders get a head start on their careers. Up to four students studying agriculture or business at an accredited institution will be accepted to the program every year and receive:

- Scholarships - The scholarship has a value of up to \$20,000, with up to \$5,000 per year paid over a maximum of four years.
- Internships - Paid summer internships will be available for up to three years at a retail co-operative in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta.
- Employment - Upon successful completion of post-secondary education, students have the opportunity for full-time employment — including a signing bonus — at a retail co-operative.

Students should complete the application form prior to **October 15, 2016** online:

<http://www.coopag.ca/wps/portal/crs/coop/ag/more/excellenceinag>. All applicants must be entering or already enrolled in a diploma or degree program in agriculture or business at an accredited post-secondary institution. If you have any questions or would like to receive printed materials please contact Teresa Wahl, A.Ag, Knowledge and Innovation Co-ordinator, Crop Supplies, Federated Co-operatives Limited, 401 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, S7K 0H2, Canada, P: 306.649.5257, t.wahl@fcl.ca, www.fcl.ca.

Events:

Graduate Student Workshops for 2016-17

Details at: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/workshops/schedule.html.