

THE SOILED PROFILE



NEWSLETTER DEPARTMENT OF SOIL SCIENCE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA “bringing you the latest dirt”



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

For general inquiries or if you have material to include in the newsletter:

Lynda Closson
University of Manitoba
Room 362 Ellis Bldg
Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2

Phone: 204 474-8153, Fax: 204 474-7642
Email: lynda.closson@umanitoba.ca
Past issues of the Soiled Profile are now on our
webpage: [umanitoba.ca/afs/soil science/](http://umanitoba.ca/afs/soil%20science/)

12 February 2016

Upcoming:

Wednesday, February 24, 12:30 p.m., Room 346 Ellis Building – Soil Science seminar series. Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst, Department of Soil Science. Title: TBA.

Friday, February 26, 9:30 a.m. – Soil Science M.Sc. Thesis Defense, Room 346 Ellis Building. Jolene Rutter. “Measurement of greenhouse gas and nitrogen gases losses during cold weather composting of separated pig slurry solids”.

Wednesday, March 9, 12:30 p.m., Room 346 Ellis Building – Soil Science seminar series. Dr. Francis Zvomuya, Department of Soil Science. Title: TBA.

Department Staff Away:

Brian Amiro Feb 24 – Mar 2 (vacation)

Tim Stem will be away most Fridays for the next few weeks.

News:

It's Official! We have a new department slogan!

Voting on the Soil Science slogan closed on February 10. The votes have now been tallied and the winner:

Soil – Where Life Begins!

The slogan was submitted by Terri Ramm (thanks Terri). The prize for submitting the winning slogan is a new coffee mug or water bottle with the new slogan on it.

The Soil Science Graduate Student Association sends a “thank-you” to everyone who submitted a slogan and took time to vote. They will be arranging for an order of new coffee mugs and water bottles. Thanks to SSGSA for this initiative. (And a fond farewell to “Playing Dirty Since the Last Glaciation”.)

59th Annual Manitoba Soil Science Society Conference

The conference and meeting last week was a great success. In addition to our Manitoba contributors, there was a large contingent of faculty and students from North Dakota State University who attended as invited speakers and presenters. Dr. Keith Bellingham from Stevens Water Monitoring Inc. ran a concurrent workshop on soil moisture monitoring on Thursday afternoon. The AGM revealed that MSSS is running very well with a solid financial footing to carry the organization into its 60th year.

The student participants were very impressive with excellent oral and poster presentations. The student award winners were as follows: 1st place oral (\$300) - Heather Dose (NDSU); 2nd place oral (\$200) - Amanda Taylor (UofM); 1st place poster (\$300) - Maria Breker (NDSU); 2nd place poster (tie - \$200 each) - Ashley Soloway (UofM) and Samantha Ritter (NDSU). The student winners from the department are in the photographs below. Congratulations!



Amanda Taylor
2nd Place (\$200)
Student Oral Presentation – MSSS 2016

Ashley Soloway
2nd Place Tie (\$200)
Student Poster Presentation – MSSS 2016

This was certainly the year for Brian Amiro's graduate students. *(Congratulations Brian!)*
Presentations by Wara Chiyoka (former Soil Science graduate student and now former MSSS Past President).
(photo credits: Mario Tenuta. *Thanks Mario!*)

News from Canadian Society of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology

The CSAFM website has recently changed over to a new host and acquired a new domain (<http://csafm.ca/>). Remember to take advantage of the website for posting student/job opportunities, etc.

A Membership joining/renewal function has been added to the home page of the website, via PayPal, so that it is now possible to securely join or renew your CSAFM membership online with several payment options. The annual membership rates remain \$5 for students and \$20 for regular members.

Please note the deadline for submitting abstracts for the upcoming AMS meeting in Salt Lake City in June has been extended by one week (abstracts are now due February 15th):

<https://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/meetings-events/ams-meetings/32agforest-22blt-3biogeo/>.

Opportunities:

Research Technicians, Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba

The Agronomy and Farming Systems Program led by Dr. Yvonne Lawley in the Department of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba is hiring two research technicians. Applications for both positions will be accepted until **February 12, 2016**.

Small Plot Research Technician (Position Number 20169)

This field technician will work as part of a research team to lead small plot agronomy research trials. The position will be based out of Winnipeg, MB. This position is grant funded and will end with the conclusion of the grant in March of 2018. The ideal candidate would have a BSc or MSc in an agriculture related discipline, experience with agronomic research and experimental design, experience with plot scale agricultural equipment, and experience with soybean and corn agronomy. For more information and to apply: https://umanitoba.hua.hrsmart.com/ats/js_job_details.php?reqid=13057.

On-Farm Research Technician (Position Number 20194)

This field technician will work as part of a research team to lead on-farm research trials across Manitoba on corn and soybean residue management. The position will be based out of Winnipeg, MB. This position is grant funded and will end with the conclusion of the grant in March of 2017. The ideal candidate would have a BSc or MSc in an agriculture related discipline, experience with agronomic research and experimental design, experience with farm scale agricultural equipment, and a keen interest to work with farmers. For more information and to apply:

https://umanitoba.hua.hrsmart.com/ats/js_job_details.php?reqid=13519.

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences 2016 Endowment Fund Call for Proposals

The Endowment Fund Committee of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences is once again seeking proposals from alumni, students, and academic and support staff of the Faculty for special projects requiring funding. The Endowment Fund, generously supported by alumni, students and staff of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, has raised over \$3.8 million to date. The interest generated by this fund is used to provide teaching and other resources for the Faculty. This year, approximately \$190,000 is available to fund a variety of faculty-directed projects, from teaching and research projects to

extension and student recruitment activities. The fund has also been allocated for scholarships, visiting scientists and lecturers, field trips, and library acquisitions.

If you have a project consistent with the academic goals of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, and you are an alumni, student or staff member, please submit an application via email to Heather Wiebe at Heather.Wiebe@umanitoba.ca by **NOON Monday, February 29, 2016**.

Applications are available online at: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/endowment/index.html>.