15 September 2017

Upcoming:

Friday, Sep 22 – Special Event at Investors’ Group Field. Parking restrictions will be in effect for W lot starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26, 1:00 p.m., Room 346 Ellis Building – Department of Soil Science, Ph.D. thesis defense, Surajum Munira. “Competitive Sorption Interactions of Organic and Inorganic Chemicals in Soils”

Thursday, Oct 5, 12:00 noon, Room 346 Ellis Building – Soil Science Potluck Lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the main office.

Friday, Oct 6 – Special Event at Investors’ Group Field. Parking restrictions will be in effect for W lot starting at 6:00 p.m.

Department Staff Away:

David Lobb               Sabbatical July 01 – December 31, 2017
Mario Tenuta             Sabbatical July 01 – December 31, 2017

News:

Say Hello to the Soil Science family’s newest addition

On Friday, September 8 at 5:38 p.m., Annabelle Peterson arrived to parents Marliese and Kerry. Annabelle weighed 6 lbs 5 oz and was 19 inches long. Her arrival was 16 days earlier than expected so Marliese and Kerry were a little shell-shocked but everyone is doing fine. It is worth noting that Marliese was working all day on Thursday, September 7 (admirable dedication)!

Congratulations. Everyone in the department is looking forward to saying hello in person.
Happy 60th Birthday Wole

On Saturday, Sep 9, Wole Akinremi assembled a group of family and friends to join in a celebration for his 60th birthday. It was a great evening for everyone but especially for the honoree (see below).
Opportunities:

**Research Technician Soil and Water Management, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, Fredericton, NB**

The successful candidate will participate in a research team studying soil and water management in agricultural landscapes and its impact on the environment. He/she will plan, coordinate, conduct field and laboratory work to collect data for research projects; in the context of agricultural landscape, assess soil erosion rates and various soil water conservation measures in agricultural fields and their impacts on crop growth and soil health; investigate the transport and delivery of sediments, nutrients, agricultural chemicals and pathogens from fields to the receiving waters.

Who can apply: Persons residing in Canada and Canadian citizens residing abroad.

Applications submitted by email will not be accepted. You must apply on-line through [www.jobs.gc.ca](http://www.jobs.gc.ca). For more information and to apply click [here](http://www.jobs.gc.ca). Closing date: 20 September 2017

**Graduate Student Awards with October 1 deadline**

There are graduate student awards currently open for competition with a deadline of **October 1, 2017**. Soil Science graduate students are eligible for all of those listed below. All of the application forms and eligibility criteria can be found on the Faculty Awards Database: [https://agawards.agric.umanitoba.ca/index.php/admin/award](https://agawards.agric.umanitoba.ca/index.php/admin/award)

- Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert’s Land Agriculture Scholarship
- John Dueck Graduate Entrance Scholarship (PhD)
- Stewart Pugh External Study Scholarship graduate
- W.W. Thomson Scholarship Degree/Graduate

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply! The Faculty Awards Committee will meet in October to select winners for each award. If you have been recommended by the Committee, you will receive an email by the first week of November. Please feel free to contact Marisol Soto at [agawards@umanitoba.ca](mailto:agawards@umanitoba.ca) if you have any questions about the awards or the application process.

**University of Manitoba Bursaries**

Every year, the University of Manitoba offers a wide-range of bursaries to both new and continuing full time and part-time students who have a demonstrated financial need and a minimum academic standing. Bursaries (student funding that does not need to be repaid) range in amounts from $100 to $1,000 with over $3 million awards annually.


Application Deadline: **October 1, 2017**
2018 NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships Competition

The following table provides a list of NSERC scholarships and fellowships programs and their respective deadline dates. All program descriptions have been updated for the upcoming competitions. For an overview of changes, consult the Summary of Changes [web page] on the NSERC website.

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The NSERC PGSD online application form is now available. The application process for the PGS and CGS programs remains a fully electronic submission system for this year. Students will complete their application using NSERC’s on-line application system and are not required to print and sign paper copies. NSERC has continued to permit online access to the NSERC applications by university representatives. Please contact Rowena.Krentz@umanitoba.ca if you are interested in having one representative in your department provided with online access. Departments can use this access to ensure that their students’ applications are complete, and to provide feedback.

There are two deadlines to note for the NSERC PGS\CGS competition; a transcript submission deadline and an on-line application submission deadline. Applicants must submit official transcripts from all institutions attended in sealed envelopes to Rowena.Krentz@umanitoba.ca at 500 University Centre by **October 6, 2017**. This will provide time for her to upload transcripts so that students can submit their application electronically by **October 20, 2017**. Refer to the [FGS Awards Database](#) for detailed instructions related to submitting transcripts.

Should you have any questions specific to the above awards, do not hesitate to contact NSERC by email at [schol-slo@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:schol-slo@nserc-crsng.gc.ca).
Events:

ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Annual Meetings, Oct. 22-25, Tampa, FL

The Tampa Convention Center has confirmed they are hosting groups next week. There are no damage issues for hotels or the Convention Center for the Tri-Society meeting. All is looking good for Tampa in late-October.

Standard registration pricing ends **September 27th** for the Annual Meeting, Workshops, and Tours. [Click here](#) to register. For more information: [click here](#).

If you are travelling to Tampa and will need cash to cover expenses – [See Carmela to arrange a travel advance](#).

2017 Manitoba Agronomists Conference, Dec 13-14, University of Manitoba

Early Bird registration fee - $185.00. Early Bird registration deadline – **Friday, Dec 1, 2017**

Regular registration fee - $225.00. Regular registration deadline – Friday, Dec 8th, 2017