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Upcoming:

Wednesday, Nov 22, 12:30 p.m., Room 346 Ellis Building – Soil Science seminar series. Presenter: Dr. Kevin Baron, Solum Valley Biosciences. Title: My Career in Agriculture: Charting A Path Towards Entrepreneurship.

Friday, Nov 24, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Room 346 Ellis Building – Three (3) Conference-Length Seminars
12:30 p.m., Kristy Anderson, M.Sc. student, Department of Soil Science, “The Right to Drinking Water in First Nation Communities”
12:50 p.m., Amy Mangin, Research Technician, Department of Soil Science, “Optimizing Nitrogen Fertility Management Strategies for High-Yielding Spring Wheat in Manitoba”
1:10 p.m., Matthew Wood, M.Sc. student, Department of Soil Science, “Nitrous Oxide Emissions from Nitrogen Fertilizer Additions to Spring Wheat in Manitoba”

Friday, Dec 1, 12:30 p.m., Room 346 Ellis Building – Soil Science seminar series. Presenter: Dr. Saman Dharmakeerthi, Dept of Soil Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Title: Organic Carbon Dynamics in Pyrogenic Organic Matter Amended Soils.

Friday, Dec 8, 12:30 p.m., Room 346 Ellis Building – Soil Science seminar series. Presenter: Dr. Alex Koiter, Department of Geography, Brandon University. Title: The Geography of My Academic Path

Wednesday, Dec 20, 12:00 noon, Room 346 Ellis Building – Department of Soil Science annual holiday potluck. Mark your calendar. Please let Lynda know if there is anyone who should be added to the invitation list.

Department Staff Away:

Martha Blouw	Nov 14-17
David Lobb	Sabbatical July 01 – December 31, 2017
Mario Tenuta	Sabbatical July 01 – December 31, 2017

News:

Ikechukwu Agomoh Ph.D. defense

Ike successfully defended his Ph.D. on Wednesday. Congratulations!!

Eva's retirement

On Tuesday, we said farewell to Eva Slavicek who has worked in the department for many years. The department sends best wishes for your retirement.

Department Seminar News

There are several seminars scheduled over the next 3 weeks. Graduate students requested to hear about the career paths of academics. The seminar committee found two speakers, both former members of our department, to speak on this subject. On November 22 and December 8, Dr. Kevin Baron and Dr. Alex Koiter, respectively, will speak about the path they followed to their present careers. **Graduate students, please note** these two seminars are specifically for your benefit. Please note the date and times and plan to attend.

On November 24, there will be three (3) conference-length seminars from soil science colleagues, Kristy Anderson (M.Sc. student), Amy Mangin (Research Technician) and Matt Wood (M.Sc. student). They will present seminars that demonstrate the breadth of the research programs in the department. This is a great opportunity to get updated on a range of Soil Science topics in a condensed format.

On December 1, we are privileged to host Dr. Saman Dharmakeerthi, Department of Soil Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. We thank Dr. Darshani Kumaragamage, who is hosting Dr. Dharakeerthi at the University of Winnipeg, for providing this opportunity to host an international colleague and for chairing the seminar. Please show your support and plan to attend.

Edit-a-thon for World Soil Day on December 5

World Soil Day Wikipedia edit-a-thon is an event where members of soil science community can edit and improve specific content in Wikipedia such those pages that have not been fully developed (e.g., soil science stubs https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Soil_science_stubs) or that are lacking media. Furthermore, there is also an opportunity for Canadian soil scientists to enhance the Canadian content on Wikipedia by adding a page about the Canadian Society of Soil Science.

Do not worry if you've never edited a Wikipedia entry before! The edit-a-thon will provide training and support. The event takes place on December 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Pacific time (3 to 6 p.m. Central time).

One can participate either:

- In-person by coming to Orchard Commons Study Lounge, 6363 Agronomy Rd., UBC campus, Vancouver, BC, Canada, or
- Online (see <https://is.gd/Soilday>).

Paper of the week:

Hajihassani, A., Tenuta, M., Gulden, R. 2017. Monoxenic Rearing of *Ditylenchus weischeri* and D-dipsaci and Microplot Examination of the Host Suitability of Yellow Pea to *D-weischeri*. *Plant Protection Science* 53: 254-264

Opportunities:

Teaching Assistant/Grader Marker Positions, Winter Term 2018, Department of Soil Science

All department graduate students. Please take note of the following teaching assistant and grader marker positions which are now posted for courses being offered in the Winter Term of 2018. The posting end date is **21 November 2017**. Please apply online:

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/human_resources/employment/employment_opportunities.html

Teaching Assistants

- Req # 00243 SOIL 0420
- Req # 00244 SOIL 0620 (x2)
- Req # 00245 SOIL 3520

Grader Marker

- Req # 00242 SOIL 0420

Important Information

The new UM Careers portal has been launched and is now active. Applicants who wish to apply to a UM advertised position must do so through the Employee Self Service (ESS) or by creating a new UM Careers account.

Current Employees

If you are a current or recent employee of the University of Manitoba (within the past 18 months), you should have access to Employee Self Service (ESS). Sign into ESS using JUMP and click on the UM Careers button. Once you are logged in, you will find instructions and tutorials.

Past Employees (1.5+yrs ago)

If in the past you have been paid through the University payroll system or held a NIL appointment, you will have an employee number. In order to avoid duplicate accounts, which can affect seniority calculations and cause problems accessing University systems, please do the following:

- Create a UM Careers account: See tab at top of page 'Create or Update my Profile'
- In the 'Personal Information' section, at the bottom of the page, check off the box
- 'Former Employee' and indicate your old employee number
- If you do not know your employee number, contact the HR Help Desk at (204) 474-9400

Prospective U of M Employee

If you have never worked at the University of Manitoba, visit UM Careers to view listings and/or to apply. If you need assistance creating your UM Careers account, please contact the HR Help Desk at (204) 474-9400.

Remote Sensing Technician, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lethbridge, AB

Full-time temporary position for one year. (\$59,842 to \$72,804).

Closing date: **17 November 2017**. [More information](#).

Research Scientist-Sustainable Crop Management, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lacombe, AB

Full-time position. The classification level and rate of pay on appointment is commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications (\$55,870 to \$144,413).

Closing date: **29 November 2017**. [More information](#).

Two-year Postdoctoral Funding, Mitacs Elevate

[Mitacs Elevate](#) is now accepting applications for two-year postdoctoral funding:

- \$60,000 annual award (plus \$7,500 per year non-cash value in training)
- Exclusive, customized professional development training
- Long-term collaborative research project with a non-academic partner

Deadlines:

- Intent to Apply and Conflict of Interest declaration: January 24, 2018, at 5 p.m. PT
- Intent to Apply is not required to submit an application
- Pre-review of draft applications: February 7, 2018, at 5 p.m. PT
- Application: February 21, 2018, at 1 p.m. PT
- Results announced: June 2018
- Projects must start by September 5, 2018

For questions or more information, please contact elevate@mitacs.ca.

Events:

73rd SWCS International Annual Conference, Jul 29-Aug 1, 2018, Albuquerque, NM

The Soil and Water Conservation Society is seeking oral presentations, posters, symposia, and workshop submissions for the 73rd SWCS International Annual Conference. This year's conference theme is Culture, Climate, and Conservation.

To submit your proposal [click here](#).

Submission Deadline: January 9, 2018. Poster Submission Deadline: March 9, 2018 (Poster submissions after Jan 9 will not appear in the Preliminary Program).