New Chair for Women in Science and Engineering a First

Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst, Soil Science, has been named the prairie region’s new Chair for Women in Science and Engineering by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. This appointment is not only a first for the University of Manitoba but also for an agricultural faculty in Canada.

Annemieke and her NSERC-CWSE team are developing programs that promote greater study and career opportunities for women in science and engineering with a particular focus on Indigenous women. Among the projects underway are a searchable database of women scientists and engineers that will facilitate mentorship opportunities, a research study examining the factors affecting recruitment and retention of female science and engineering students and academic staff, and promotional videos aimed at high school students.

The program will also be utilizing the Bruce D. Campbell Farm & Food Discovery Centre as a venue for outreach programming. In December, the NSERC-CWSE-Prairies joined up with the Agricultural Institute of Canada to host a roundtable discussion at the Discovery Centre for academic and professional women working in agricultural sciences in Manitoba.

The Chair program is a collaboration with NSERC, the Manitoba Pork Council, University of Saskatchewan, Province of Manitoba (Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba, Manitoba Institute of Agrologists, and Canadian Society of Soil Science. Visit the program website at cwse-prairies.ca.

Greenhouse Gas Program Announced

A team of researchers in the Faculty was awarded nearly $3 million through the federal Agricultural Greenhouse Gases Program to study cost-effective greenhouse gas mitigation practices for the cattle sector.

This major project seeks to enhance our scientific understanding of greenhouse gas transfer in agricultural systems and to then use this information to identify beneficial management practices. The study will study greenhouse gas-related effects in three priority areas: converting crops from perennial to annual grasslands, long-term crop rotations of 10 years, and allowing cattle to graze during the winter rather than keeping them in a confined area. The team of researchers includes investigators from the Faculty, the University of Waterloo and the University of Saskatchewan, as well as collaborators from across North America.
Greetings from the Dean...

Agriculture was the foundation stone of civilization. It enabled the few to feed the many that provided the leisure time that is the fundamental requirement for civilization to develop. As Ecclesiasticus puts it, “To be wise (a scholar) must be relieved of other tasks”. And given the world’s exploding population, agriculture has a vital role to play in preserving that civilization which it created.

The most significant challenge the world faces over the next 40 years has to be how we sustainably move from a fossil-fuel based to a renewable-energy economy, feed another 2.5 billion people when already 1 billion are malnourished, and adapt an agri-food and bio-resource industry that will be severely challenged by changing climate and weather patterns. Threats to energy and food supplies will continue to cause socio-political change and chaos.

And yet, in our well-fed western democracies where food is cheap (an average of less than 10% of North American disposable income is spent on food in the home) we cannot see the urgency; there will always be food at the supermarket. As a society we take to the moral high ground, and uncritically consume the prejudice of films like Food Inc. while still demanding cheap fried chicken. We need to re-engage society at large with the issues and challenges of how we feed ourselves and our fellow global citizens. After all, apart from breathing, eating is our only obligatory activity – everything else (including hockey) is optional. And we need to attract more young people to the wealth of educational and job opportunities provided by the agri-food industry.

A recent poll of high school students in Manitoba and Alberta showed that the vast majority of young people believe that agriculture is the most important industry in their province. And they are right, but they have an incomplete view of what the full spectrum of the agri-food industry is. We need to get the message to our diligent, committed and intelligent young people that agriculture, food, and bio-resource production are vital to the survival of global civilization; that creative, engaging, varied and rewarding job opportunities – from scientist and environmentalist to business person or banker - are readily available; and that over 90% of these are outside the farm gate, many in the city centre.

So how do we re-engage our future generations? In our view, engagement must begin no later than kindergarten. At the University of Manitoba we have initiated a series of integrated actions to bring the value of, the sciences applied to, and the opportunities in the food and bio-resource industries to the attention of young people. We work closely with the Manitoba Agriculture in the Classroom organization that helps bring agriculture into the classroom; we have spent over $5 million building the Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre that aims to tell the story of what it takes in science and jobs to go from soil to supper plate (learn more at www.FFDC.ca).

We employ a Community Liaison Coordinator who works with high school teachers to help them introduce the value of agriculture, its science and endeavor into their teaching. And, by fully linking our two-year Agriculture Diploma Program with most of our Degree programs, we provide a different and valuable educational experience ideally suited for a career in the agri-food industries, one where the student’s initial commitment is to only 18 months of study. Our Diploma provides a useful qualification in its own right, as well as a stepping-stone to a degree with no overall time or cost penalty.

My challenge to our youth: if you are concerned about the ultimate fate of civilization, and the condition of your fellow humans and their environment, don’t reject agricultural and food sciences because you think it is not for you as you are not going to become a farmer. There are many opportunities besides farming, but we definitely also need farmers! Ask, and find out what it takes to join us, and help feed the world without costing the earth.

My challenge to the agri-food industry: we need your continuing support to be able to engage more young people in this fascinating and worthwhile endeavor.

Michael Trevan
Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
Warm Welcomes

Dr. Alejandro Costamagna was appointed Assistant Professor in Entomology in July 2011. Ale’s research focuses on insect ecology in agricultural landscapes. His research interests include ecosystem services at human-dominated landscapes and sustainable management of agricultural pests.

Dr. Robert Duncan was appointed Assistant Professor in Plant Science in February 2012. Rob’s main research interests include the development of high-yielding, disease resistant, hybrid HEAR (High Erucic Acid Rapeseed) cultivars.

Dr. Ehsan Khafipour was appointed Assistant Professor in Animal Science in February 2012. Ehsan’s research interest is in understanding the role of the gut microbiome in farm animals, the environment, and human health.

Dr. Kateryn Rochon was appointed Assistant Professor in Entomology in January 2012. Kateryn’s research interests include vector ecology and livestock pest management. Her research focuses on arthropod interactions, diseases, and geographic distribution of disease vectors.

Dr. Ehsan Khafipour

Dr. Kateryn Rochon

Dr. Selena Randall was appointed as the Research Development Coordinator for the newly formed Watershed Systems Research Program. Selena works closely with the Watershed research team and external partners to develop the research program and to communicate with partners, media and the general public.

Dr. Chantal Bassett has joined us as the Research Facilitator supporting the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and the Faculty of Science. Chantal provides support to Natural Sciences and Engineering researchers applying to NSERC, CFI, large interdisciplinary team grants and industry partnership programs.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Denis Krause passed away on October 16, 2011. Denis joined the Department of Animal Science in 2003 and during his tenure developed a very active, well-funded and internationally recognized research program. His expertise in gut microbiology greatly improved the understanding of the movement of pathogens in the farm ecosystem; identified solutions to stressors in the animal’s intestinal tract, mitigated food safety issues; and contributed to several medical science networks focused on the etiology and prevention of inflammatory bowel disease in humans. He emphasized the need for stronger linkages between animal agriculture and medicine, as a means of advancing food safety.

Dr. Ehsan Khafipour

Dr. Kateryn Rochon

Dr. Selena Randall

Dr. Denis Krause at La Broquerie

Dr. Peter Kondra, Professor Emeritus, passed away on July 22, 2011 at age 100. He worked in the Department of Animal Science for 32 years as a poultry scientist, and upon retirement in 1977 served as Principal of St. Andrew’s College at the University of Manitoba. Highly respected in the Ukrainian community, he received the Shevchenko Medal, the highest honour given by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. A BSA graduate of 1934 and the first ever M.Sc. graduate in Animal Science at the University of Manitoba in 1943, Dr. Kondra was our oldest living alumni at the time of his passing.

Dr. Peter Kondra

Dr. Elwood Stringam, Professor Emeritus, passed away on July 9, 2011 at age 93. He worked in the Department of Animal Science for 33 years in the area of beef production, and served as Department Head for many years until his retirement in 1982. Dr. Stringam oversaw a period of dynamic growth in the Department during his tenure, including the Animal Science Building construction and other facilities on campus and at the Glenlea Research Station.

Dr. Elwood Stringam

Dr. Peter Kondra

Fond Farewells

Dr. Merv Pritchard retired from the Faculty in December after 32 years of service in the Faculty. During his tenure, Merv taught horticulture courses and conducted research on potatoes and postharvest handling of potatoes and vegetables. He was appointed Director of the School of Agriculture in 1999, and then Associate Dean (Academic) in 2006.

Dr. Merv Pritchard

Management Moves

Dr. Rob Currie was appointed Head of the Department of Entomology in July 2011.

Dr. Laurie Connor was re-appointed Head of the Department of Animal Science for a five-year term.

Dr. Brian Oleson was re-appointed as Head of the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics for a five-year term.

Dr. Brian Amiro, Soil Science, was appointed Associate Dean (Academic) in January 2012 following the retirement of Dr. Merv Pritchard at the end of the year. At the same time, Dr. Martin Scanlon, Food Science, was appointed Acting Associate Dean (Research) for one year while Dr. Karin Wittenberg is on leave.

Dr. Rob Currie

Dr. Laurie Connor

Dr. Merv Pritchard

Dr. Martin Scanlon

Dr. Karin Wittenberg

Fond Farewells

Dr. Merv Pritchard
Skills Program for New Canadians in 5th Year

The Faculty’s Internationally Educated Agrologist Pilot (IEAP) Program is a skill-bridging program that facilitates the integration of foreign-trained agrologists into the Manitoba agriculture sector. Program partners include Manitoba Labour and Immigration, the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists and the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, University of Manitoba. As of September 2011, 34 students from 23 countries have participated in the program, with 31 obtaining term or permanent employment in the agri-food industry. The IEAP program is now in its fifth cohort (2011-2012) of eleven students, with the majority of this class confirmed to begin employment after finishing the academic part of the program.

Museum Renamed

The largest insect museum in Western Canada has been renamed to honour Robert E. Roughley who passed away suddenly in 2009. Formerly the J.B. Wallis Museum of Entomology, the rechristened J.B. Wallis – R. E. Roughley Museum of Entomology houses over 2 million insect specimens—the largest such collection west of Toronto.

Rob served as the museum’s curator for 24 years and during his tenure, the museum’s value increased from $300,000 to $15 million and evolved into a rich resource for teaching, research, and public education. A memorial fund was established in honour of Rob and these funds help to purchase vital supplies for the storage and curation of Manitoba’s insect fauna. For more information, contact current curator Barb Sharanowski at Barb_Shanarowski@umanitoba.ca.

Farm & Food Discovery Centre Opens

The grand opening of the Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre, located at the Glenlea Research Station just south of Winnipeg, was held this past fall. Nearly 300 people were on hand for the event, from donors and industry partners, to school children, Faculty students and staff.

The new venue features hands-on displays aimed at the public, exploring every aspect of food production from farm to dinner table. A highlight of these exhibits are viewing windows into real working pig barn, where

Farmers Needed!

Two years ago, a Participatory Wheat Breeding Program was created as a collaborative project between researchers of the University of Manitoba, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and farmers. The project continues this year and we are looking for more interested participants. Farmers receive populations of wheat to grow on their farm using their management practices. During the growing season farmers and researchers make selections in the wheat plots, with the objective of breeding varieties adapted to local conditions and farmers’ needs. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the program, please call Gary Martens at (204) 474-6097 or gary_martens@umanitoba.ca.

Major Faculty Research Projects Funded

A number of large and collaborative research projects received funding this past year. Here are a few:

► Wole Akinremi, Soil Science, is one of the principal investigators in a Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (IDRC/CIDA) project which will study better vegetable growing opportunities for Nigerian women. The project received $2.9-million, shared among researchers from the University of Manitoba and other Canadian and international university partners.

► David Lobb, Soil Science and Chair of Watershed Systems, received $523,920...
Visitors will peek into a day in the life of a pig.

The Discovery Centre has been busy with numerous tours and school groups, and was a major component of the Amazing Agriculture Adventure coordinated by Agriculture in the Classroom, with 1000 Grade 4 and 5 students taking part. The facility has also been popular with industry groups holding meetings and conferences.

Visit [www.ffdc.ca](http://www.ffdc.ca) to learn more about the Centre, including location and hours of operation.

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**Teachers Delve into Food from the Land**

In February, 22 geography teachers participated in a workshop co-hosted by the Faculty and Agriculture in the Classroom held at the Farm and Food Discovery Centre. Developed to support the “Food from the Land” unit of the Grade 10 Geography curriculum, the event explored the Manitoba agricultural industry, including pork, beef and crops, as well as food safety and careers.

The teachers left with a package of resources for them to use in their classrooms. Many told us it was the best professional development they have ever had!

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**Organics Focus of National Conference**

The Canadian Organic Science Conference, a premier exposition of organic agriculture research in Canada, was held in February at the University of Manitoba. Participants shared new developments in organic bread, milk, fruit, vegetable and wine production while at the same time learning about the social and economic impacts of the organic production system. Among the topics discussed was the role of farmers in advancing the science of organic agriculture and food, particularly farmer-based plant breeding efforts.

The conference was organized as part of the Canadian Organic Science Cluster, a national initiative in strategic research in organic agriculture. Main conference coordinators were the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada and the Department of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba.

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**30 Years of Bed Push for Charity Celebrated**

The giving spirit is still going strong in the Aggie student body, as the venerable tradition of pushing a bed on wheels from Brandon to Winnipeg celebrated 30 years this past fall. The students once again raised thousands of dollars for charity, this year for the Canadian Red Cross Manitoba Severe Weather Fund, a cause that hit close to home for many affected by last spring’s flooding. The Bed Push has supported many charities over the years including Heart and Stroke Foundation, CancerCare Manitoba, and the Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line.

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**Research Grants**

- Rob Currie, Entomology, is part of a consortium that has received three years of funding for next-generation integrated pest management tools for beekeeping to which Genome Canada is contributing $2,858,080. Rob will receive just under $500,000 of this funding.

- Johanne Ross, Ag in the Classroom, gets teachers excited about agriculture. (Photo: Tara Miller, 100 Acre Woods Photography)
Our Donors

We would like to thank the people who alone or as part of an organization or corporation have pledged to put their money to work for the Faculty. This money has made a big difference to the Faculty - it has helped students cover the cost of their tuition and books, paid for new research equipment, refurbished classrooms and laboratories, and sent students on field trips.

As a donor, you can tell us how you would like your gift directed - to scholarships and bursaries, to special funds like the Bruce D. Campbell Farm & Food Discovery Centre, the Glenlea Guardian Graduate Fund, the Centennial Entrance Scholarship, our brand new Agriculture and Food Sciences Student Experience Fund or to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Endowment Fund, which provides teaching and other resources for the Faculty. If you would like to make a donation, visit the Philanthropy website at unmanitoba.ca/admin/dev_adv/, call (204) 474-9195 or 1-800-330-8066 or email philanthropy@umanitoba.ca.

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New Student Experience Fund Launched

A new fund has been set up to help fund experiential learning opportunities for students in the Faculty. Aimed specifically at projects that may fall outside of the normal curriculum, the fund will annually solicit applications from students for assistantships, awards, competitions (travel and presentation costs), research and resources. Examples of uses may include providing students with opportunities to develop unique skills by working at the Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre, developing programming or acting as interpretive guides, among other opportunities.

Students Pull Their Weight at International Tractor Competition

A team of University of Manitoba students took top honours at the 14th Annual International 1/4-Scale Tractor Student Design Competition hosted by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers last June. The team received first place for best appearance, best craftsmanship and most improved and placed second overall in the pulls and in design. They placed fifth overall in the competition, a huge step up from the previous year’s showing of 17th place (which marked their first year back in the competition after a five-year hiatus).

Given only an engine and a set of tires, the team spent the academic year designing and building their tractor, which they demonstrated in front of industry experts at the competition in Peoria, Illinois. The team included students from Agricultural and Food Sciences, Biosystems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Computer Engineering.

The Quarter Scale Tractor Team receives funding in part from the Faculty’s Endowment Fund to support its activities.

University of Manitoba team in front of their winning tractor design “Penelope 2.0”
Our Staff

Martha Blouw, Plant Science, and Rob Ellis, Soil Science, received the inaugural Faculty Support Staff Awards for Administrative Support and Technical Support respectively. This new award recognizes outstanding contributions by a support staff member.

Ian Brown, Plant Science, received the 2011 CanAmera Foods-NSERC Innovation Award given annually to a research staff member of exemplary contributions to innovation in plant science research.

Ron Britton, Biosystems Engineering, received the Champion of Engineering Education Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba.

Paul Bullock, Soil Science, received the 2011 University of Manitoba Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award at the annual Students’ Teacher Recognition reception. He was nominated by agronomy student Katherine Lepp.

Rob Currie, Entomology, received the “Bee Hive Award” from the Manitoba Beekeepers Association for his commitment and dedication to the industry.

Don Flaten, Soil Science, received numerous teaching awards in the past year, including the 2010-11 Teaching Award of Merit from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture for excellence in teaching.

Gary Fulcher, Food Science, was inducted as a Fellow of the American Association of Cereal Chemists International “for outstanding contributions to the profession of grain science”.

Denis Krause, Animal Science, received the Award for Technical Innovation in Enhancing Production of Safe and Affordable Food from the Canadian Society of Animal Science.

Rob Hill, senior scholar in Plant Science, was named Professor Emeritus in recognition of distinguished service to the University through teaching, research, and scholarship.

Danny Mann, Biosystems Engineering, received the Glen Downing Award from CSAE/SCGR for outstanding work in the area of power and machinery engineering.

Merv Pritchard, Associate Dean (Academic), was part of a project team that received an International Recognition Award from the Agricultural Institute of Canada for their work with horticulture in Ghana.

Ranjan Sri Ranjan, Biosystems Engineering, received the Jim Beamish Award from CSAE/SCGR for outstanding work in the area of soil and water.

Student Awards

Aklilu Alemu, Ph.D. student in Animal Science, won a travel fellowship to attend the International Livestock Congress held in Denver, CO.

High school students Andrew Poole (Sanford), Macey Ostberg (Dominion City), Davis Wright (MacGregor), Louise Bérard (Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes) and Kiah Helgason-Stoyanowski (Arborg) each received an Agricultural and Food Sciences Centennial Entrance Scholarship valued at $2000.

Mark Guenther, Diploma student, received the 2011 Governor General’s Medal, an award given to the graduate with the highest standing in the two-year Diploma Program in Agriculture. Along with a number of other awards, Mark also received the President’s Medal, given to a student who combines scholarship with outstanding qualities of leadership.

Alice Mwaniki, Ph.D. student in Plant Science, has received a Canadian Wheat Board Graduate Fellowship valued at $58,000 over three years for her research into fusarium head blight in wheat.

Emmanuel Rotimi Ojo, Ph.D. student in Soil Science, received the 2012 Nahlah Ayed Prize for Student Leadership and Global Citizenship.

Tyler Ritchie, undergraduate Agribusiness student, received the Daryl F. Kraft Agricultural Policy Paper Prize for 2011 valued at $1000.

Sanjayan Satchitchenantham, Ph.D. student in Biosystems Engineering, received the Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture for excellence in teaching.

Maryam Shamloo, Ph.D. student in Food Science, was selected to participate in the NSERC-CREATE FAST (Food Advancement through Science and Training) program, which includes a scholarship, a research project, symposium and colloquia opportunities and a summer school.

First Crop Research Scholarship Awarded

Sean Asselin, Ph.D. student in Plant Science, has been selected by the University of Manitoba as the recipient of the inaugural Western Grains Research Foundation Graduate Scholarship. Sean’s work will focus on characterizing the diversity and breeding potential of perennial sunflower species native to western Canada for their implementation in crop improvement and novel crop development. Sean’s Ph.D. will be co-supervised by Doug Cattani and Anita Brulé-Babel.

The newly created WGRF Graduate Scholarships are awarded in turns by the three Prairie universities, with the University of Manitoba selected as the first institution to present the award. The award funds one Ph.D student at $33,000 per year for three years or two Master students at $25,000 per year for two years. It supports and encourages outstanding students in their studies in crop research, generating improved technology and productivity for western producers.
Alumni Honoured for Contributions

Manitoba feed industry entrepreneur Ted Bailey (BSA/66) was presented with the 2011 Distinguished Service Award by the University of Manitoba for his exceptional contributions to Manitoba and to the University. Ted was recognized for his tireless fundraising efforts for the Faculty, which resulted in the National Centre for Livestock and the Environment and the Bruce D. Campbell Farm & Food Discovery Centre. The campaign generated $8.3 million towards the construction and endowment funds of the two initiatives.

Two alumni of the Faculty were presented with the 2011 Certificate of Merit from the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the degree and diploma graduation ceremonies last spring. Recognized for their outstanding contributions to Manitoba’s agricultural community were Harold Froese (BSA/74), egg producer and industry leader, and Herm Martens (DipAgric/72), community leader and dedicated volunteer.

Milestones, Memories and Mischief!

The Faculty’s Centennial publication Times of their lives - Milestones, memories and mischief documents the Faculty’s significant events and notable people over the last 100 years. To order visit umanitoba.ca/afs/agcentennial/ or call (204) 474-9435.

2012 ALUMNI CALENDAR

Alumni will have lots of opportunities to catch up this year - mark your calendar today! Contact the Faculty at agfoodsci@umanitoba.ca or your class rep below.

- **Class of 1962 - Diploma** - The Diploma Class of 1962 is celebrating its 50th reunion on **April 13-14**.
- **Class of 1962 - Degree** - The Degree Class of 1962 is holding its 50th anniversary on **August 17-19**. Contact Ed Tyrchniewicz at ed_tyrchniewicz@umanitoba.ca.
- **Class of 1952 - Degree** The Class of 1952 will celebrate its 60th anniversary during Homecoming Weekend, **September 14-16**. Contact Cam Brown at browncam@shaw.ca.
- **Class of 1977 - Degree** - The Degree Class of 1977 will celebrate its 35th reunion during Homecoming Weekend, **September 14-16**. Contact Doug McNair at dmcnair@mcnair.ca or Bernie Whetter at Bernie@greenspotbrandon.com.
- **University of Manitoba Homecoming** - All University alumni are invited to join us for an open house at the new Bruce D. Campbell Farm & Food Discovery Centre on **Friday, September 14** from 1 pm to 4 pm. Contact us at agfoodsci@umanitoba.ca or call (204) 474-9435. Learn more about the Discovery Centre at www.ffdc.ca.
- **Class of 1972 - Degree** - The Degree Class of 1972 is celebrating its 40th year - **date to be announced**. Contact tammy_holowachuk@umanitoba.ca.

Once an Aggie...

Several Agriculture reunions took place throughout 2011. Along with reconnecting with their classmates, all the grads enjoyed tours of the buildings they remembered and a few that were new, including the Farm & Food Discovery Centre. The Faculty held an Aggie Homecoming Weekend in June and hosted the classes of Degree 1951, Diploma 1961 and Diploma 1991. The Degree Class of 1971 (bottom photo) and a large gathering of the Degree Classes of 1980/81/86/87 (organizing committee at right) held reunions later in the year, and both groups generously donated to Faculty initiatives such as the Discovery Centre and recruitment efforts.