Congratulations to our colleagues!

2012 Excellence in Teaching Awards have been awarded to Natalia Kouzniak in the Department of Mathematics and Carl Schwarz in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science.

Steve Halford, Museum Technician in Biological Sciences, is a recipient of the 2012 SFU Staff Achievement Award in the Lifetime Achievement category.

Pat Mooney of the Physics Department has been selected as a fellow of the Materials Research Society.

Mark Winston of Biological Sciences was awarded a Queen’s Diamond Jubilee award for achieving excellence in higher education in Canada.

You’re invited:

Understanding the MOOC Trend
Feb 26, 2:00 – 3:30 in IRMACS 10900
All interested staff and faculty are invited to attend this presentation by Matthew Pellish of the Education Advisory Board which focuses on what makes MOOCS an important and unique development in online course delivery and potential impacts of these experiments in large-scale instruction.

Remote sensing coral reef resilience in Fiji
Feb 5, 1:30 pm SSB 7172
Earth Sciences presents this lecture by Dr. Anders Knudby, SFU Geography

Eco-evolutionary feedbacks in complex natural systems
Feb 7, 3:30 pm SSB 7172, Biological Sciences presents this lecture by Dr. Rana El-Sabaawi, UVic

Funding Opportunity:

The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) is offering a new funding competition for Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards.
For more details, see: http://d1004172-253.robsoninc.com/our-work/activities/trainee-awards

Upcoming:

Surrey campus Open House 2013. This year’s theme is Latitude – Celebrating our Global Community. Our Surrey Science colleagues have got some fantastic events planned! Mark March 7th 4:30 – 8:30 pm your calendars.
The Advisory Committee met at the end of December 2012 and identified 5 major Themes for immediate development based on the LOIs received: undergraduate lower division curriculum restructuring, honours cohort programming, Surrey campus programs, upper division programs, and graduate programs. Some LOI’s that fall outside the Themes will be funded through other mechanisms. LOI summaries may be found on the INSPIRE website: http://www.sfu.ca/science/inspire.html

All who submitted an LOI are encouraged to collaborate with colleagues who share a common Theme. Please contact a Faculty Teaching Fellow, your Departmental Chair, or Advisory Committee member to learn more.

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

7:00 – 8:30 PM CBC
700 Hamilton St. Vancouver, BC.
Please RSVP: café_sci@sfu.ca

Tuesday, February 19, 2013
The Chemistry behind how Bird’s Nest soup led to Influenza drugs

Dr. Andrew Bennet of SFU’s Chemistry Dept. will discuss how inhibition of one of the viral surface proteins that is called neuraminidase (the N in H5N1) is proving to be a suitable approach in the design of anti-viral drugs.

Moderator: Stephen Quinn, host CBC On the Coast and columnist, the Globe and Mail.

FACULTY TEACHING FELLOWS UPDATE

The Faculty Teaching Fellows remind everyone to provide feedback, via their Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, on the draft document ‘Degree Learning Expectations (DLE) for BSc graduates from the Faculty of Science’. The document was sent January 23, 2013 via your Departmental Chair. We appreciate your input in this important process to help develop DLE’s for our Faculty. Please note the deadline of early March for your response. Thanks in advance.