Welcome to the start of the Fall 2007 Semester. This report is longer than usual as much has happened since our last meeting – and my last report – on April 10, 2007. Enjoy and feel free to share with your colleagues. As usual, it will appear on the Science web site uwindsor.ca/science. Choose “Dean’s Reports” under the “For Faculty&Staff” menu choice in the left-hand panel.

**Canada’s Top 40 under 40**
- Dr. Sherah VanLaerhoven, Academic Chair, Forensic Sciences, and Assistant Professor in Biological Sciences, was named a recipient of a “Canada’s Top 40 Under 40” award. This award is designed to celebrate achievements of 40 Canadians in the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors, who have reached a significant level of success before age 40.

**CAP Gold Medal and Premier’s Catalyst Award**
- Dr. Roman Maev, Physics, received the 2007 CAP Medal of Outstanding Achievement in Industrial and Applied Physics for his work in the field of acoustic microscopy on June 19, 2007 at the CAP Annual Congress in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Dr. Maev is the first physicist from a university east of Manitoba to receive this award. The Canadian Association of Physicists recognizes and promotes the creativity of scientists working in Canada in the area of industrial and applied physics.
- Tessonics Inc., led by Physics professor Dr. Roman Maev, received the Premier’s Catalyst Award for Start-Up Company with the Best Innovation from Premier Dalton McGuinty in a ceremony held on April 24, 2007 in Toronto. The award includes a research grant of $200,000. Tessonics is a spin-off company of DaimlerChrysler and the University of Windsor.

**Research Chairs.**
- Dr. Aaron Fisk, Earth and Environmental Sciences/GLIER, was appointed to a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Trophic Ecology for a five-year period from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2012. Dr. Aaron Fisk also received notification from the Ministry of Research and Innovation that the ORF $50,000 match to his CFI award was approved.
- Dr. Robin Gras, Computer Science, was appointed to a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Probabilistic Heuristics and Bioinformatics for a five-year period form April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2012; this appointment is renewable. Dr. Robin Gras also received notification from the Ministry of Research that the ORF $25,706 match to his CFI award was approved.
- Dr. Lisa Porter, Biological Sciences, is the “Assumption University Chair in Cancer Research” effective July 1, 2007.

**NSERC UFA and Ontario Early Researcher Award**
- Dr. Wai Ling Yee is the recipient of a 2007 NSERC University Faculty Award. She joined the Department of Mathematics and Statistics as an Assistant Professor on August 1, 2006. She is the fourth UFA recipient in the Faculty of Science joining Drs. Stephanie Doucet, Biological Sciences in 2006, Tricia Carmichael, Chemistry and Biochemistry in 2005 and Maria Cioppa, Earth Sciences in 2001.
- Dr. Dan Mennill, Biological Sciences, received $100,000 in provincial funding from the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation’s Early Researcher Award (ERA) Program for his project “Acoustic location systems: an environmental technology for exploring the ecology and evolution of animal communication”.
CFI Awards.
- Dr. Andrew Swan, Biological Sciences, received approval of his CFI Leaders Opportunity Fund project in the amount of $50,000 for his project titled “Confocal Microscope for Multichannel and Live Imaging”.
- Dr. Huiming Zhang, Biological Sciences, received approval of his CFI Leaders Opportunity Fund projects in the amount of $50,000 for his project titled “Facility for Investigating Hearing Mechanisms”.

Windsor Regional Cancer Centre Research Award.
- Dr. Chitra Rangan, Physics, is the recipient of a Local Investigator’s Research Fund award from the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre. She will receive $20,000 for her study of “Angle Optimization of Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy via Learning Algorithms.”

Teaching Awards
- Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, School of Computer Science, is the recipient of a 2006 teaching award from OCUFA (Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations). OCUFA has been recognizing excellence in teaching in universities since 1973. Dr. Aggarwal is one of six recipients from across Ontario who were named most outstanding university teachers in the province wide competition; he received the OCUFA Teaching Award at a June 8, 2007 ceremony in Toronto.
- Dr. Richard Frost, School of Computer Science, is one of the recipients of a 2006-2007 Leadership in Faculty Teaching Award (LIFT). This award is designed to encourage teaching excellence at Ontario’s colleges and universities. Winners receive $20,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities over two years to encourage continued excellence in the classroom setting. This is the first year that the award has been offered by the Ministry.
- Dr. Siyaram Pandey, Chemistry and Biochemistry, is a recipient of the 2007 Alumni Award for Distinguished contributions to University Teaching. He was recognized at the 2007 Spring Convocation being held on Thursday, June 14, 2007.

SHARCNET
- Dr. Gordon Drake, Physics, received notification from SHARCNET that his Undergraduate Research Fellowship ($7,000) and Graduate Research Fellowship ($12,744) have been approved. He also received a Dedicated Resources award of 30000 CPU hours.
- Dr. Sam Johnson, Chemistry and Biochemistry, received notification from SHARCNET that his Graduate Research Fellowship award for $26,000 was approved.
- Dr. Angela Sodan, Computer Science, received notification from SHARCNET that her Graduate Research Fellowship award for $13,000 was approved.
- Dr. Eugene Kim, Physics, received notification from SHARCNET that his Senior Visiting Research Fellowship award for $1,200 was approved.
- Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Mathematics and Statistics, received a Centre for Teaching and Learning travel grant of $950.00 to attend McGraw-Hill Ryerson’s Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference series in Montreal.
**Academic Development Fund**

- The following received an Academic Development Travel Fund grant from the June 2007 competition: M. Cristescu and D. Heath (Biological Sciences and GLIER), C. Macdonald, S. Ananvorarich, and J. Green (Chemistry and Biochemistry), R. Frost, P. Boulos, A. Mukhopadhyay, Y. Tsin, R. Kent, and B. Boufama (School of Computer Science), J. Yang (Earth and Environmental Sciences), and C. Rangan (Physics).

**Service**

- Dr. Vladimir Bajic, Economics, served as an internal appraiser on the Undergraduate Program Review team that evaluated Liberal and Professional Studies.
- Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, School of Computer Science, served as Chair of the OGS Program and Dr. Dennis Higgs, Biological Sciences, served as a member.
- Dr. Phil Dutton, Chemistry and Biochemistry, presented a session titled “Learning Outcomes Mapping in the Faculty of Science” at a Centred on Learning Conference hosted by the University of Windsor and Oakland University held on campus May 7 and 8, 2007.
- The Department of Mathematics and Statistics hosted the 16th Workshop on Matrices and Statistics from June 1 to 3, 2007. The purpose of the workshop was to stimulate research and foster the interaction of researchers in the interface between matrix theory and statistics.
- Campus Technology Day was held in the CAW Student Centre on May 22, 2007. Dr. Pierre Boulos, Computer Science, was part of the panel which explored the University’s new learning management system Sakai.
- The Faculty Phone Campaign to recruit students was held during the week of April 23, 2007. Our thanks to the following participants.

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**YSTOP Events**

- Dr. Daniel Heath, Biological Sciences/GLIER discussed “Genes in the environment: Evolution, Conservation and Ecology” at Canada South Science City on April 11, 2007.
- Dr. Chitra Rangan, Physics, hosted a workshop on Careers in Optics and Photonics, at Canada South Science City on April 27, 2007 and at the University on May 4, 2007.
• Drs. Ali Polat and Denis Tetreault, Earth and Environmental Sciences, hosted a workshop titled Exploring our Planet: Rock, Mineral and Fossil Identification at Canada South Science City on April 17, 2007 and at the University on April 30, 2007.

• Dr. Tricia Carmichael, Chemistry and Biochemistry hosted a Materials Science workshop at Science City on May 7, 2007.

Administrative Changes
• Dr. Philip J. Dutton is department head of Chemistry and Biochemistry from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012.
• Dr. Andrew Hubberstey is acting department head of Biological Sciences from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.
• Dr. Sudhir Paul is acting department head of Mathematics and Statistics from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 while Dr. Ejaz Ahmed is on sabbatical.
• Dr. Akshai Aggarwal is acting director of the School of Computer Science from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Appointments with Tenure / Permanence
• Dr. Hadi Salmasian, will join the Department of Mathematics and Statistics as a tenure track Assistant Professor effective July 1, 2008. For 2007-2008 he is an Adjunct Assistant Professor while he completes a Pacific Institute of Mathematical Sciences PDF at the University of Alberta.
• Dr. Zhuo Wang joined the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry as a tenure-track Assistant Professor effective July 1, 2007. Dr. Wang was a research associate in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Toronto.
• Dr. Kirsten Poling, Biological Sciences, Learning Specialist, AAS II, effective July 1, 2007.
• Dr. Julie Smit, hybrid appointment in Biological Sciences and the Centre for Teaching and Learning, as Learning Specialist, AAS II effective September 1, 2007.

Resignations
• Dr. Jon Lovett-Doust, Biological Sciences, resigned his position as Professor effective June 30, 2007 and was appointed as Professor Emeritus effective July 1, 2007.
• Dr. Indra O. Tjandra, Computer Science, resigned his position as assistant professor effective July 1, 2007.

• Dr. Margaret H. Cooper, Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor
• Dr. Alex Mills, Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor, (2007-2010).
• Dr. Monica Sauer, Biological Sciences, Assistant Professor.
• Dr. Yu-Ling Tsai, Mathematics and Statistics, Assistant Professor.
• Mr. Young Cheol Jung, Mathematics and Statistics Lecturer.
• Dr. Jing Wang, Mathematics and Statistics, Assistant Professor, (reappointment).
• Dr. Tomas Pospichal, Mathematics and Statistics, Assistant Professor.
• Dr. Abida Mansoora, Mathematics and Statistics Assistant Professor.
• Mr. Randy Fortier, Computer Science, AAS I, (2007-2010).
Other News Items

- Dr. V. Chris Lakhan, Earth and Environmental Sciences, was selected as the winner of the Guyana Awards (Canada) in the category of “Academic Excellence”. He was presented with the award at a gala on May 26, 2007 in Richmond Hill.
- Dr. Lynda D. Corkum, Biological Science, became President of the International Association of Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) as of May 2007.
- Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Mathematics and Statistics, was appointed Associate Editor for the journal, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis (CSDA) as of June 2007.
- Dr. Barb Zielinski, Biological Sciences, is president of the Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association (SONA) for 2008. The University of Windsor will be co-hosting the 2008 SONA meeting at the University of Western Ontario.
- Dr. Siyaram Pandey, Chemistry and Biochemistry, was appointed to the Editorial Board of the Open Biology Journal in April 2007.

Adjunct Appointments:

- Dr. Jiming Liu as Professor in the School of Comp. Sci. from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012.
- Dr. Albert Hung Choy Wong as Assistant Professor in the School of Computer Science from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012. He has Graduate Faculty Designation.
- Ms. Margaret Maria Kalin, as Associate Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. She has Graduate Faculty Designation.
- Dr. Douglas Wahlsten, as Professor in Biological Sciences from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. He has Graduate Faculty Designation.
- Dr. Lee Foote, as Associate Professor in Biological Sciences from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. He has Graduate Faculty Designation.

Promotions

- Dr. Alan Trenhaile, Earth and Environmental Sciences, was promoted to University Professor effective July 1, 2007.
- Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1, 2007 are: Dr. Dennis Higgs and Dr. John Hudson (Biological Sciences), Dr. Kenneth Drouillard (Biological Sciences/GLIER), Dr. Dingding Li (Economics), Dr. Philip Graniero and Dr. Ali Polat (Earth and Environmental Sciences), Dr. Wladyslaw Kedzierski, (Physics) and Dr. Samuel Johnson, (Chemistry and Biochemistry). Dr. Hudson’s promotion is effective retroactively to July 1, 2006.

Tenure

- Granted tenure effective July 1, 2007 are: Dr. Dennis Higgs (Biological Sciences), Dr. Kenneth Drouillard (Biological Sciences/GLIER), Dr. Dingding Li (Economics), Dr. Ali Polat (Earth and Environmental Sciences), Dr. Wladyslaw Kedzierski, (Physics) and Dr. Samuel Johnson, (Chemistry and Biochemistry).

Staff Changes

- Ms. Marija Argoselo, Secretary in Mathematics and Statistics, has transferred to GLIER as Graduate Secretary.
- Ms. Janet Mora re-joins the Faculty of Science as Secretary in Mathematics and Statistics; she transferred from the Faculty of Law.
Ms. Jane Sylvester, Biotechnology Coordinator in Biological Sciences and Chemistry and Biochemistry has accepted a temporary position in the Department of Liaison and Student Recruitment as the Student Liaison Officer for Engineering, Nursing and Science from July 9, 2007 and returning July 2008. She is replacing Mrs. Katia Benoit who is on maternity leave.

Ms. Deanna Tremblay has joined Biological Sciences / Chemistry and Biochemistry as the Biotechnology Coordinator.

Dr. Shashi K. Jasra, Biological Sciences, resigned from her position as Technician. She has been appointed AAS II in the area of Forensic Sciences, within Inter-Faculty Programs effective May 14, 2007.

Ms. Rodica Leu, Lab Technician in Chemistry and Biochemistry, will transfer to Biological Sciences. (17 Sep 07).

Ms. Gulibahaer AiLi has been appointed as Glassware Washer in Biological Sciences from August 27, 2007 to April 30, 2008.

Ms. Jane Blackshaw has been appointed Applied IT Program Secretary in Computer Science effective August 27, 2007.

Ms. Sarah Beneteau has been reappointed Administrative Assistant, Physics, April 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Ms. Anna Marro has been reappointed Editorial Assistant (Physical Review A), Canadian Journal of Physics, Physics, March 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007.

Postdoctoral Fellow Appointments

- Dr. David Sotero Dos Santos, Jr., Chemistry and Biochemistry, Apr. 1 – June 30, 2007.
- Dr. Jan Muller, Chemistry and Biochemistry, July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.
- Dr. Estella Annoni, Computer Science, August 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008.
- Dr. Anjan Kumar Das, Chemistry and Biochemistry, July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.
- Dr. Guangcai Bai, Chemistry and Biochemistry, July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.
- Dr. Renan Andres Cabrera Lafuente, Physics, July 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007.
- Dr. Tatiana Kondratieva, Physics, July 16, 2007 to July 15, 2008.
- Dr. Yogesh Kumar Katare, Biological Sciences, April 23, 2007 to September 15, 2007.
- Sastry Yagnanna Kandukuri, Physics, September 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008.
- Dr. Andriy M. Chertov, Physics, August 15, 2007 to August 31, 2008.

Research Associates, Assistants, Technicians, Visiting Research Scholars, Visiting Research Associate Appointments

- Ms. Agnes Maysa, Research Assistant, Biological Sciences, June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007.
- Ms. Sana Zamzam, Research Assistant, Biological Sciences, June 1, 2007 to July 31, 2007.
Ms. Li Wang, Research Assistant, Biological Sciences, June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007.
Ms. Doreen Ezeife, Res. Assistant, Biological Sciences, June 1, 2007 to August 15, 2007.
Ms. Melissa Gamuelas, Res. Assistant, Biological Sciences, June 1, 2007 to August 30, 2007.
Ms. Karan Odom, Res. Assistant, Biological Sciences, June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007.
Mr. Syed Danish Hassan, Res. Assistant, Chem. and Biochem., Sept. 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008
Mr. Selwan Slewaa, Res. Associate, Chemistry and Biochemistry, May 1 - July 31, 2007.
Ms. Joanna Pitcher (Lister), Res. Associate, Biological Sciences, May 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.
Dr. Joel Camargo Rubim, Visiting Prof., Chem. and Biochemistry, April 23 – Oct. 11, 2007.
Dr. Sergeuie A. Titov, Visiting Res. Associate, Physics, April 30 – Nov. 30, 2007.
Mr. Marcin Korzeniowski, Visiting Scholar, Physics, September 10, 2007 to June 9, 2008.
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Part-Time Enrolment in Faculty of Science
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Student News

- Emily Marcotte who received a BSc Honours in Behaviour, Cognition and Neuroscience, and her twin sister, Erin Marcotte, who received a BA Honours in Political Science and Psychology with Thesis each received a President’s Medal at the 2007 Spring Convocation. This award recognizes student who best epitomizes the University of Windsor student experience. Emily and Erin entered the University as part of the double cohort year.

- The following students were awarded Board of Governor Medals for the graduating student with the highest academic standing in each program:
  - Biological Sciences: Crystal Abbas
  - Chemistry and Biochemistry: Catherine Valerie Cheng
  - Computer Science: Dane Aaron Bertram
  - Earth Sciences: Marshall H. Pachal
  - Economics: Evan Andrew Roushorne (Fall Convocation)
  - Mathematics & Statistics: Matthew Alexander Menzies
  - Physics: Michael Bolla
  - General Program, Faculty of Science: Nabiha M. Hamaed (Fall Convocation)

- Ms. Carly Griffin, a Chemistry and Biochemistry PhD student working with Dr. Pandey, has recently won a Research/Clinician Travel Bursary for attendance at the Prostate Cancer Conference to be held in Toronto September 28 – 30, 2007.

- William Ma, Biological Sciences – president of UWSA

- Mr. Sajid Ahmad, Earth and Environmental Sciences, is the incoming president of the 2007-2008 Graduate Student Society.

- Debbie Loach, Operational Research Program, was awarded first prize in the inaugural Student Poster Competition at the National Meeting of the Canadian Operational Research Society held in London, Ontario from May 14 to 16, 2007.

- Graduate students presented a wide range of topics ranging from evolutionary biology, ecology, biogeochemistry and ecotoxicology at the GLIER Graduate Symposium held on April 19 and 20, 2007. McGill University biology professor Andrew Hendry gave the keynote address.
Manry Xu, Biological Sciences, won third prize of a $150 University Bookstore gift certificate for the photo he entered in the University of Windsor’s recent UWindsor 24 photo contest. The goal was to capture life as a University of Windsor student and return the camera 24 hours later.

The following students received NSERC USRA awards for the Summer of 2007.

**Biological Science:** Fawad Ahmed, Sameen Ahmed, Ryan Ard, Jennifer Brzozowski, Rajdeep Dhaliwal, Jordan Nantais, Neeraj Patel

**Chemistry and Biochemistry:** Paolo Bombem, Catherine Cheng, Meghan Doster, Laura Ezeife, Emona Kraja, Bryan Lucier, Stuart Mahoney, Colleen Mailloux, Tamara Milovic, Andrea Naaum, Vincent Ruisi, Natasha Sharda, Michael Stinchcombe, Robert Ty, Fei Yang

**Computer Science:** Ying Chen Eugene Green

**Earth and Environmental Sciences:** Michael Babechuk Amer Pasalic Kyle Prestanski

**Mathematics and Statistics:** Anna Cylwa Michelle Fleming

**Physics:** Anna Maeva Jeffrey Rau Zhen Shi Matthew Williams