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PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice please send any announcements for the Newsletter to Anna Harrison <jeannette.loiselle@ualberta.ca> or drop them off in Room E3-44. Thank you!!

Notices

All service offices in the Department of Chemistry will be closed at noon today, Friday June 29th, in recognition of the support of and as well deserved time off for all of our NASA operating funded employees. Supervisors of NASA staff are asked to work with your employees to provide coverage, only if required, on that afternoon with alternate time off provided if necessary. Thanks to each of our administrative staff, secretaries, shop, IT, stores and lab employees for their tireless support in making Chemistry a great place for research, teaching and learning.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS CLOSED — The University will be closed on Monday 2 July for the Canada Day long weekend. Enjoy your extra-long weekend!

Congratulations to our undergraduates in their success at the Western Canadian Undergraduate Chemistry Conference held in Saskatoon May 4-5. The University of Alberta contingent was the largest one there and took the lion's share of the awards. Special congratulations to Brenna Brown (1st place in Organic orals), Phuong Nguyen (2nd place in Physical orals), Rachel DaCunha (2nd place in Analytical posters), Melissa Faichuk (3rd place in Materials orals), and Nena Nguyen (3rd place in Environmental orals). Also, Corrie Horwood, a visiting undergraduate researcher in the department, placed 1st in Analytical orals and 1st place overall. Well done!

Congratulations to Allison Mah on winning 2nd Prize for Analytical Chemistry in the Undergraduate Poster Competition at the 2007 CSC Conference in Winnipeg this past week. Her poster was entitled: "Oxidative DNA Damage: Novel Detection with Molecular Beacons" and she is a 3rd-year undergraduate working in Glen R. Loppnow's lab.

Employment Opportunities

The University of Victoria is inviting applications for a **tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the area of analytical or physical chemistry** with an emphasis in the areas of materials and/or surfaces.

The University of Western Ontario has two positions available as **graduate writing specialists**.

Malaspina University College of Nanaimo, BC, has an open position for a **post-doc or a high functioning technician** to work on a technology development project aimed at optimizing a direct analysis mass spec based technique for SVOCs in air and water. This position is funded by the NSERC I2I program and can start immediately or as soon as possible.