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## ALUMNI NEWS

### Attention all Graduates in California

The Faculty of Engineering is holding a special alumni reception in Menlo Park, just south of San Francisco on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The FREE reception will be held at 6:00 pm in the beautiful Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel in Menlo Park, and will be hosted by Dean Doug Ruth. You may RSVP to [amber\\_skrabek@umanitoba.ca](mailto:amber_skrabek@umanitoba.ca) or by calling 204-474-9034. Hope to see you there!

### Homecoming 2009

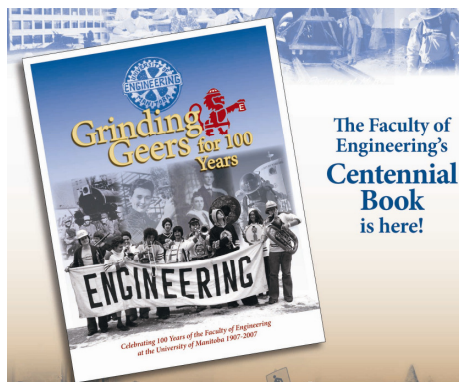
Thank you to the almost 250 alumni and friends who came out to the Faculty of Engineering's Homecoming Reception on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful time of visiting and reminiscing.

Mark your calendars: Next year's Homecoming Reception will take place on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. See you there!



### Class of 1948 Gets Together

Several members of the graduating class of 1948 recently got together at Rae & Jerry's Restaurant. Easton Ledor, Henry Penner, Grand Henderson, Bill MacKenzie, Len Bateman, Victor Burtnyk, Jim Hicks and Keith Ebborn had a wonderful time sharing memories!



The Faculty of  
Engineering's  
**Centennial  
Book**  
is here!

### Centennial Book Officially Released

After 18 months of researching, writing, and editing, the Faculty of Engineering's Centennial Book, *Grinding "Geers" for 100 Years*, was officially released at Homecoming celebrations on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Since then, over 200 of these memory books have been ordered. If you have not already ordered a copy, you may do so on-line at [umanitoba.ca/engineering](http://umanitoba.ca/engineering), or by calling 1-800-330-8066.

## Faculty News



Congratulations to Dr. Trish Stadnyk and Dr. Shaahin Felizadeh on receiving Awards of Teaching Excellence from the Graduating Class of 2009. Each received their certificate from Senior Stick, Megan Lusty, during Homecoming festivities.



**Welcome to Dr. Paul Labossiere**, a new Senior Instructor with the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Born in Inuvik, NT, Dr. Labossiere earned his B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (1993) from the U of M, followed by a B.Sc. in Mechanical (1996). He then earned an M.Sc. (1998) and Ph.D. (2000) from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Congratulations to Zahra Moussavi (ECE) on being named a Canada Research Chair in Biomedical Engineering. (\$100,000/yr for 5 years)

Mirosław Pawlak (ECE) on receiving \$27,050 from Manitoba Hydro for “Transient stability prediction of large-scale power systems using sparse vector support machines.”

## In Memory

It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of Dr. Ram Singhasan Azad on July 15, 2009 at the age of 79. Ram was a professor in the Faculty of Engineering for 35 years. He will be missed by friends, family, colleagues and neighbours.

## Student News

Congratulations to Stanislaw Lozeczniak, PhD student at the Faculty of Engineering, and student member of the Northern Lights Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) on winning the Robert P. Stearns/SCS Engineers Scholarship. Stan was the only Canadian student recognized at this year’s event, designed to promote education and professional development. The scholarship is worth \$5,000.



## Upcoming Event

IEEE Gold Winnipeg Section Presents: **A tour of the NRS Institute for Biodiagnostics** facilities. The tour will visit the following departments: Prototyping, Informatics, Magnetic Resonance Technology, Spectroscopy.

**Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

3:00 pm (75 minutes)

Cost: \$10 (IEEE member) / \$20 (non-member)

Location: 435 Ellice Ave.

Register by October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 by email: [ieeegold@hotmail.com](mailto:ieeegold@hotmail.com)