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*Thank you Dr. Franco Berruti*

Western Engineering would like to extend its sincere thanks to Dr. Franco Berruti for his visionary leadership of the Faculty from 2000 to 2007. Under his leadership, the Faculty of Engineering experienced growth, prosperity and positive change that will be reflected for years to come.



*The University of Western Ontario*

2008

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*Western Engineering  
Awards Celebration*

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

The Great Hall

Somerville House

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

*The University of Western Ontario*

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## Schedule of Evening

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<b>4:30 pm</b>	Welcome by Acting Dean George Knopf Reception
<b>5:15 pm</b>	Presentation of Awards Comments from ECE and CEE
<b>5:45 pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7:00 pm</b>	Presentation of Awards Comments from MME and CBE
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Concluding remarks and thank yous

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### Menu

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- ◆ *Market Greens with 2 types of dressing*
- ◆ *Caesar Salad, Country -Style Potato Salad*
- ◆ *Grilled Chicken Breast with Saffron Orange Sauce*
- ◆ *Baked Penne Pasta with Alfredo Cream Sauce*
  - ◆ *Medley of Vegetables*
  - ◆ *Roasted Garlic - Tossed Potatoes*
  - ◆ *Selection of Cakes, and Squares*

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## In Memoriam

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The Faculty of Engineering is saddened to announce the passing of Richard Maurice Dillon, first Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Science.



Mr. Dillon was a graduate of Western, receiving his honours degree in Mathematics (as a Gold Medalist) in 1948. He then obtained a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from MIT, before returning to Western to serve as the first Dean of the newly established Faculty of Engineering Science in 1960. Mr. Dillon was Dean with the Faculty until 1970, when he moved on to work with the provincial government. Prior to beginning his post-secondary schooling, Mr. Dillon served in Italy with the Royal Canadian Regiment during World War II as a Lt. Col., and was awarded the Military Cross for bravery.

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## Welcomes and Fond Farewells

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### *Fond Farewells are extended to:*

**Dr. Zine Eddine Abid (ECE),**

**Dr. Hsi-Yung (Steven) Feng (MME), Chris Gauvin (BLWTL), Lizeanne St. Pierre (CEE) & Mike White (UMS)**

### *Warm Welcomes are extended to:*

**Chris Buckrell**

*Technical Specialist — Apprentice (UMS)*

**Dr. Jason Gerhard**

*Associate Professor (CEE)*

**Dr. Panagiota Karava**

*Assistant Professor (CEE), July 1, 2008*

**Ruying (Kathy) Li**

*Research Engineer (MME)*

**Dr. Shaun Salisbury**

*Assistant Professor (MME/ECE)*

**Josh Taylor**

*Technical Specialist — Apprentice (UMS)*

**Dr. O. Remus Tutunea-Fatan**

*Assistant Professor (MME), July 1, 2008*

**Dr. Xianbin Wang**

*Associate Professor (ECE)*

**Kevin deLeebeeck**

*Project Manager (BLWTL)*

**Brigitte Heddle**

*Undergraduate Assistant, Software (ECE)*

**Stephanie Laurence**

*Undergraduate & International Development Coordinator (CEE)*

**Jeonghee Oh**

*Project Manager (BLWTL)*

**Dr. Kamran Siddiqui**

*Associate Professor (MME), July 1, 2008*

**Marilyn Tudhope**

*Undergraduate Assistant (CBE)*

**Ian Vinkenvleugel**

*Technical Specialist (UMS)*

**Dr. Jin Zhang**

*Assistant Professor (CBE)*

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## In Memoriam

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### Sharon A. Ling

Western Engineering was deeply saddened by the loss of Sharon Ling, Undergraduate Assistant — Software in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering in January 2008.

Sharon began her career at Engineering in 1988. During her 19 years she became an

Amazing colleague and dear friend. Sharon was a caring and kind person with a wonderful sense of humour who made many students, faculty and staff's lives richer with her presence. As a tribute to Sharon, the Faculty will be planting three Rose of Sharon trees outside the doors of the Thompson Engineering Building. A bench with a memorial plaque will be situated with the trees. We will always remember what a wonderful person Sharon was. The Western Engineering Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Staff Member has recently been renamed the Sharon A. Ling Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement by a Staff Member in honour of Sharon's passion and dedication to the betterment of Western Engineering.



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## Award Winners

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### *Presentations*

#### **Dr. Cedric Briens & Dr. William (Bill) Greason**

*25 Years of Service*

*- Presented by Acting Dean George Knopf*

#### **Dr. Don Hewson**

*Western Engineering Award of Recognition*

*- Presented by Jagath Samarabandu*

#### **Ms. Sandra Vilovski**

*Sharon A. Ling Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement by a Staff Member*

*- Presented by Nina Lowes*

#### **Dr. Maged A. Youssef**

*R. Mohan Mathur Award for Excellence in Teaching*

*- Presented by Hanif Ladak*

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## Award Winners

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### *Mechanical & Materials Engineering*

*Speaker: Dr. J. Maciej Floryan*

#### **Mr. Walid Altahan**

*Occupational Health & Safety Recognition Award*

#### **Dr. Cynthia E. Dunning**

*Canada Research Chair, Tier 2*

*Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, effective July 1, 2008*

#### **Dr. Thomas Jenkyn**

*Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, effective July 1, 2008*

#### **Dr. James (Jim) A. Johnson**

*Faculty Scholar*

#### **Dr. Anthony (Tony) Straatman**

*T.E. Base Memorial Award*

#### **Dr. Xueliang (Andy) Sun**

*Canada Research Chair, Tier 2*

*Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, effective July 1, 2008*

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### *Other Awards & Recognitions*

**University Machine Services Staff — Steven Arnold, Kevin Barker, Chris Buckrell, Garvin Burt, Clayton Cook, Peter Drexler, Brian Groot, Jack Handysides, Steven Hewlette, Kevin Lee, Rob Levesque, Karen McDonald, Doug Phillips, Cody Ruthman, Gary Snyders, Robert Stuart, Josh Taylor, Chris Vandelaar & Ian Vinkenvleugel**

*Occupational Health & Safety Recognition Award (team)*

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## Award Winners

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### *Electrical & Computer Engineering*

*Speaker: Dr. Tarlochan S. Sidhu*

**Dr. Kazimierz Adamiak, Dr. Jin Jiang, Dr. Hanif Ladak,  
Dr. Ken McIsaac, Dr. Abdelkader Ouda, Dr. Quazi  
Rahman, Dr. Jayshri Sabarinathan & Dr. Rajiv Varma**

*2006/07 USC Teaching Honour Roll*

**Dr. Jin Jiang, Dr. Gerry Moschopoulos, Dr. Tarlochan S.  
Sidhu, Dr. Rajiv K. Varma & Dr. Amirnaser Yazdani**

*Ontario Centres of Excellence - Connecting Large Scale Solar Farms to  
Electric Grid*

**Dr. Hanif Ladak**

*Western Innovation Fund*

**Dr. Gerry Moschopoulos, Dr. Tarlochan S. Sidhu,**

**Dr. Rajiv K. Varma & Dr. Amirnaser Yazdani**

*NSERC - Canadian Wind Energy Strategic Network Grant*

**Dr. Rajni Patel, Dr. Michael Naish (MME) &**

**Mrs. Ana Luisa Trejos**

*Western Innovation Fund*

**Dr. Abdallah Shami**

*Ontario Research Fund, Research Infrastructure Program*

**Dr. Chun Wang**

*2008 Governor General's Gold Medal, doctoral thesis supervisor*

*Dr. H. Ghenniwa*

**Dr. Xianbin Wang**

*Canada Research Chair, Tier 2*

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## Award Winners

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### *Chemical & Biochemical Engineering*

*Speaker: Dr. Ajay Ray*

**Dr. Amarjeet Bassi, Dr. Franco Berruti, Dr. Cedric Briens,  
Dr. Paul Charpentier, Dr. Ajay Ray, Dr. Sohrab Rohani, &  
Dr. Jingxu (Jesse) Zhu**

*Received NSERC Strategic Grants*

**Dr. Amarjeet Bassi**

*Received NSERC I2I Grant*

*Associate Editor, Canadian Journal of Chemical Engineering (CSCbE)*

**Dr. Amarjeet Bassi & Dr. Ajay Ray**

*Distinguished Speakers Award by Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers  
(IICbE)*

**Dr. Franco Berruti & Dr. Cedric Briens**

*Institute Director and Research Director for the new Research Institute,  
Institute for Chemicals and Fuels from Alternative Resources (ICFAR)*

**Dr. Jose Herrera, Dr. Elizabeth Gillies & Dr. Madhumita Ray**

*Received CFI Grants*

**Dr. Kibret Mequanint**

*Early Researcher Award*

*Heart and Stroke Foundation Grant*

**Dr. Madhumita Ray**

*Received tenure, effective July 1, 2008*

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### *Chemical & Biochemical Engineering cont.*

**Dr. Sohrab Rohani & Dr. Jingxu (Jesse) Zhu**

*Co-Directors for the new Research Center,  
Particle Technology Research Western*

**Dr. Jingxu (Jesse) Zhu**

*C2007 CSCbE Bantel Award in Design & Industrial Practice*

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### *Civil & Environmental Engineering*

*Speaker: Dr. Ernest K. Yanful*

**Dr. Raouf E. Baddour**

*2007 Thomas C. Keefer Medal*

**Dr. F. Michael Bartlett**

*2006-07 USC Teaching Honour Roll*

**Mr. Yamen I. Elbahy (MEng Candidate),**

**Dr. Maged A. Youssef & Dr. Moncef Nehdi**

*Best Paper Award, 2nd Canadian Conference on Effective Design of Structures*

**Dr. M. Hesham El Naggar**

*Stermac Award*

*Western Innovation Fund*

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## Award Winners

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### *Civil & Environmental Engineering cont.*

**Dr. Jason Gerhard**

*Canada Research Chair, Tier 2*

**Dr. Panagiota Karava**

*NSERC Faculty University Award*

**Dr. Moncef Nehdi**

*Promotion to Professor, effective July 1, 2008*

**Dr. Tim Newson**

*Stermac Award*

*Received Tenure, effective July 1, 2008*

**Dr. Denis O'Carroll**

*Early Researcher Award*

**Dr. Slobodan Simonovic**

*CSCE Fellowship*

*Distinguished Invited Lecturer*

*Invited Member of Disaster Risk Management Task Group*

**Dr. Maged A. Youssef**

*Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, effective July 1, 2008*

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