



# CHEM ENG NEWS

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**SEMINARS:**

- Pulp & Paper Graduate Students Seminars, CHE1211H  
Manideh Hajiha, *Industrial Manufacturing of Biocomposites*  
Monday, December 7, 2009, 1:10 – 2:00 p.m., Pulp & Paper Centre Conference Room, WB420, Wallberg Building, 200 College Street

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Graduate Orals/Reading Committees:**

M.Eng. DEPARTMENTAL ORAL – W. Chang, Monday, December 7, 2009, WB115, 1:00 p.m.  
Thesis Title: THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SURFACE-MODIFYING MACROMOLECULE FOR POLYETHYLENE FILMS

Committee: Chair - E.J. Acosta; Supervisor - J.P. Santerre; Other Member - M.A. Winnik

M.A.Sc. DEPARTMENTAL ORAL - M.N. Rahman, Tuesday, December 8, 2009, CCBR 11 FI Meeting Room, 10:00 a.m.

Thesis Title: VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR FUNCTIONALIZED AGAROSE CAN GUIDE EMBRYOID BODIES TOWARD BLOOD PROGENITOR CELLS

Committee: Chair - M. Radisic; Supervisors - M.S. Shoichet, P.M. Zandstra; Other Member - M.V. Sefton

**“SNOW Time”:**

It's that time of the year again – you might wake up to many, many, many cm of beautiful white snow. The procedure for the cancellation of classes and/or University closure due to adverse weather conditions can be found at <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/snowclosure.htm>.

There are three snow hotlines: Tri-campus hotline – 416-978-SNOW (7669); UTM hotline – 905-569-4455; UTSC hotline – 416-287-7026. You can also check the UofT homepage – [www.utoronto.ca](http://www.utoronto.ca). Local TV and radio stations are also informed of closures and announcements are made.

**USW General Membership Meeting:**

USW has scheduled a general membership meeting for December 10, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Steelworkers Hall at 25 Cecil Street. In accordance with the terms of the staff-appointed collective agreement between the United Steelworkers and the University of Toronto, "employees will be given time off (not to exceed two (2) hours), with no loss of regular straight time pay, up to three (3) times per year to attend General Membership Meetings of the Local Union". Please note that in accordance with the terms of the collective agreement employees who will be attending the USW general meeting must notify their manager at least one week in advance of the meeting date.

Staff-appointed employees wishing to participate in the meeting who are represented by USW on the St. George Campus shall be permitted to leave at 3:15 p.m. and those employees at the University of Toronto at Scarborough and Mississauga and the Institute for Aerospace Studies shall be permitted to leave at 2:45 p.m. in order to participate in the meeting. There is no comparable clause in the non-appointed (casual) collective agreement. However, such employees may attend on their own time if they are not scheduled to work.

**Holiday Planning:**

Just a reminder to everyone – the University will be closing on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for the Christmas/New Year holidays. We will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2010. If you trying to schedule meetings, please keep this in mind. Try to get all of your supplies ordering done by the end of next week so that all deliveries will be completed by the last day. Though the University will be closed and the temperature in the building will be lowered, some people do come in to work during that period. If you plan on coming in and you anticipate that you might need gases during the Christmas break, be sure to get Phil Milczarek in Room 16 to order them as soon as possible and to pick them up before Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no access to the cylinder bays during the closure. Thank you.