

In The News

University of Manitoba members are always making news – demonstrating the university's impact on the community. Here's a look at the stories and headlines that show how U of M faculty and staff impact the world around them.

HIV/AIDS lab opens

Jan. 19

East Africa's first state-of-the-art infectious diseases research facility was officially opened in Kenya by the University of Manitoba and the University of Nairobi. The news received significant media attention around the world. The official opening of the \$4 million lab was attended by federal Health Minister Tony Clement, U of M president Emőke Szathmáry, and George Magoha, vice-chancellor of the University of Nairobi.

Reg on Board

Feb. 1

News of former senior cabinet minister Reg Alcock joining the Asper School of Business as executive in residence received a good deal of local coverage. Alcock's term as advisor to business students and faculty and as guest lecturer was well-received in particular by CBC Radio One and University of Manitoba students.

Standing Team Awarded

Feb. 2

Winnipeg Free Press

The *Winnipeg Free Press* published an inspirational story and photo highlighting the important work of nuclear physicist Ken Standing who, along with his colleagues, was recently awarded the \$250,000 Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering.

Concrete Toboggan Race

Feb. 3

Local newspapers and every local television station covered the Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race, hosted by the University of Manitoba. University of Manitoba Engineering students were joined by a cast of engineering students from all over the country for another year of fun in the educational competition.

Israel Idonije a star

The entire month of January and the first part of February was dominated by one University of Manitoba graduate over and over again, repeatedly giving kudos to the university and Bison Football. Former Bison football star Israel Idonije went all the way to the SuperBowl with his team, The Chicago Bears.

Headline News

Where else has the U of M been making news? Here's a look at just a few of our headlines over the past few weeks.

• "Asper grads bank on food," *Winnipeg Free Press*, Jan. 27.



Submitted photo

A team of University of Manitoba researchers and their research partners were awarded the Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering on Jan. 31. The team, with Mark Whitmore, dean of Science, gathered for a picture after the award ceremony. Back row, from left, Igor Chernushevich, MDS Sciex; Bruce Thomson, MDS Sciex; H el ene Perreault, chemistry; Steve Haber, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada; Alexandre Loboda, MDS Sciex; Harry Duckworth, chemistry; Oleg Krokhin, physics and astronomy. Front row, from left, John Wilkins, immunology/internal medicine; Ken Standing, physics and astronomy; Mark Whitmore, dean of Science; Werner Ens, physics and astronomy.

Brockhouse award recognizes multidisciplinary research

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"This year's winners form a 'virtuous circle' where academic researchers and private sector engineers collaborate to develop the leading-edge equipment needed for new discoveries," said Fortier. "I'm especially impressed to see the team combine such a wide variety of disciplines, including physics, engineering, chemistry and cell biology."

University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry said the winning team is a perfect example of the level of collaboration and partnership vital to scientific research in the 21st century.

"We are extremely proud of these outstanding University of Manitoba researchers," Szathmáry said.

"They and their colleagues at MDS Sciex and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have done some truly remarkable work that has already advanced proteomics capabilities around the world. I can't think of any other team more deserving of this

prestigious national award."

Named after Bertram Brockhouse, the Canadian Prairie-born Nobel laureate, the prize honours teams of researchers that combine different disciplines to produce achievements of international scientific or engineering significance.

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President,
Natural Sciences and Engineering
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