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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Canadian Astronaut & Role-model Roberta Bondar Launches UWinnipeg's "Women in Science" Conference**

WINNIPEG—Canadian astronaut Roberta Bondar will be in Winnipeg November 3, 2005 to kick off The University of Winnipeg's two-day "Women in Science" conference. Bondar will join UWinnipeg undergraduate female science students and five prominent female scientists from the province's universities, to encourage young women to consider pursuing studies in science and inspiring those already in the field to continue and aim for high-level careers in science and technology.

Recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Science (2001) from The University of Winnipeg, Bondar was the world's first neurologist in space and is globally recognized for her pioneering contribution in space medicine, and as a role model for young women just starting out in the field of science.

#### **The University of Winnipeg's "Women in Science" Conference**

##### **Keynote Address with Dr Roberta Bondar**

##### *Flexibility & Agility Through Science*

**(to be followed by a Question & Answer Session)**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, November 3, 2005**

**Ramada Conference Centre, 330 Garry Street**

Through the generous support of Western Economic Diversification Canada and Boeing Canada Technology, The University of Winnipeg's "Women in Science" conference is free and open to high school students, post-secondary students, and all members of the community. Part of The University of Winnipeg Laird Lecture Series, the conference will feature poster sessions drawing attention to the scientific research of female undergraduate students. As well, at lectures on campus throughout the day on **Friday, November 4, 2005**, outstanding women scientists—including UWinnipeg's **Désirée Vanderwel (Chemistry professor)**, **Melanie Martin (Physics professor)**, and **Ortrud Oellermann (Mathematics & Statistics professor)**—will share research highlights and insights from their experiences as women in the field of science. Finally, the conference will close with an information session and panel discussion addressing the challenges facing female academics.

For a complete list of conference speakers and detailed conference information, please visit:  
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/women-in-science>

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