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“Lord of the Tree Rings” Leads Tour of Sandilands Provincial Park

WINNIPEG—The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association presents a day-long bus tour to the Sandilands Provincial Park in Southeastern Manitoba, led by Dr. Jacques Tardif, The University of Winnipeg’s own “Lord of the Tree Rings.”

The tour will highlight forest ecology and dynamics, and demonstrate the value of tree ring analysis. By studying rings on core samples from trees, scientists like Dr. Tardif can re-construct history and identify years of fire, drought, insect infestations, storms, and other environmental stresses. He also points out that rings can reveal the impact of a major climatic event on the other side of the world. For example, a volcanic eruption in Indonesia in 1815 produced discernable changes in tree rings worldwide, including Manitoba forests.

Dr. Tardif, a national expert on Dendrochronology (Tree Ring Research), is a Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology at The University of Winnipeg and the Canada Research Chair in Dendrochronology.

The tour will take place:

Saturday, September 18, 2004

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets: \$45 / person

Tour departs from The University of Winnipeg, in front of the Duckworth Centre on Spence Street at Ellice Avenue

Call 786-9711 for tickets

Tickets include bus transportation, a day-long guided tour, lunch at the Parkview Inn in Hadashville, and admission to the Manitoba Forestry Centre.

This tour is part of the Alumni Association’s “Professors with a Passion” series, which showcases the

research of University of Winnipeg faculty through tours and other interactive activities.

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