

August 2007

## ***Greetings:***

Fall is quickly approaching and the Twelfth Annual Michigan Space Grant Consortium Conference is just around the corner! This year's conference has been scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2007. You are cordially invited to register for this year's event; a registration form is located on our website: [www.umich.edu/~msgc](http://www.umich.edu/~msgc). The conference will be held in the François Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Building (same location as last year). This year's keynote speaker will be Professor Christopher Ruf, from the University of Michigan's Space Physics Research Laboratory. Professor Ruf will be talking about the latest developments in Earth Environmental Remote Sensing and was most recently awarded the 2006 International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium Paper Award for Detection of RFI by its Amplitude Probability Distribution. To learn more about Professor Ruf, please visit:

<http://aoss.engin.umich.edu/go/?id1=10&id2=1&id3=38>

## **REGISTRATION**

Please register early so that we can get an idea of how many people we can expect for the various activities planned. Remember . . . we need a registration form for *each and every person* attending the conference (including those who will not be participating in a lecture or poster presentation) in order to make adequate plans for seating, refreshments, and lunch. Should you need overnight accommodations, we suggest that you make reservations as soon as possible (see ***Lodging***). Students, please see information within this letter under ***Travel for Students***.

## **CALL FOR LECTURES AND/OR POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

We would like to have presentations on both MSGC ongoing or previous programs (Fellowship, Pre-College Education, Public Outreach, Higher Education Incentive, Teacher Training, Research Seed Grant, and K-12 Educator Incentive Programs) **and non-MSGC** supported but related activities or other space science or aerospace-related research and/or development projects. We are soliciting abstracts for short lectures (not longer than 15 minutes, but specifics will be determined once we receive abstracts) or poster presentations (we will have poster presentation sessions, but we will *not* be hosting a student poster competition) detailing the progress or results of your program, research, or activity. Morning and afternoon poster sessions will be scheduled to give conference participants and guests plenty of time to see each poster and have the opportunity to ask questions. Please see the **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS** page in this packet. Easels (see photo within this letter) will be provided for displaying the posters along with a sheet of black foam core. The sheet of foam core is 32 inches x 40 inches. If you have a tri-fold poster, please request a table.

## **TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS**

The Michigan Space Grant Consortium offers the following to students, *currently or recently participating in MSGC activities*, who are interested in attending the conference:

- Students, if you need overnight accommodations, please call Bonnie Bryant no later than Monday, October 1, 2007. She will make reservations at a hotel no more than 10 – 15 minutes away from the conference location.
- MSGC will reimburse mileage costs at a rate of \$.485 per mile (up to \$200.00) or up to \$200.00 as partial reimbursement toward other modes of transportation.

**SPECIAL NOTE – PLEASE READ!**

Bonnie Bryant will be out of the country starting Wednesday, September 5, 2007 and will return to work on Thursday, September 27, 2007. She will have limited access to e-mail and telephone while away, so please be patient if you have questions about the conference.

**LODGING**

To guarantee reservations, a credit card or deposit for the first night's lodging is a must. When registering, please ask the registration clerk for the University of Michigan rate (rates below reflect the University of Michigan's corporate rate).

<b>HOTEL</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>WEB</b>
Holiday Inn North Campus	(734) 769-9800/ (800)-Holiday	\$92.00	<a href="http://www.annarborholidayinn.com">http://www.annarborholidayinn.com</a>



We look forward to our Twelfth Annual Michigan Space Grant Consortium Conference and hope that many of you will be able to participate in the festivities on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Registering early (**REGISTRATION FORM**) will help us with the organization of the conference, and securing lodging reservations as soon as possible is strongly suggested.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Alec Gallimore'.

Professor Alec D. Gallimore  
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