WELCOME, DR. BOSE

Memorial’s new vice-president (research) wants to heighten our research profile at home and abroad. Dr. Neil Bose began in his role on Nov. 1, re-joining our university from the Australian Maritime College, the national institute for maritime education, training, research and consultancy at the University of Tasmania. “I aim to see Memorial’s research profile grow and plan to provide support to that development,” he told the Gazette in November. That includes striving to recognize those individuals with outstanding achievements in research. Dr. Bose plans to reinforce the efforts to identify and celebrate the accomplishments of faculty through nominations for prestigious awards and honours. You can learn more about Dr. Bose online. You can also follow his observations on research and daily life on Twitter by following him at @VPR_Memorial.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

Dr. Danny Dyer, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, was presented with the 2017 Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) Distinguished Teaching Award on Sept. 21, in honour of the work he has done to provide students with the best opportunity for success, and for the positive effect he’s had on teaching and learning in the wider university community.

The AAU is made up of the 16 universities in the Atlantic region and in the West Indies. It presents up to two awards annually in recognition of excellence in university teaching over a number of years, primarily at the undergraduate level. [more here]

UNITED NATIONS RECOGNITION

A team from Memorial University has been honoured by the United Nations for its research into climate change and its sea ice monitoring system.

Of the 19 groups awarded the UN's 2017 Momentum for Change Climate Solutions Awards, SmartICE — led by geography professor Trevor Bell — was the only group to hail from Canada.

SmartICE allows Inuit to adapt to unpredictable sea-ice conditions, shortening ice seasons and thinning ice by providing information to aid in the planning of safe routes on the ice, thus reducing travel risks.

The Momentum for Change initiative is headed by the United Nations Climate Change secretariat. It shines light on some of the most innovative, scaleable and practical examples of what people around the world are doing to combat climate change. [more here]