



# March 2010

## College of William and Mary

### Applied Research Center Student Newsletter

#### **Brandt Robertson in the News**

When the Biology Department's 30 year old Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) failed this past summer, Dr. Kurt Williamson submitted an equipment grant to purchase a new, state-of-the-art TEM for the College. In the meantime, Brandt Robertson, an ARC Technician, located a used TEM on the popular online bidding service e-Bay. After reviewing the low cost used TEM on-line, Dr. Williamson was impressed and made a bid purchasing the TEM for only \$1,000! Using his past technical training and experience at the ARC labs, Brandt has been able to provide assistance with the "new" TEM from unpacking to repair and operation.



(See article in The Niche 2010 newsletter, *Equipment, Viruses, and Monsters in the Lab*, at <https://www.wm.edu/as/biology/alumni/newsletter/2010/williamson/index.php>.)

#### **Lab Visitors:**



Olga Trofimova is pictured here leading a group of visitors from Micron Technology accompanied by Dr. Helmut Baumgart, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Old Dominion University and Dr. Hani E. Elsayed-Ali, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Eminent Scholar at Old Dominion University. Olga showed our guests some of the important equipment we use in the characterization lab. She also explained how William and Mary, the other universities and industry representatives collaborate to facilitate their research efforts.