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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. Friday, May 9, 2008

What: Annual BCFT Golf Tournament and Banquet

More Details to Come

When: 1:04 pm (First Tee Off Time)

Where: Country Meadows Golf & Country Club
8482 Country Meadows,
Richmond BC

2. Sunday May 25 to Tuesday May 27, 2008

What: CIFST/AAFC Conference
For more information please visit:
www.cifst.ca

Where: Delta Prince Edward Hotel
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

3. Saturday May 31 to Tuesday, June 3

What: Advanced Foods & Materials Network (AFMNet)
Fourth Annual Scientific Conference
www.afmnet.ca

Where: Four Seasons Hotel
791 W Georgia St, Vancouver, BC

Suppliers' Night a Big Success

By Daphne Tsai

On behalf of the Suppliers' Night Committee

Our 14th Annual BCFT Suppliers' Night, held on Wednesday February 27, 2008, was a huge success!

We had a record number of exhibitors this year, over 126 exhibitors! It was a fantastic networking event - we saw some new faces and re-connected with old friends as well!

We were very pleased to have organized free seminars for our attendees earlier that day. Special thanks to **Cantest, Barry Callebaut, Flavors of North America (FONA) and International Fibre Company** for hosting the informative seminars!

Also, thanks to all who volunteered and helped make this event a success!

See you all at 15th B.C.F.T. Suppliers' Night in 2009!



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BCFT at the Pacific Agricultural Show

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the Lower Mainland Horticulture Improvement Association, whose mandate is to improve competitiveness of horticulture through research, education, and technology transfer. As part of the educational component of the Association, the Horticulture Growers' Short Course was held in Abbotsford on February 14-16, BC Food Technologists were please to be asked to participate in a session entitled, "**On-farm processing – Winning in spite of all the challenges**". The packed room for this session was a clear indication that moving beyond primary production to value-added products is of interest to many of the local producers.

Christine Scaman, on behalf of BCFT, gave a presentation on, "**Food Technologists and Scientists, how they can get you where you want to go faster**". The talk highlighted how using the skills of a professional food scientist or technologists can save time and money in the transition from a concept of a food product to getting a safe and successful product to the marketplace. As well, the role of food professionals in offering relevant educational opportunities, ranging from seminars and workshops hosted by BCFT, to credit courses given by educational institutes, was noted. Opportunities to have students from BCIT and UBC work on appropriate projects, as well, the innovation that can result from working with BCIT and UBC scientists on longer-term research were also highlighted.

In summary, the audience took away a message that investing in the services of a food professional by a small food producer will pay off in terms of the time and money saved, and knowledge gained.

BCFT Annual Golf Tournament and Banquet

BCFT invites you to the annual golf tournament and banquet to be held at Country Meadows Golf and Country Club in Richmond, on Friday May 9, 2008. The BCFT social event of the year will include golf, dinner and door prizes. Guests are welcome.

Country Meadows is an 18 hole executive style course. The course challenges the highest skill levels of the game without intimidating the beginner golfer. The event is designed as a "Texas Scramble" (best ball), so we play on teams or four. All levels of players are welcome. The first tee time is 1:04 pm. It is requested that you arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time. Standard golf attire is required, and club and pull cart rental is available for an additional fee.

Banquet dinner will be steak or salmon.

Registration for golf and/or banquet is April 15, 2008. Please contact Sandy Conroy at sandy.conroy@univarcanada.ca. **There will be no registration at the door.**

As always, please participate in the opportunity to promote your business and products. Donations for the door prize gala are always greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate, please contact Nancy Ross at info@foodquality.ca.

Please come out and enjoy good food in the company of fellow food technologists.

Costs: For golf only - \$45.00
For banquet only:
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**Cut off date for registration is April 15, 2008.
Payment due on April 28, 2008.**

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Check out the current positions available at this link.
http://bcft.ca/Positions_available.htm

For more information or to post a job, contact Melanie Thomson at webmaster@bcft.ca




BCFT Website

Please check out the BCFT website at www.bcft.ca for:

- *Up to date information about upcoming BCFT events,*
- *Job Postings, for those companies needing a hard working food technologist,*
- *Job Seekers, for those hard working food technologist needing a company,*
- *Book your table at Supplier's Night using our online registration.*



If you have any feedback or events that you would like posted, please email Melanie Thomson at webmaster@bcft.ca.



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*Join us on Monday, June 2nd, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for
AFMNet's Industry Networking Reception at the
Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver*

The Advanced Foods and Materials Network (AFMNet) is Canada's national food and bio-materials research network. Our researcher teams are developing environmentally sustainable, postharvest treatments to prevent decay in apples, eliminating the need for harmful fungicides; evaluating bioactive compounds in human milk to improve infant formulas; studying three different ways to reduce the cost of peptides, largely recognized by the food sector as useful in consumer products to improve food safety; and evaluating consumer reactions to these innovations to help develop regulations that address business opportunities and societal concerns. And this represents only 4 of our 25 projects!

Come join natural scientists, engineers, health researchers, social scientists and other government and industry representatives as we discuss innovative research and novel approaches, eat a delicious meal and hear Rahul Iyengar, Chief Technology Officer for HL Global Gaming Business and Founder of Voodoo LLC, speak to us on technology in Canada.

Reception - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

*Please RSVP to Louise Jessup
(louise.jessup@afmnet.ca, 519.822-6253 ext. 56498) by Friday, May 9.*

We look forward to seeing you in June!

I also invite you to share this invitation with other BC-based industry partners who may be interested in attending this evening of interesting conversation and productive networking.