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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, September 16, 2009

What: BCFT Annual General Meeting

When: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Center, 4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, BC
- Tuesday, September 22, 2009 and Thursday, September 24, 2009

What: Are You Trans Fat Compliant? Hosted by Richardson Oilseed Limited

When: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: September 22
Best Western Coquitlam Inn
319 North Road, Coquitlam, BC

September 24
Four Points Sheaton
920 McCallum Road, Victoria, BC

For more information, please contact Lloyd Watt at Lloyd.Watt@richardson.ca
- Wednesday Oct. 21 & Thursday Oct. 22, 2009

What: BC Food Protection Association - 10th Anniversary Risk Communication Workshop & Conference

When: Oct 21: 7:30 am – 6:30 pm
Oct 22: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Where: Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, 3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC

For more information, please visit www.bcfpa.net

Message from Chair:

This issue of Tech Talk marks the end of the BCFT 2008/2009 season. Mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday September 16th 2009 at the Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Center. This will mark the beginning of our next season.

This season included a number of successful events. The season started with a Joint Event with BC Food Protection Association in October. Followed by Student's Night in January which was hosted by Chef Charlie Baggs, who outlined the methods for converting gold standard recipes to commercial formulas and flavour B.A.S.I.C.S.

Once again Supplier's Night was a great success and the proceeds were able to continue our scholarship funding of BCIT and UBC Food Sciences. Finally we ended the season with the CIFST National Symposium Series on 'The Future of Food'.

The seminar plans for upcoming season are already in the works and tentative events may be announced at the AGM.

I am pleased to announce that we have again had a number of volunteers step forward in the last few months to be part of our new executive for 2009/2010 and we have almost a complete slate.

I encourage any member that would like to run for an executive position to put their name forward to me prior to the AGM. The executive positions will be voted on and ratified at the AGM.

As an association we hope and continue to provide you with the tools to assist you in your careers. Take advantage of your association and executive committee! If you need more from your association do not hesitate to ask. Visit our website at www.bcft.ca for contact information.

From me and the BCFT Executive, we wish you and yours a great summer. Enjoy the weather and we will see you again at the AGM in September.

Peter Taylor


2008/2009 Chair BCFT



BCFT 2009 Annual Golf Tournament

This year, the BCFT 2009 golf tournament and banquet was held on May 29th at Eaglequest Coyote Creek Golf Course in Surrey. The weather was sunny and hot and all of the golfers had fun. Winners of the event included:

Ladies Longest Drive:	Kim Mayes
Men's Longest Drive:	Jim Cherry
Ladies KP:	Nicole Higgins
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- Improving material flow to a distribution warehouse resulting in improved customer-service performance
- Developing and configuring customer-relations management systems for a retail store chain
- Improving purchasing and accounts payable processes for a building service contractor
- Conducting feasibility studies on expanding product recycling and reclamation

Over the years the Operations Management program has conducted scores of studies for a wide variety of organizations in all sectors of the economy with a considerable degree of success and value to the project hosts. Enabling our students work in an actual industry situation is arguably one of the most valuable things we do. We are inviting you to join us in the education of the next generation of problem solvers and Operations Managers in Industry. If you are interested in becoming a project host, or if you would like to find out more about the next round of student projects which start in September, please contact

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If you are interested in volunteering please contact Peter Taylor - ptaylor@bcft.ca.

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- Job Seekers, for those hard working food technologist needing a company



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