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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 1. MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

What: BCFT Students Night  
*For more information please visit: [www.bcft.ca](http://www.bcft.ca)*

When: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Where: Asian Centre- Auditorium  
University of British Columbia  
1871 West Mall, Vancouver, BC

### 2. TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010

What: BCFT Suppliers' Night  
*For more information please visit: [www.bcft.ca](http://www.bcft.ca)*

When: TBA  
Where: Delta Burnaby Hotel  
and Conference Center  
4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, BC

### 3. FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010

What: Annual BCFT Golf Tournament & Banquet  
When: First tee time is 1:00pm  
Where: Eaglequest Coyote Creek  
7778 152nd Street, Surrey, BC

## 2010 Annual BCFT Student Night - "Trend Forecasting"

Have you ever thought about what is influencing our food, flavor, health and consumer trends seen in North America? UBC will be hosting the 2010 Annual BCFT Student Night Trend Forecasting on January 18 at the Asian Centre at the University of British Columbia. Enjoy a great informational talk by an IFT distinguished speaker.

The evening will start off with a fun round of the ice breaker where students and industry members will be grouped randomly into teams to answer trivia questions related to food science. A prize will be awarded to the winning team. The ice breaker will be followed by a light dinner as well as opportunities to network with people in the industry.

The main focus of the event will be our IFT distinguished speaker - a toxicologist, chef, and registered dietitian, Suzy Badaracco. She will be speaking about the patterns discovered in government, technology, research, allies and adversary movement. Find out more about how food manufactures and food service operators are responding to and navigating the playing field.

When: Monday, January 18, 2010, 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Where: Asian Centre- Auditorium, UBC  
1871 West Mall, Vancouver, BC

### Highlights of the Event:

5:30 pm Check in/Registration

6:15 pm Ice breaker

6:45 pm Refreshments, Light meal, Networking

7:15 pm Speaker- Suzy Badaracco

8:15 pm Door Prizes

### Cost:

Student Members: FREE

Student Non-Members: \$5

Members: \$20

Non-Members: \$40

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** by January 8, 2010 by emailing [ubc.bcft@gmail.com](mailto:ubc.bcft@gmail.com) (or the cost is \$40 at the door regardless of membership status)

**PARKING:** Please see map at <http://www.internationalization.ubc.ca/asiancentre.htm>



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# 2009 IFT Annual Meeting and Food Expo

Submitted by Kim Mayes and Theresia Leung

In June of this year, the 2009 Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Annual Meeting and Food Expo was held in Anaheim, California. Student member representatives in attendance from the BCFT chapter were Kim Mayes, Theresia Leung and Yulietta Chondro. Student members Stella Lukman and Christine Branch were also in attendance. Stella was chosen to participate as a volunteer assistant for the pre-annual IFT course, which included free registration for the meeting and a complimentary shared room during the conference.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the keynote session "What's Next? The Current Economy and the Future of Food" presented by Todd Buchholz and Jeffery Allen Renshaw highlighted some of the economic and policy issues that impact the food industry. In addition, students attended many of the scientific programs and symposiums covering a wide range of topics such as Health and Wellness, Food Safety, Nanotechnology and Biotechnology and Industry Impacts. The Food Expo, which featured nearly 1,000 exhibiting companies from all around the world, included several self-guided trend tours. This year's tours were: Flavour and Colour Innovation, Ingredients for Functional Foods, Naturally Sourced, and Weight Management. Students had opportunities to explore the exhibits, experience the trend



BCFT student representative, Yulietta Chondra, stands outside the Anaheim Convention where the 2009 Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting and Food Expo was held.



BCFT student representatives, Kim Mayes and Theresia Leung, attend the 2009 Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting and Food Expo.

tours, network with industry members and other students, sample new products, and learn about various technological innovations.

The CIFST breakfast was well attended, and offered students the chance to make many important contacts with industry members and academia from across Canada. The conference also put on a student Career Fair, where several hundred students came prepared with their resumes in search of jobs. We are proud that for one of our fellow BCFT student representatives, this experience resulted in an on-site interview for a position at an American food manufacturing company. Following the Student Mixer, the College Bowl Competition Finals, which was also hosted by the IFT Student Association, took place. Many students gathered to watch as eight IFT student chapters competed in a Food Science trivia challenge. The winning team, from North Carolina State, took home the winning prize after a fierce battle of the minds.

For the five BCFT student attendees, this was their first international conference. All were in awe of the various activities and events the conference and expo had to offer. Yulietta describes her experience as "professional and pleasurable," and the "biggest Food Expo I've ever attended." Stella expressed that this opportunity broadened her views about her future opportunities and career in food science. The students would like to thank BCFT for their generous sponsorship which made the trip to Anaheim possible.

## New UBC and BCIT Student Awards Created

Both UBC & BCIT are fortunate to have new awards to be given out this year to their students.

At BCIT, the **Jack Phillips, Jerry Hedding and BC Food Technologists Leadership Award** will be given annually to a student who has exhibited strong leadership qualities. This award has been established to recognize the long-standing contributions of Jack and Jerry to BCFT and to the food industry.

At UBC, two new awards will be given out this year. An annual award for a third or fourth year UBC Food Science student who demonstrates outstanding leadership in class, campus life or community has been created through an endowment by Jerry Hedding. Jerry established this award recognizing that active students showing leadership qualities are important for the future of the food industry.

As well, a new UBC Graduate Student award has been established by BCFT. The award will recognize a student who has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement and research excellence, leadership ability and commitment to the profession.

## BCFT Website

Please check out the BCFT website at [www.bcft.ca](http://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](mailto:webmaster@bcft.ca).



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## Special Thanks to Long-Standing Executive Member Jack Phillips

Submitted by Anne McCannel

A new student award has been established at BCIT to recognize the long-standing contributions of Jack Phillips and Jerry Hedding to BCFT and to the food industry. Jerry Hedding's many contributions were highlighted in a previous TechTalk article published in September 2008. Jack Phillips' dedication and extensive service to the association has also been evident in his many activities throughout the years.

Jack joined CIFST in 1964, became a member of BCFT soon after, and then became an active member of the executive. He originally joined the executive as a Director,

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and then became program chair, vice chair, and chair. He was on several committees that planned joint meetings between BCFT and various American sections which included events in Puget Sound, Seattle, Wenatchee and Portland.

He actively assisted with preparation of CIFST national conferences held here in Vancouver in 1974, 1984 and 1994.

In the 1990's, Jack had a vision of a British Columbia Suppliers' Night that would tie into the Northwest Suppliers' Night circuit. Under Jack's direction, this evolved into the highly successful event that we now enjoy each year. Jack

continues to assist the Suppliers' Night committee where needed.

As an ingredient supplier and owner of Phillips Ingredients Inc, Jack has been a huge asset to the food industry. Manufacturers looking for hard-to-find ingredients have always been able to count on Jack to find ingredients and bring them in.

Jack has offered so much to the organization and food industry through his very nature. He has a sense of wisdom and calm that has been welcome at many executive meetings, and has enhanced countless BCFT events. He has been a mentor to many.

In recognition of Jack's long-standing commitment to BCFT and CIFST, he was made an Emeritus member of CIFST in 2000. In 2005, he was awarded the BCFT Barry Walsh award. This year, further recognition was given through the creation of the new student award at BCIT.

We give sincere thanks to Jack for all of his hard work, and extend him best wishes.

**Thanks for everything!**



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## Directed Studies Projects for BCIT Students!

The BCIT Food Technology Program is again accepting project proposals from companies willing to sponsor second year students taking the Directed Studies course in Food Technology. Past projects have included topics such as: HACCP and prerequisite program development, food product development, shelf life studies, nutritional analysis, waste utilization, and many others.

The students have one day per week (Wednesdays) from January to April to devote to the project. Note: this year, BCIT is closed for two weeks for the Olympics (February 13 to February 28). Students therefore may be available to take on a project that involves working every day for two weeks at the sponsor site, if this can be arranged to coincide with the Olympics schedule.

Students complete a literature review on the project area, develop methodology with assistance of the sponsor, and then carry out the specific research. Work may be done at BCIT and/or company premises. During the project, the student has access to BCIT Food Technology pilot plant and analytical equipment (except during the Olympics). Presentation of oral and written reports will take place in May. The sponsor is asked to be available to advise the student throughout the project, attend the oral presentation, complete a brief evaluation of the student, and cover costs of consumables.

For information, please contact Anne McCannel at (604) 432-8269 or [Anne\\_McCannel@bcit.ca](mailto:Anne_McCannel@bcit.ca). Projects must be submitted by December 15 to be considered. Project acceptance depends on suitability and interest by the students.

## Nominate a BCFT member for an Award!

As you probably know, BCFT is a section of the Institute of Food Technology (IFT) and the Canadian Institute of Food Science & Technology (CIFST). Both associations have awards established to honour and recognize individuals involved in industry, government and academia. Eligibility depends on the specific award type. Descriptions of the IFT awards can be found at [www.ift.org](http://www.ift.org); descriptions of the CIFST awards can be found at [www.cifst.ca](http://www.cifst.ca). Please note that the deadline for nominations for all IFT achievement awards is December 1.

Let's recognize our many deserving members through these awards.



## For Employers and Job Searchers

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Check out the current positions available at this link. [http://bcft.ca/Positions\\_available.htm](http://bcft.ca/Positions_available.htm)

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