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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

What: BCFT Students Night
For more information please visit: 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
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 (or the cost is \$40 at the door regardless of membership status)

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

As always, we welcome you to promote your business and products at this event. We would greatly appreciate any contributions for door prizes that your company can make this year. If you wish to donate, please contact ubc.bcft@gmail.com for more details regarding this request.



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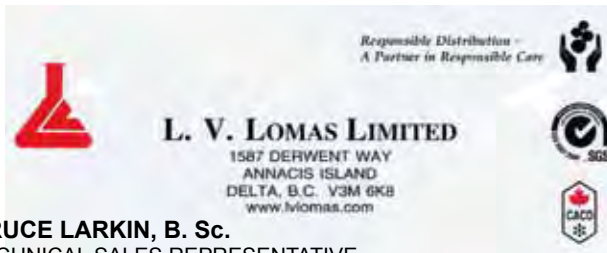
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Message from Chair

Another year is passing and we may find that 2009 was one of the more challenging years in recent memory.

The year started with the aftermath of the 'credit crunch' and has continued to be a struggle both creatively and financially for the food industry. Food Safety continues to be the primary media issue, with voluntary recall notices covering the range from pathogenic bacteria to allergens.

With 2009 ending, what is your mindset? Did you meet the challenges of 2009 and are confident moving into 2010?

For BCFT, we will see an eventful 2010 for our members. The Vancouver Olympics has created challenges for our Suppliers Night venues and we have moved the date to April 27th, 2010 to avoid the congestion that is sure to come in February 2010. I would like to remind all the members to follow our Upcoming Events page on our website at www.bcft.ca to keep up to date on all the events in 2010.

As we move into 2010, I believe we can look forward to good fortunes in our industry, although we may continue to be tempered with consumer, financial and regulatory issues.

From myself and the executive of the BCFT we wish you and your families a happy 2010!

Peter Taylor

2009/2010 Chair BCFT

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Are you thinking of tapping into the rapidly growing US functional foods, and beverages market? A report on this topic prepared by Sharan Evani, Sr. Marketing & Trade Officer, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, can be viewed at <http://www.ats-sea.agr.gc.ca/eve/5289-eng.htm>. The report highlights several key areas of sweeteners, fibre, probiotics, fatty acids, antioxidants and sodium reduction or replacement, along with recommendations for Canadian food producers. For further information, Sharan can be contacted at 604-666-2861 or sharan.evani@agr.gc.ca.

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

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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 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
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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. 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; descriptions of the CIFST awards can be found at 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.



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