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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. Tuesday, November 8, 2011 to Wednesday, November 9, 2011

What: BC's First "Full Chain" Farm to Fork Symposium
Presented by the BC Food Safety Stakeholders
Group in partnership with the BC Food
Protection Association

Where: The Coast Hotel & Convention Centre
20393 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC

Details: For more information:
please visit www.foodsafetybc.ca

2. Wednesday, February 29, 2012

What: BCFT Suppliers' Night

When: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Details: For more information: please visit www.bcft.ca
or contact suppliersnight@bcft.ca

3. Sunday May 27, 2012 to Tuesday, May 29, 2012

What: CIFST 50th National Conference
Innovation Meets Commercialization

Where: Scotiabank Covention Centre
6815 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON

Details: For more information: please visit www.cifst.ca

We're on Facebook!



BCFT has expanded its web presence to Facebook. Facebook is a free social networking service connecting individuals to their friends.

Find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/British-Columbia-Food-Technologists-BCFT/180485308680605>.
"Like" us to get all the latest BCFT updates!

Message from the Incoming Chair

As a new year with the BC Food Technologists begins, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the incoming chair this year. I am looking forward to spending this year moving our section ahead. As Peter Taylor mentioned at the Annual General Meeting on September 29th, the BCFT is on top of its game, and I hope to help move it along further with this year's new executive slate.



While we will continue our traditional section programs, such as Suppliers' Night and the Golf Tournament and Banquet, we will also see some programs focused on bringing out new industry professionals to networking events, as well as a major website update. We will be updating section by laws and SOPs to comply with CIFST and IFT directives. And finally, we are entering into the world of social media. Find us on Facebook and Twitter (@BCFoodTech) and keep up with BCFT news on a regular basis.

As your professional association, we are committed to providing you with membership value. If you have any ideas on how we can best serve the membership, please don't hesitate to contact us. I hope to see you at our events!

Sincerely,

Reena Mistry

2011/2012 BCFT Chair

Letter from BCIT's Annual Graduate Award Winner

Dear BCFT executives and members,

I would like to express my gratitude for selecting me as the recipient of the BCFT graduate student award. I am honored to be chosen and I feel appreciative for the financial support. The award will contribute to my tuition which in turn will reduce my financial load as graduate student. I am thus thankful both for the recognition and the monetary assistance.

Again, thank you.

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BCFT AGM 2011

On September 29, BCFT held its Annual General Meeting at the Delta Burnaby Hotel. Last year's executive was recognized and the incoming executive introduced. A notable change is BCFT's new chair, Reena Mistry, who plans to add a new component to the organization by developing some events for new professionals.

We looked back at the success of events like Suppliers Night. With approximately 125 suppliers participating last year, the event has helped to make BCFT the most financially successful chapter of CIFST. The recipients of various financial academic awards were recognized. Lastly, we collectively

thanked and congratulated Ron Wasik and Amrik Khurana for remaining members of BCFT for 25 years! Thanks to every one who attended! We have a fantastic year ahead of us and we'll see you all at the next event!



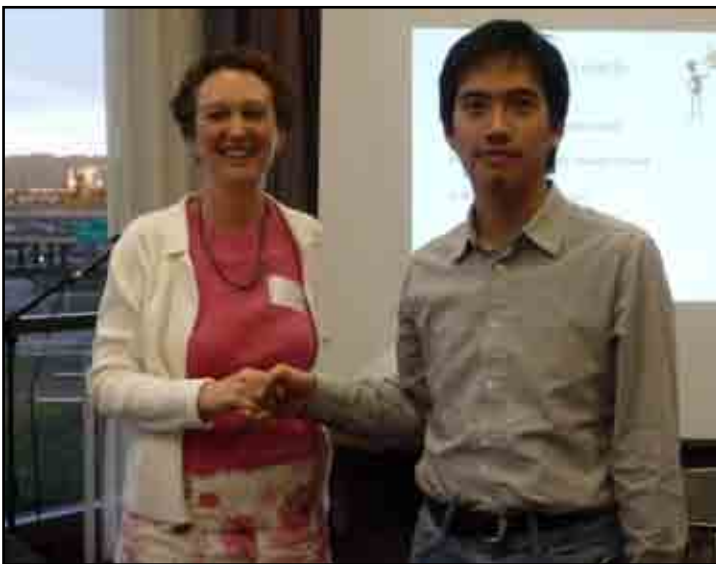
Anne McCannel presents a review of BCFT Student Awards.




BCFT Annual General Meeting at the Delta Burnaby Hotel.



Anne McCannel congratulates Angie Dueck who was awarded the UBC Undergraduate Award.



Anne McCannel congratulates William Hu who was a joint recipient for the BCIT Undergraduate Award.

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The BCFT is Looking for You!



As you know the BCFT is run entirely by volunteers and once again we are soliciting members for their interest in participating in next year's executive. We will have a number of vacancies to fill. Help keep our flame burning bright.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Reena Mistry at chair@bcft.ca.

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If you are interested, send us a quick e-mail at fnh.alumni@ubc.ca to update your contact information (name, email, major and year of graduation). Or, connect with us by Facebook by joining our group at "UBC FNH Alumni". A great way to stay up-to-date with the program and to connect with former classmates!

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 technologists needing a company

If you have any feedback or events that you would like posted, please email Angie Dueck at angie.dueck@gmail.com.

For Employers and Job Searchers

BCFT sponsors 'no-charge' job postings and resume postings on our website. Please ensure the posting is in pdf or word document form. Optionally, we can provide a form for the job posting.

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

For more information or to post a job, contact Angie Dueck at angie.dueck@gmail.com



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