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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

What: BCFT Annual General Meeting

When: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Where: River Rock Casino Resort
8811 River Rd
Richmond, BC

2. OCTOBER 9, 2008

What: BC Food Protection
Association Speaker's Evening

When: TBA

Where: Shadbolt Centre for
the Performing Arts
6450 Deer Lake Ave
Burnaby, BC

Message from the Chair

This issue of Tech Talk marks the end of the BCFT 2007/2008 season. Mark your calendars for the AGM on September 17th at the River Rock in Richmond. This will mark the beginning of our next season.

This season included a number of successful events. The season started with a CIFST National Speakers Event on 'Harvesting a Nation's Appetite'. Student's Night in January hosted a very interesting event on NASA and Food for Space Travel. 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.

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

I am pleased to announce that all current executive members have offered to return in their current roles for next year. I encourage any member that would like to run

for an executive position to put their name forward prior to the AGM. The executive positions will be voted on and ratified at the AGM. The list of executives can be found on our website.

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 myself 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
2007/2008 Chair, BCFT

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BCFT 2008 Annual Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament and banquet, held on May 9th at Country Meadows Golf & Country Club, was a great event as always. The weather was warm and sunny and the golfers had fun. Winners of the event included:

Ladies Longest Drive:	Gay Soutter
Men's Longest Drive:	Joe Buckman
Ladies KP:	Sandy Conroy
Men's KP:	Peter Taylor
Winning Team:	Frank Koch
	Joe Buckman
	David Ng
	Richard Berg

Special Notation

Ladies Special KP – hitting the flag:
Chris Scaman

Men's KT - hitting the out house:
Brian Jang

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Also, on behalf of the BCFT Executive, we would like to thank Sandy Conroy and Nancy Ross for organizing the Golf Tournament and Banquet. **Sandy and Nancy, Thank You!**



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Perhaps it would be a suitable project topic for UBC Food Science students in the 4th year capstone course "FNH 425"!

The objective of FNH 425 is to provide students with an opportunity to gain some real-life experience and to make contacts/connections with members of the food industry. Each group of 3-5 students will be assigned to an appropriate project proposed by or known to be relevant to industry. The project may involve product formulation, process development, quality assurance, and/or analysis of chemical, physical, nutritional or sensory properties, etc.

For more details about the course, including information for the industry sponsor, please take a look at last year's syllabus at <http://www.landfood.ubc.ca/courses/fnh/425/>

Interested in exploring the possibilities for a project for the coming academic year? Please contact the course coordinator Eunice Li-Chan via e-mail **Eunice.Li-Chan@ubc.ca** by **July 18, 2008**. Thank you!

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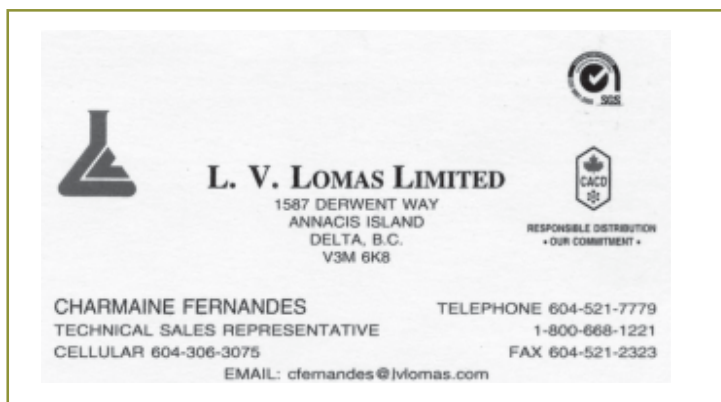
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BCFT Award Winners to be Recognized at CIFST Conference

Submitted by Anne McCannel
BCFT Awards Chair

Two BCFT members will be recognized at the awards ceremony at the upcoming CIFST conference being held in Prince Edward Island.

Dr. Eunice Li-Chan, (UBC Food, Nutrition and Health) an outstanding teacher and researcher, has been elected *Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology*. This is one of the highest honors to be bestowed upon a CIFST member.

Dr. Li-Chan has been an active supporter of BCFT, serving on the local executive as director from 1997 to 1998, and as IFT councilor from 1998 to 2002. She has inspired many young food scientists through her teaching of several different Food Science courses at UBC. Her contribution to food science through her research has been extensive.

Dr. Li-Chan's qualifications are well summarized in the statement made by Crystal Cinq-Mars, former M.Sc. student of Dr. Li-Chan's:

"As a Graduate Studies supervisor and a Food Science professional, Dr. Eunice Li-Chan is nothing but exceptional. She is always professional yet personable, punctual yet patient. She is an accessible mentor to junior and senior students alike; as instructor of "Exploring Our Food" she has helped inspire many students to enter Food Science, while as a supervisor she has spent innumerable hours subtly coaching graduate students through both the technical details and the widespread implications of their research. Dr. Li-Chan's creativity in and dedication to the field of Food Science undeniably warrants the distinction of CIFST Fellow."

The CIFST Food Production Award, recognizing outstanding contribution to the food processing industry by QC or QA management personnel, will go to Parimal

Rana of Garden Protein International.

Parimal has been involved in the area of Quality Assurance in the food industry since 1995. He has been a strong supporter of BCFT, first becoming involved in 1994 when, as the UBC student representative, he assisted with organization of audiovisual and technical services at the 1994 CIFST conference held in Vancouver. In 1995, 1997 and 2000, Parimal took on the role of BCFT's Banquet Chair, successfully promoting and organizing the popular event. In 1997 he moved into the position of Program Chair, followed by Chair in 1998.

He continues to support the industry through his involvement with numerous other organizations, including the BC Food Processors Association, the National Seafood Sector Council, and the Investment Agriculture Foundation.

Over the past four years, Parimal has further contributed by mentoring new food scientists through the UBC Mentorship program.

Parimal's enthusiasm, incredible energy level and vision for a stronger food industry within BC have been motivating factors to many in the food industry.

BCFT extends sincere congratulations to both Eunice and Parimal.

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