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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

What: CIFST 50th National Conference  
Innovation Meets Commercialization

Where: Scotiabank Convention Centre  
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Niagara Falls, ON

Details: For more information:  
please visit [www.cifst.ca](http://www.cifst.ca)

2. Tuesday June 5 and Wednesday June 6, 2012

What: FoodProWest 2012  
Where: Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Center  
4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, BC

Details: For more information: please visit  
<http://bcfpa.ca/FoodProWest2012>

3. Thursday June 7, 2012

What: BCFT Annual Golf Tournament and Banquet  
When: 12:00pm First Tee Off Begins  
6:00pm Banquet Begins

Where: Greenacres Golf Course  
5040 No. 6 Rd., Richmond, BC

Details: For more information:  
please visit [www.bcft.ca](http://www.bcft.ca)

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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>.

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# BCFT Spring Event: Tours, Talks, & Treats!

By **Melanie Thomson**

BCFT Program Committee member

This year's BCFT spring event was held on April 17, 2012. The BCFT program committee organized this exciting event, which included a tour of Pace Processing's pizza manufacturing facility in Surrey, followed by refreshments, networking and a presentation by Ken Hall about the BC Food Innovation Centre.

Close to 30 members and guests enjoyed the tours led by BCFT members Karl Li and Nancy Ross. The recently constructed facility was designed with safe food manufacturing in mind, with a functional horseshoe shaped layout and clearly distinct areas for receiving, storage of materials and chemicals, processing, packaging and shipping.



*Pace Processing - Automated application of sauce on pizza dough*

We put on disposable hairnets, boots and lab coats and went through a hand wash station prior to entering the plant. Our tours led us from the beginning of the process to the end, pausing at each stop for questions. We particularly enjoyed seeing the production line in action, with its automated application of sauce and toppings, and the application of shrink wrap to the finished pizza.

After a question and answer session, we headed over to the nearby Ramada Inn for the next part of our session. While enjoying refreshments, including freshly baked Pace Processing pizza, the group took



*Pace Processing - Pizzas ready for packing.*

advantage of the networking time.

The final portion of the event was a presentation by Ken Hall of the BC Food Innovation Centre. Ken explained to us the origins and structure of the Centre, its current operations and plans for the future. This facility and its services have been long-anticipated by the food industry in B.C., and it was exciting to hear about upcoming courses and planned research facilities. Please visit the BC Food Innovation Centre website for the latest information: <http://www.foodinnovationcentre.ca/>, or contact Ken Hall at [ken@foodinnovationcentre.ca](mailto:ken@foodinnovationcentre.ca).

The evening ended with the presentation of gifts to express our gratitude to those who made the evening possible: to Karl Li of Pace Processing for his efforts in arranging our tour, to Nancy Ross for leading tours, and to Ken Hall for sharing his presentation on the BC Food Innovation Centre with our group.


Please see the BCFT website and TechTalk for information about our upcoming events!

# 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
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- Job Postings (<http://www.bcft.ca/employment.html>.) for those companies needing a hard working food technologist.


If you have any feedback or events that you would like posted, please email Angie Dueck at [webmaster@bcft.ca](mailto:webmaster@bcft.ca).



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Golf format will be Texas Scramble. You can create your own team of four or we will match you with other golfers.

Location: Greenacres Golf Course  
5040 No 6 Rd Richmond, BC V6V 1T1  
(604) 273-1121

Time: Golf: First Tee Off time at 12 noon  
Banquet to follow at 6:00 pm

Prices:  
Golf and Banquet - \$125  
Golf and Banquet - Student Member Rate - \$95  
Banquet Only - BCFT Member - \$45  
Banquet Only - BCFT Non-Member -\$65  
Banquet Only - Student Member Rate - \$30  
Golf carts are not included and can be made available directly from Greenacres Golf Course.



For any questions or comments contact Sandy Conroy at [sandy.conroy@univarcana.com](mailto:sandy.conroy@univarcana.com). Please register with Christine Scaman – [christine.scaman@ubc.ca](mailto:christine.scaman@ubc.ca) Please indicate whether you are a BCFT member, and if you wish to register for both golf and the banquet or the banquet only. Please contact Peter Taylor at [taylor58@telus.net](mailto:taylor58@telus.net) with donations, prizes and golf sponsorships.



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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!

### 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](mailto:chair@bcft.ca).

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