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CALENDAR OF **EVENTS**

1. Thursday, September 13 to Friday, September 14, 2012

What: 2012 Pacific NW IFT Section Conference

21st Century Food Industry Trends

Where: Granville Island Hotel

> 1253 Johnston St Vancouver, BC

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British Columbia Produces Award Winners!

A number of BCFT members received awards at the CIFST (Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology) national conference held in Niagara Falls at the end of May. Brief descriptions of the award winners are given below. More details can be found on the CIFST website at www.cifst.ca, in the awards section.

Margaret Daskis received the Food Safety & Quality Award, recognizing her commitment to the enhancement of safety and quality of food products in British Columbia. Margaret created her consulting company, Fresh Ideas and Solutions, in 1999. In her capacity as President and



CIFST Award Winners Reena Mistry, Dr. Tim Durance, Paul Wong (representing Daiya Foods), Dr. Joe Mazza and Margaret Daskis, with Anne McCannel (third from the right).

Owner, Margaret has assisted many companies. Her focus has been on effective and functional HACCP programs. She has introduced & implemented ISO 9001:2000 in two manufacturing facilities, and worked with non-profit societies to develop value-added products and food safety training programs. Working with the Small Scale Food Processors Association, she administered the Food Safety Initiative program as an assessor and consultant. Margaret held key roles on the BCFT executive from 2003 to 2010, and continues to support the organization as an active member.

Dr. Tim Durance is Director, Chairman and co-CEO of EnWave Corporation, and Professor in Food, Nutrition and Health at UBC. Dr. Durance received the Fellow of the Institute Award for his outstanding research, technical direction, publications, teaching, and service to the community. Dr. Durance's work has generated sixteen patents, and numerous publications. His applied research meets the objective of CIFST to "promote quality, safety and wholesomeness of the food supply through applications of food science and technology".

Dr. Durance also received the CEO of the Year Award for his work with EnWave, a company that is developing a new industry standard for the dehydration of food, liquids, and pharmaceuticals. EnWave's current technology dates back to 1996 when Dr. Durance developed the first prototype Radiant Energy Vacuum ("REV") machine at the University of British Columbia. Since then, EnWave has produced and sold commercial-scale, continuous machines for food dehydration, and developed a number of prototypes for drying bulk liquids and pharmaceuticals in vials. EnWave has been named one of the TSX Venture Top 50 companies

for three consecutive years. In January 2012, the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. awarded Dr. Durance the Award of Excellence for Innovation in Agriculture and Agri-Food, in recognition of his innovative thinking and contribution to the BC food industry.

Dr. G. (Joe) Mazza, who recently retired from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, received Emeritus Membership. As one of the first scientists studying anthocyanins and other natural products, Dr Mazza became recognized as a world leader in this field. He has authored or co-authored over 200 research papers, several critical reviews,

over 30 book chapters and five books. In 2002, he received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his work in the area of functional foods and nutraceuticals. In 2005 he was named by the Information Sciences Institute as 'a world's most cited and influential researcher' in agricultural sciences. Dr. Mazza has recently created Mazza Innovation Ltd., a company which provides extraction systems for high value phytochemicals from plants.

Reena Mistry received the newly created Student Leadership Award, recognizing her outstanding leadership demonstrated through her many activities. Reena has been very active with the BCFT executive over the last several years. In 2007, she became involved as the UBC Student Representative. In 2008, she continued on as director-atlarge. In 2009, she became secretary for the organization, and remained in this position for two years. Since 2011, she has taken on the lead role of BCFT chair, and has spearheaded the New Professionals committee to target engagement of recent graduates and new members of the industry. As a UBC student, Reena has served as a Senior Student Mentor, and the Food Science Graduate Student representative at UBC faculty meetings. In 2010 and 2011, she was VP of Membership Experiences for the IFT Student Association. She assisted in the organization of a mixer for new professionals at the IFT annual meeting recently held in Las Vegas. Reena works full-time for Daiya Foods, and is expected to complete her M.Sc. in Food Science in the summer.

Daiya Foods Inc. received the Gordon Royal Maybee Award in recognition of their outstanding applied development. The company, which was founded in January 2008, owns proprietary technology and know-how that



UBC M.Sc. student Orly Varon, winner of the CIFST Student Poster competition

their outstanding product development through several prestigious honours and awards.

Orly Varon, a M.Sc. student in Food, Nutrition and Health at UBC, received first place in the Student Poster competition for her poster titled 'Characterization of the Antimicrobial Activity of the Chilean Tinamou (Nothoprocta Perdicaria) Egg White Ovotransferrin'. Orly's academic advisor is Dr. Christine Scaman.

enables it to produce both hard and soft varieties of its

producing commercial-scale quantities of its cheddar and Italian blend (mozzarella style) products. Daiya has just launched its second generation of soft cheese varieties (eg: Cheddar, Jack, and Havarti Jalapeno). Over the last few years, this young company has been recognized for

Currently the company is

vegan cheese alternative.

Sincere congratulations are extended to all the winners!



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BCFT Annual Golf Tournament and Banquet

The BCFT Golf and dinner banquet was held on Juneuary 7, 2012 at Green Acres golf course under liquid sunshine. We would like to thank retirees John and Gay Soutter for supporting this event every year and for being the first group out to lead the way through all 18 wet holes. Special thanks to Paul Cole (Bell Flavors & Fragrances) for making an effort to bring his group north but having to turn back because they didn't have the proper rain gear, we will do our best for sunshine next year. Our men's longest drive winner was Raj Dhillon (The Original Cakerie) and for women it was Lucie Nicholls (Carmi Flavors). The winning team at 2 under par was Dave King and Wade Godin (Sandel Foods) and Lucie Nicholls (Carmi Flavors). Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone for slogging through all 18 holes.

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BCFT Golf Winning Team - Dave King, Wade Godin, and Lucie Nicholls



BCFT Golf Men's Longest Drive winner Raj Dhillon



BCFT Golf Women's Longest Drive winner Lucie Nicholls

Challenge Cup at the 50th CIFST conference

Eight students from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) represented their schools in the Challenge Cup at the 50th CIFST conference in Niagara Falls. A total of ten schools from across the country competed to win the Marvin Tung trophy, named after an outstanding food scientist who was at the forefront of food packaging and thermal processing research. To make the Challenge Cup more exciting this year, each team was supported by an industry sponsor, who provided attire and participated in the competition as well. The competition consisted of a lightning and a jeopardy round of questions that covered different topics in Food Science. All students enjoyed the

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BCIT Team: Kevin Chau, Jennifer Lau, Andrew Hou, Karen Edgar



UBC Team: Ana Cancarevic, Monica Tang, Amy Leung, Jamie Siu

opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and cheered for their favourite teams as we approached the final round. In the thrilling finals, the University of Manitoba won the trophy in a tight battle against the University of Guelph.

Later that evening, a social event held at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville provided further opportunities for everyone to network while enjoying tasty food in a relaxed atmosphere. The UBC and BCIT teams would like to thank BCFT as well as the Food Science departments at both schools for sponsoring the trip and providing them with the opportunity to attend the conference.



BCIT Students during Student Challenge Competition with Industry Sponsor, Vijay Dhanraj, from Brenntag



UBC Students during Student Challenge Competition with Industry Sponsor, Belinda Elysee-Collen, from International Sugars

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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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