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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. Thursday, September 29, 2011

What: BCFT Annual General Meeting

When: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Ctr.
4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby, BC

Details: Beverages and appetizers served.
Open to all members in good standing with BCFT (through CIFST or IFT).

Please register with Christine Scaman at christine.scaman@ubc.ca

For more info or to request agenda items, please contact Peter Taylor: taylor58@telus.net or 604-506-0686

2. Tue., Nov. 8, to Wed., Nov. 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

3. Wednesday, February 29, 2012

What: BCFT Suppliers' Night

When: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Where: Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Ctr.
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Canadians at IFT 11!

Submitted by Reena Mistry

This year's IFT Annual Meeting and Food Expo (AMFE) was held in the Big Easy (New Orleans, LA) from June 11-14. More than 900+ exhibitors were present to show their latest products and innovations on the expo floor to the 15,000 food professionals in attendance. Canadians had a strong presence this year among these large numbers. University of Guelph's and UBC alumni, Rickey Yada, was named an IFT Fellow this year, which is IFT's highest honor! Congratulations, Rickey, from BCFT!

There were also many students from UBC attending the conference for various reasons. Chelsea Leung, Keely Johnston, and Florence Yip presented a poster on their research about evaluating the undergraduate food science curriculum and pedagogical practices at UBC. Charmaine Koo participated in the IFT Student Association (IFTSA) Undergraduate Research Competition by presenting her research about the synthesis of molecularly imprinted polymers for vitamins. Jonathan Fong, another UBC student, was also among the attendees soaking in all the conference has to offer. And I was there, not only representing BCFT at the Strategic Leadership Forum held the day before the conference, but also to carry out my duties as the VP of Membership Experiences for the IFTSA by setting up and maintaining the info booth, as well as organizing the end of the conference Networking Reception which was held this year at Maison on Frenchmen St.

Other Vancouver sightings at the conference this year included a poster session by Dr. Eunice Li-Chan at UBC who

presented a poster about her research on taste characteristics on hydrolysates of shrimp processing byproducts. EnWave Corporation was also spotted at their booth on the conference floor.

At the Canadian Breakfast, an annual gathering of Canadians at IFT, Carol Ann Burrell from CIFST announced that the CIFST conference would be held next year at Niagara Falls on May 27-29, 2012. And what was further exciting was the announcement of the 2014 CIFST Conference being held in conjunction with the IUFoST Conference in Montreal! Keep you eyes and ears open for more news on these events at www.cifstsa.ca.

It's very difficult to catch everything at the IFT AMFE as it is a huge event, but I am glad to see that Canadians had a strong presence at the conference this year. (Having the Stanley Cup Finals going on made it a lot easier to spot fellow Vancouverite conference attendees at the sports bars trying to catch the games!) Of course, I made it to a number of very interesting and engaging speaker sessions such as Sam Kass, White House Chef & Senior Policy Advisor for Healthy Food Initiatives speaking on using food science to tackle childhood obesity, but IFT has already done a great job of summarizing those: <http://live.ift.org/2011/06/28/official-wrap-up-of-the-ift-annual-meeting-food-expo/>.

Please see page 3 of this month's Tech Talk for a sampling of photos taken from IFT 11.

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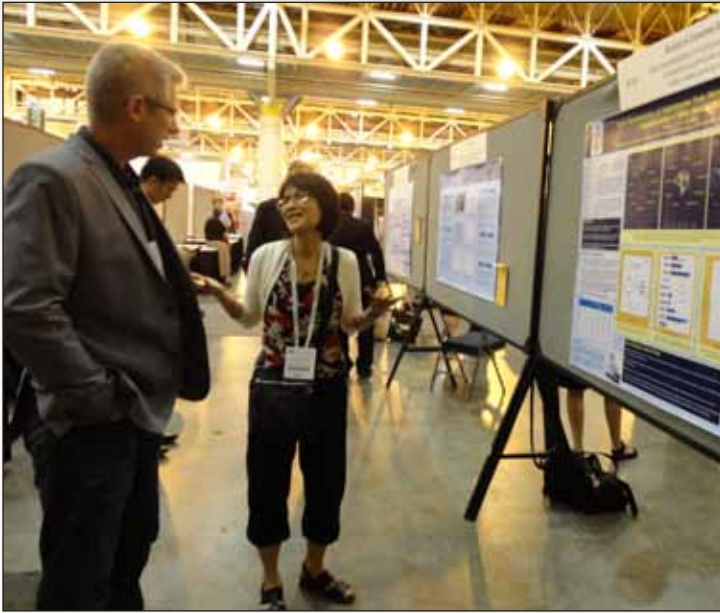
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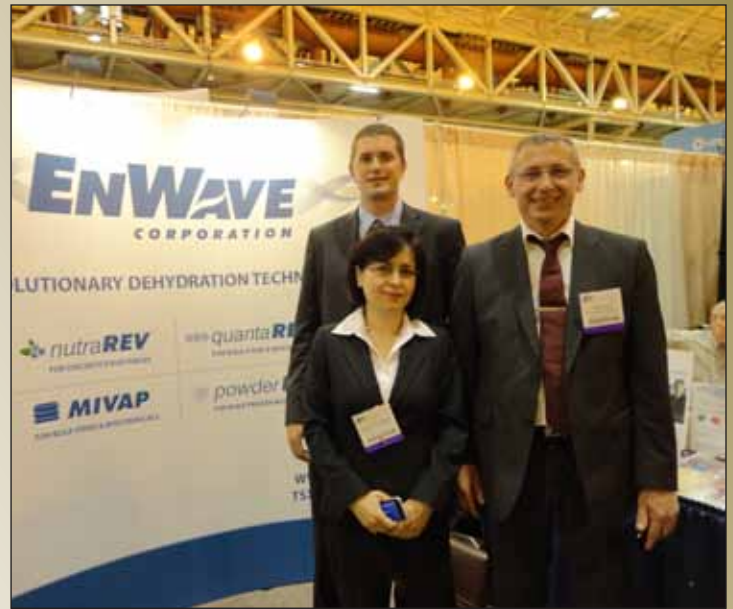
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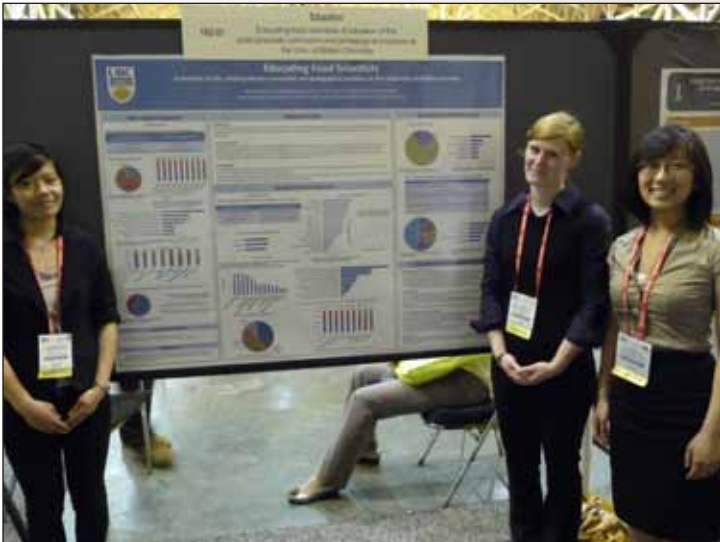
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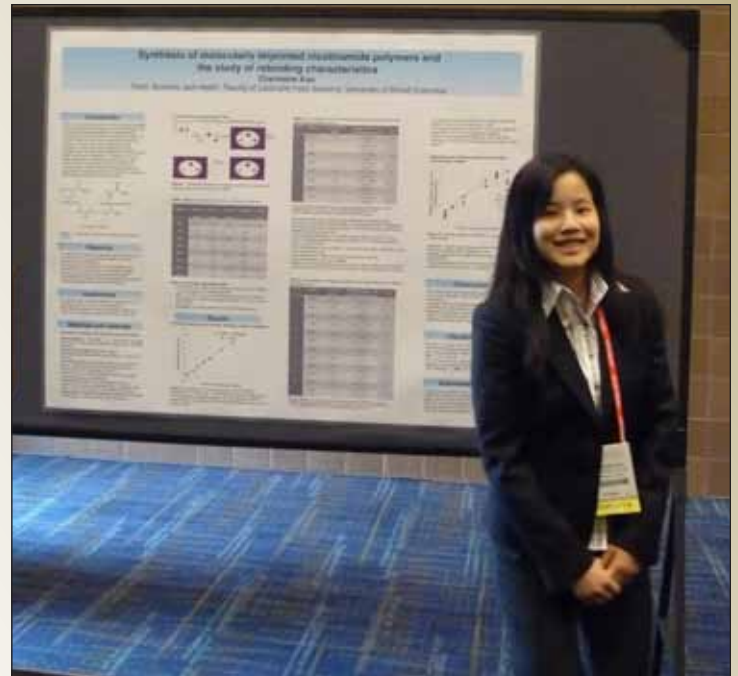
Dr. Eunice Li Chan explaining her research to Dean Neuls of AlgaeCal in Vancouver.



The Enwave team at their booth.



Chelsea Leung, Keely Johnston, and Florence Yip with their research poster.



Charmaine Koo, a recent UBC Food Science Graduate, presenting her research at the IFTSA Undergraduate Research Competition.



Reena Mistry at the IFTSA Information Booth.



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BCFT Awards Top Food Science and Technology Students



Reena Mistry with Amy Luan, William Hu, and Kendra Coutts.

BCFT proudly recognizes top UBC Food Science and BCIT Food Technology students by bestowing annual awards.

This year's winner for the UBC undergraduate award was Angie Dueck. Angie was a UBC student representative on the BCFT executive last year, and will continue on the executive in the role of webmaster. Angie graduated with a B.Sc. in Food and Nutritional Sciences in April, and is currently working at the SGS Agri-Food Laboratory as a lab technician, analyzing food and feed samples for nutrient content.

At BCIT, the award was shared by graduates Kendra Coutts, William Hu and Amy Luan. All three were BCIT student representatives on the BCFT executive last year. Kendra is currently working at Daiya Foods as a Food Technologist in QA and R&D. William is working at Azuma Foods in Quality Control. Amy



Congratulations to this year's winner for the UBC Undergraduate Award, Angie Dueck.

is continuing her education to further enhance her knowledge in the food industry.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the new graduates.



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Letters from BCIT's Annual Undergrad Award Winners

Dear Members of the BC Food Technologists,

My sincerest thanks for presenting me with the BCFT Food Technologist Award in Food Technology for 2011. I was very honored to be a recipient.

I enjoyed my time as a student representative of BCIT and will remain on the executive. I am looking forward to the new experiences and opportunities associated with my role as a Director at Large.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the BCIT Food Technology Faculty for their amazing support. My two years at BCIT were very rewarding and they helped me transform my interests into a career.

Earlier this year I was also very fortunate to be the recipient of the BCFT Jack Phillips and Jerry Hedding Leadership Award. Both these individuals have made monumental contributions to the Food Technology Industry and I was honored to be recognized. As I meet other members of this industry I am continually inspired and I will strive to make my own contribution.

Currently, I am working at Daiya Foods Inc. as a Food Technologist, QA & R&D. This is an exciting chapter in my life and I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has helped me reach my potential.

Sincerely,

Kendra Coutts

July 26, 2011

Dear BC Food Technologist Association,

I would like to thank the BCFT Association for presenting the BCFT award in Food Technology to me and my fellow classmates. Not only was it a privilege to receive this award but to have also worked with everyone in the association. Thank you for trusting us in organizing the BCFT's Annual Speaker's Night event and giving us a year of experience on the committee. I hope to cross paths with everyone again in the future. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Amy Luan



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July 20th 2011

Dear BCFT Executives and Members,

I am writing to thank you all for the generous \$500.00 BC Food Technologists Award. I am very excited and grateful to be selected with such an honour.

In these past two years I have learned a great deal not only from BCIT's educational curriculum but also from my extracurricular involvement. As an aspiring food scientist I am always looking for opportunities to become involved and I jumped at the chance to become a BCIT student representative for your organization. Through my involvement with BCFT I have learnt a great deal about event coordination and at the same time established some industry contacts with many whom I have kept close contact with. I am currently working with Azuma Foods as a quality control technician but I look forward to continue my involvement with the BCFT to share my experience with future students.

Thank you all again for the generosity and support.

Sincerely,

William Hu



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