



Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia

Celebrating British Columbia's Innovators in Motion

On Monday, November 6th at the 2006 BC Innovation Council Awards, an outstanding group of innovators, pioneers, leaders and champions who are advancing research and technology in our province was honoured. More than 750 leaders and supporters of British Columbia's innovation community showed their appreciation for the accomplishments of the 2006 BC Innovation Council Award Winners including the Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia and an overwhelming turnout of government officials and international dignitaries.

Cindy Lum, Chief Operating Officer, BC Innovation Council, welcomed guests and acknowledged the 2006 Award Winners. "Tonight we showcase those British Columbians who have reached the pinnacle of their fields and your presence here sends a clear message that we are very proud indeed. It's great to see all of you out here in support of research, technology and innovation in our province." Ms. Lum added, "The 2006 BC Innovation Council Award Winners are shining examples of the success of British Columbia's innovation economy."

The importance of the Award Winners and their influence on British Columbia was highlighted by Hector MacKay-Dunn, QC, Chair, BC Innovation Council. "Tonight, we celebrate individuals who are not only advancing the way we think but applying that thinking to key industry sectors." Mr. MacKay-Dunn added, "They've raised the bar for all of us and, in so doing, have elevated British Columbia closer to reaching the Premier's vision for the province to be one of the world's top-ten technology centres."

"In the spirit of innovation and discovery, I congratulate the 2006 BC Innovation Council Award Recipients. Their accomplishments, combined with tonight's audience of dynamic leaders and supporters of innovation in British Columbia, are a promising indication that we have lot to look forward to as a province," said Dr. David Dolphin, Chief Executive Officer, BC Innovation Council.



Cindy Lum, Chief Operating Officer, BC Innovation Council

The 2006 BC Innovation Council Award Winners are:

- Dr. Martha Piper**, Past President and Vice Chancellor, UBC, received the 2006 BC Science & Technology Champion of the Year Award for her leadership and inspired efforts on behalf of British Columbia's research community. Unable to attend in person, her daughters Dr. Emily Piper and Dr. Hannah Piper accepted the award on her behalf.
- Dr. Luciana Duranti**, Professor, School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, UBC, received the 2006 Frontiers in Research Award for her international leadership and pioneering contributions to the field of archival studies.
- Dr. Mu Chiao**, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, UBC, received the 2006 Young Innovator Award for breaking new ground in the design and fabrication of microelectro-mechanical systems.
- Shar Levine**, Freelance Writer, Designer and Marketing Consultant, and **Leslie Johnstone**, Freelance Writer, Designer and Science Department Head, Point Grey Secondary School, received the 2006 Eve Savory Award for Science Communication for successfully realizing their professional mission to present science clearly, cleverly and dynamically to children.
- Dr. Bruce McManus**, Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UBC; Director, the James Hogg ICAPTURE Centre; and Scientific Director, the Heart Centre at St. Paul's Hospital's Providence Health Care campus received the 2006 Lieutenant Governor's Technology Innovation Award. Dr. McManus was recognized for his pioneering efforts which have prompted significant changes in life sciences strategies and in clinical practice in the field of cardiovascular sciences in Canada and around the world.
- Dr. Michael Hayden**, Director and Senior Scientist, Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics, UBC, received the 2006 Chairman's Award for Career Achievement for combining outstanding science, clinical insight and entrepreneurship to fuel a stellar career spanning human genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, neurobiology and medicine.



Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister responsible for Research and Technology



Dr. David Dolphin, Chief Executive Officer, BC Innovation Council



Hector MacKay-Dunn, QC, Chair, BC Innovation Council

New Program to Develop Talent in British Columbia Announced

"Providing strategic support for our innovation sector now will reap social and economic benefits that will have an impact on future generations of British Columbians and the world," said Hector MacKay-Dunn, QC, Chair of BC Innovation Council. He then welcomed new Board Members who were appointed under an Order in Council on March 30, 2006. Joining Mr. MacKay-Dunn and Dr. Tim Walzak are Greg Aasen, Dr. Max Blouw, Jock Finlayson, Richard Glickman, Dr. Ken Higginbotham, Greg Kerfoot and Dr. Alan Winter. He noted that he is pleased that they have become Board members as they bring a diverse range of knowledge and expertise into BC Innovation Council.

"As a province we must continue to build on our strengths and break new ground in developing opportunities," said Mr. MacKay-Dunn who then announced the BC Industrial Innovation Fellowship as the first of the new programs to be undertaken under the leadership of the new Board.

"The BC Innovation Council needs to be about commercialization. It's about translating our world-class research into international markets. A vital, if not primary, element of this is to develop, as the Premier said, our talent within British Columbia. The BC Industrial Innovation Fellowship is a \$2 million program designed to match the two important activities of research and technology development with business and commercialization expertise. It will be open to students at post-secondary institutions who will be engaged in partnership with a British Columbia-based company."

In his address, Mr. MacKay-Dunn also underlined the central role that BC Innovation Council will play in the innovation community as the lead Crown agency with a mission to create the conditions for top-tier innovation and commercialization within our province in partnership with government, industry and academia.



Keri Adams, CTV Weekend Anchor, and Mike Killeen, CTV 2010 Reporter, emceed the night's event



Jessica McDonald, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary, Greg Aasen, Board Member, and Cindy Lum, Chief Operating Officer



BC Science & Technology Champion of the Year Award

Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister responsible for Research and Technology, presents award to Dr. Emily Piper and Dr. Hannah Piper, accepting on behalf of their mother, Dr. Martha Piper.



Frontiers in Research Award

Jessica McDonald, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary, presents award to Dr. Luciana Duranti.



Young Innovator Award

Dr. Tim Walzak, Board Member, BC Innovation Council, presents award to Dr. Mu Chiao.



Eve Savory Award for Science Communication

Eve Savory, National Reporter, CBC News, presents award to Shar Levine and Leslie Johnstone.



Lieutenant Governor's Technology Innovation Award

On behalf of Her Honour, the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, Greg Aasen, Board Member, BC Innovation Council, presents award to Dr. Bruce McManus.



Chairman's Award for Career Achievement

Hector MacKay-Dunn, QC, Chair, BC Innovation Council, presents award to Dr. Michael Hayden.



Philip Edgcombe, Student Science Fair Representative

Young Scientists Celebrated at the Awards Dinner

More than 50 of British Columbia's regional science fair winners were welcomed as participants of the 2006 BC Innovation Council Student Career Development Program. The students were acknowledged by the Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia, the Honourable Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister responsible for Research and Technology and many others throughout the Awards Dinner program.

These high school students, in grades 8 through 12, were invited to participate in the 2006 Student Career Development Program after winning awards at the BC Regional Science Fairs and going on to win 26 awards and a total of \$54,200 in awards and scholarships at the 2006 Canada-Wide Science Fair. The 2006 regional science fair winners came from Vancouver Island, Pacific Northwest, Northern British Columbia, East Kootenay, Central Okanagan, Central Interior, Cariboo Mainline, Fraser Valley, Greater Vancouver and Yukon Skitine.

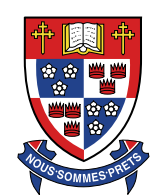
The young scientists attended the Awards Dinner as honoured guests following a two-day program that included meetings with some of British Columbia's top innovation leaders from academia, industry and government. They were seated throughout the ballroom at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver as guests at tables representing academia and industry to allow them to hone their networking skills. At the dinner, Philip Edgcombe, a participating student from Vancouver, provided an inspiring address in which he elaborated on his experience with the science fairs. "I have come here tonight to take this opportunity to thank the BC Innovation Council for bringing the 53 British Columbia science fair provincial finalists to Vancouver for the Student Career Development Program this weekend. And on behalf of the thousands of students in British Columbia I would like to thank the Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia for their ongoing support of BC Science Fairs."



Surrounded by the 2006 Science Fair Winners, from left to right: Dr. David Dolphin, Patti Leigh, Executive Director, Science Fair Foundation BC, Honourable Murray Coell, Hector MacKay-Dunn and Cindy Lum



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