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**17 MEDALS AND \$67,950 AWARDED TO BC STUDENTS AT
CANADA-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR**

Vancouver, BC, May 22, 2007 – 70 students from across BC won 3 gold, 8 silver, 6 bronze, 11 honorable mentions and 11 special awards as well as \$67,950 in other awards and scholarships at this year's Canada-Wide Science Fair, held in Truro, Nova Scotia, May 12 - 20, 2007. The students participated in a variety of categories: automotive, biotechnology & pharmaceutical sciences, computing & information technology, earth and environmental sciences, engineering, health sciences, life sciences and physical & mathematical sciences.

Winners from the Canada-Wide Science Fair competition include:

Nicholas Kasimir Randall's project, *The Tap, the Boiled and the Microwaved*, from the Central Okanagan Regional Science Fair won a Gold Medal and a University of Western Ontario scholarship.

Phillip Riessner's project, *Aerodynamic Efficiency: Reducing Fuel Emissions thru Innovative Aircraft Design*, from the Northern British Columbia Regional Science Fair received a Gold Medal and a University of Western Ontario scholarship

Melanie Clair Girard's project, *Sun and Wind can be Twinned*, from the Central Okanagan Regional Science Fair won a Silver Medal and a University of Western Ontario scholarship.

Bing Luo's project *The Missing Link, An Investigation into JAK 2 Phosphorylation*, from the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair won a Silver Medal, 3 Special Awards, a

University of British Columbia Scholarship, a University of Western Ontario Scholarship, and a Dalhousie University Scholarship.

Nigel Grenier's project *Rings of Time*, from the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair won a Silver Medal and a University of Western Ontario scholarship.

Adrienne Duimering's project *Fighting Flames Frugally*, from the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair received a Silver Medal, and a University of Western Ontario scholarship.

Gillian Haugen-Koechl's project *Message of the Ring* from the Northern British Columbia Regional Science Fair took home a Bronze Medal, and a University of Western Ontario scholarship.

Daniel Bild-Enkin's project *Voila les Voyelles: French Vowel Pronunciation in a Victoria High School*, from the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair received a Bronze Medal, 3 Special Awards and a University of Western Ontario scholarship.

Fern Leavens and Carly Proudfoot's project *Flouride, Formula for Destruction*, from the East Kootenay Regional Science Fair received an Honourable Mention Award.

Even for those students who participate but do not win, the Science Fair is considered an incredible learning experience. Just as Mark Stothers, Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary School says, "Participating in Science Fairs has broadened my academic and social horizons by opening doors at every turn." Student participation in science fairs allows them to explore ideas and apply concepts and theories to increase their knowledge of science and technology. At the same time, students have the opportunity to sharpen their presentation skills and be recognized for their efforts. Ultimately, the goal of the Science Fairs is to promote students to take an active interest in science and technology as a future career.

You can help support science fair students by participating in the PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run on Sunday, May 27, 2007 at 9:00am. The run starts at the TELUS World of Science and winds around beautiful False Creek. All proceeds from the run go to The

Dr. Michael Smith Endowment Fund to support the promotion and development of Science Fair Programs throughout the province. For more information on the run, go to: <http://sciencefairs.ca/funrun/>.

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About the Science Fair Foundation^{BC}

The Science Fair Foundation supports science education through the science fair program to foster curiosity and building for the future. The Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia (SFF BC) is a non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in February 1998 to support and promote science fair activity in British Columbia. The Foundation is committed to ensuring ongoing financial support in order to build a stronger and more visible Science Fair Program throughout the province. To learn more about the Foundation, please visit our web site at: www.sciencefairs.ca.