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Vancouver, BC – The Science Fair Foundation BC is pleased to welcome Julia Payson as its new Executive Director. Julia will assume the responsibilities of Founding Executive Director Patti Leigh who will return as a member of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Payson is a Science Fair Alumna so understands the program from a personal perspective. She has participated at various Science Fair levels including the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF) and the USA International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF). She and her partner were successful at both of these events.

Julia brings strong management, planning and representation skills to the position. For the past four years she has worked in three different countries, Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh and Sudan with Medecins Sans Frontieres. Her experiences with different cultures, religions, government structures and emergencies have helped her to hone her communication, facilitation and interpersonal skills.

Julia looks forward to the opportunity to bring her skills back to the program that taught her so much about science, about creating ideas and about thinking beyond what she knew before. Those skills took her to places in the world where she has been challenged to develop and manage programs in unimaginable contexts. We look forward to working with her as she turns her passion to working with the Science Fair program.