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Science Educator Recognized for Outstanding Service

Vancouver, BC: Rod Eldridge has been involved in science fair at the school, school district, provincial, Canada-Wide, and International levels for over thirty years. In recognition of his dedication and tireless efforts to help students, Eldridge will receive a Youth Science Canada Distinguished Service Award at the Central Okanagan Regional Science Fair on April 8th, 2009.

Mr. Eldridge was singularly instrumental in bringing science fairs to the Okanagan area in the late 1970's. His involvement spanned all levels of the science fair program in Canada. He has attended at least 14 Canada-Wide Science fairs with students, as a delegate or alternate, and has taken British Columbia Science Fair winners to Japan, China and Thailand. Rod has helped to run 2 National Science fairs in Vancouver, one in the 1991 and one in 2005.

Rod Eldridge has organized many school and district fairs and has always been willing to mentor or to facilitate mentorship for science fair students. Rod established a "Winner's Wall" in the Summerland Secondary School science lab detailing Canada-Wide Science Fair student participation. Eldridge's central focus has always been on helping students and two generations of young people have been inspired by his enthusiasm for the science fair program. As a result, the Okanagan students continue to have the chance to experience the amazing science fair successes that many students from the Central Okanagan Region and British Columbia have enjoyed.

Science fairs do not succeed without the tireless efforts of individuals at the 'grass roots' level. Rod is one of those persons. Teachers provide the inspiration, motivation and opportunity for students to participate in science fairs and Rod Eldridge inspired other teachers. As a devoted, passionate champion of science fairs Rod served with his colleagues on the volunteer Regional Science Fair organizing committee until 2007.

The Science Fair Foundation of BC joins the Central Okanagan Regional Science Fair committee in congratulating Rod for his many years of service to the Okanagan educational community.

Rod will be receiving the Youth Science Canada Distinguished Service Award at a presentation at 2:30 pm April 8th at the Central Okanagan Regional Science Fair, at the Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre in Summerland.

British Columbia Regional Science Fairs are supported by the Science Fair of British Columbia, a non-profit charitable organization whose vision is to sustain and enhance the science culture of the youth of British Columbia.

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