Contribute to the Rosemary Hotell Undergraduate Research Prize

In early April, Rosemary Hotell retired after 27 long years of service in the Faculty of Science. In honour of her commitment to the many students she has guided over the last three decades, an Undergraduate Research Prize has been created in her name. These $3,000 research prizes will be given to ambitious undergraduate students who show an aptitude for and interest in research. This will give them a chance they might never otherwise have to get research experience during their undergraduate career.

You can make a donation by selecting “Undergraduate Research Prizes/Rosemary Hotell” under the “donation designation” menu at the following link: donate here.

All funds raised in Rosemary’s name before June 30th will be matched by the Faculty of Science.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service for Dr. B. Lionel Funt
Thursday, April 25, 2:00 PM
St. David’s United Church (West Vancouver)

The university community is saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. B. Lionel Funt on April 18, 2013, at the age of 89.

Funt served as SFU’s Dean of Science from 1968 until 1971, and continued with the university as a professor in the Chemistry department until his retirement in 1989. A member of both the Senate and Board of Governors for many years, his son Brian Funt is now a professor in SFU’s School of Computing Science.

INSPIRE Workshop: Plans for Undergraduate Curriculum Restructuring
Monday, April 29, 2013 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Halpern Centre, Room 126

Please join us on April 29, 2013 for a glass of wine, a bite to eat, and an open discussion of the future of our Undergraduate science curriculum.

“Anchor” Teams from across the Faculty will present preliminary Plans for:
• A coordinated lower division Life Science curriculum
• A research-focused Honours program for high-achieving high school students
• A modularized, radical approach to upper-division curriculum delivery

A “2-minute thesis” session will highlight other INSPIRE LOIs and new ideas. An open discussion will follow. Please RSVP by Monday April 22 to scirec@sfu.ca.

BCNET Conference 2013: Plug Into Higher Education IT
April 30 & May 1
SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver

Learn how you can enrich learning through technology at BCNET’s annual Plug Into Higher Education IT conference. Keynote Speakers include Andrew Blum, the author of Tubes: A Journey to the Center of the Internet, and Jer Thorpe, a data artist and big data speaker. For more information, click here.

Science Rendezvous
Saturday, May 11, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Simon Fraser University — Burnaby Campus

The Faculty of Science will be participating in this free event that takes place in
40 cities across Canada. There will be lots of interesting things to see and do for all, including educational demonstrations, magic science shows, the Amazing Science Chase, and much more. For more information, click here.

Nobel Talks @ SFU
Thursday, May 16, 2013, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
IRMACS Theatre

Esther M. Verheyen, Prof. of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, presents “From stem cells to maturity and back – promises and perils of reprogramming cell fate” based on Sir John B. Gurdon and Dr. Shinya Yamanaka’s Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine for “the discovery that mature cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent.” Everyone welcome, free admission, refreshments served.

PMC Science Fair Fun Run
Sunday, May 26, 2013, 9:00 AM
Athletes Village Plaza, Vancouver

On May 26, 2013, the Science Fair Foundation of BC will be hosting the 14th Annual PMC Science Fair Fun Run. This is an opportunity for individuals, schools, and organizations to raise money for the Dr. Michael Smith Science Fair Endowment, supporting the promotion and development of Science Fair programs throughout BC. Participants are eligible for free admission to the Telus World of Science on the day of the run!

Register yourself or a team online at www.sciencefairs.ca/funrun or in person at any Running Room location before May 23, 2013.

Women in Physics Canada Conference
July 25-27, 2013
Simon Fraser University

Please join us at the third annual Women in Physics Canada Conference, which will feature talks by prominent women scientists, panel discussions, a poster session, a BBQ, and a banquet dinner. For more information and registration, click here.

Mitacs Globalink
Project submissions due by July 31, 2013

Mitacs is offering Canadian professors an opportunity to work with exceptional undergraduate students from India, China, Brazil, and Mexico on a 10 - 12 week research project in summer 2014. Mitacs will advertise internationally, review applications, and select a shortlist of candidates who best match professors’ project requirements. Mitacs also oversees all logistical aspects of the visit, including payment of living costs, medical insurance and accommodation. Globalink is open to top senior undergraduate students with a minimum CGPA of 8 out of 10 (or equivalent), as well as strong letters of recommendation.

For more information on the Globalink program, please click here.