Recent Research News

Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Exploration Grant
Carl Lowenberger, Biological Sciences
Dr. Lowenberger will receive a $100,000 grant from the Gates Foundation for innovative global health research. A total of 65 projects were selected, from more than 2,400 proposals, to help scientists find bold ways to improve health in developing countries. Dr. Lowenberger studies insect anti-microbial peptides in order to identify regions of these peptides that bind to specific human pathogens, such as the tuberculosis bacterium or MRSA. The grant may help his team identify targets and molecules to combine in the creation of more effective antibiotics.

New CIHR Funding
Benedikt Fischer, Health Sciences
On November 30th, CIHR announced 14 projects selected to receive a total of $2.8M in funding for research on population interventions and their health impacts. Dr. Fischer will receive $200,000 to investigate the impact of policy interventions for problematic prescription opioid use.

Dance Performance Highlighting SFU Ecologists Featured in Nature

Recent Accomplishments: Awards & Honours

Haig-Brown Award
Patricia Gallaugher, Director, Continuing Studies in Science & Centre for Coastal Studies
Dr. Gallaugher has received the 2010 Haig-Brown Conservation Award from the Totem Flyfishers for her salmon outreach and conservation efforts in BC. Dr. Gallaugher was recognized for her work organizing SFU’s Speaking for the Salmon Program since 1998, as well as her earlier work developing recovery boxes, now a standard tool on commercial salmon vessels to revive incidentally caught salmon. The award was established in 1978 and has been given to a number of notable BC salmon conservationists, including former federal fisheries minister David Anderson.

Board Appointment: Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
Rosalie Tung, Business Administration
Dr. Tung has been acclaimed to the position of representative for institutions on the CFHSS Board. Her term will commence on March 28, 2011 and will end in March 2013. Dr. Tung is also SFU’s representative on the CFHSS General Assembly.

Updates: Knowledge Transfer and Mobilization Activities

University/Industry Liaison Office Becomes “SFU Innovation Office”
On December 7th, it was announced to the University community that the SFU University/Industry Liaison Office (UILO) is now known as the SFU Innovation Office (IO).