Discovery Foundation Technology Education Program Presents

Greentech Solutions in the Food System-
Addressing Food Security and Impacts on Agriculture

Wednesday, April 25th, 2012
Registration 5:30 PM, event begins 6:00 PM
Harbour Centre, Simon Fraser University, Room 1400-1410
515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Interested in how technology is shaping our food system?
GreenTech Exchange and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions are pleased to present an engaging panel on agriculture, food and technology.

About our Speakers

Tara Moreau is a postdoctoral research fellow working in collaboration with the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, the Institute for Sustainable Horticulture (KPU) and the Design Centre for Sustainability (UBC). She recently completed a PhD from The Faculty of Land and Food Systems at UBC and obtained an MSc from Dalhousie University and the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada. She has worked as an organic agriculture consultant with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and is Vice-President of the Society Promoting Environmental Conservation. Tara will explore the impacts and solutions of a changing climate on agriculture.

Stephen Fane FCA, is currently CEO of Alterrus Systems Inc. a company concentrating on developing and implementing vertical, urban agriculture solutions. The company is in the process of installing a VertiCrop™ unit on a parkade in downtown Vancouver. Stephen will be sharing his experiences with the project. Prior to his involvement with Alterrus, Stephen was a hydroponic greenhouse entrepreneur and President & CEO of Hot House Growers Income Fund. Before his career in agriculture he was a partner at Coopers & Lybrand, a predecessor firm to Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Chris Bush is the founder of Catalyst Power Inc. and built the first anaerobic digester for agriculture in BC, which is also still the only agriculturally based digester delivering biomethane into a utility grid. After building the facility, he has now returned to his initial intent of enabling emerging technologies to develop through integration and collaboration. Chris will speak to the topic of "Technology meets Permaculture" and how we can manage the outputs by managing the inputs in opportunities of integrated resource recovery.

Herb Barbolet is an Associate with both the Centre for Sustainable Community Development and the Dialogue Centre at SFU and a Research Associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. He founded and for 10 years was Executive Director of FarmFolk, CityFolk. He was also on CBC Almanac Food Panel for 13 years. Herb helped found Local Food First, a consortium of organizations developing a business approach to re-localizing our food supply. Herb will tackle the topic: Green Tech solution in the food system - myth or reality? And what the opportunities in the alternative food system are.

Complimentary registration is now open to members; new members are welcome, www.greentechexchange.ca

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