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Brian and Bob at the wine and



Mingling at the wine and cheese

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President's Message

Hope everyone had a great summer break unless of course you were teaching over the summer. For most of us, classes will have just begun. If you attended the last C3 Conference at Dawson College in Montreal, perhaps you may have picked up some new teaching ideas or learnt some new chemistry demonstrations. Looking back at my notes and the program, I fondly remember the captivating Chemistry and Superheroes presentation by Yann Brouillette from Dawson College. He very clearly demonstrated that we can engage today's students by entering their world. Brian Seivewright and his organizing team at Dawson College did an amazing job including the outstanding dinner experience at Bitoque. Perhaps, for future conferences, we could upload the presentations to the C3 Website so that those of you unable to attend can benefit as well. Several of us also enjoyed the CSC Conference in Montreal which followed the C3 Conference. Thanks to Bill Blann, we have uploaded photos from the events in Montreal to our website:

<http://collegechemistrycanada.ca/>

The executive has some new faces. James Bailey, the web-

master has re-organized and updated the above website recently. Hope you will take some time to visit the website to become familiar with us via the website.

The Executive will meet once per month (with a break over each summer) via free Elluminate web-conferencing. This will save C3 over \$100 per month on teleconference calls. In fact, we have tried it out once already for the May Executive meeting. We are gearing up for the next conference at Mount Royal College in Calgary. Pay attention to the deadlines for the award nominations on the C3 website. The General Student Scholarship hasn't been awarded for a few years since no nominations were received. The website now has an online submission system for this award. So we expect to receive some nominations from some of you this year. Also, no nominations have been received for the Chemical Education Award in the last few years. So feel free to nominate a colleague in good standing with C3 according to the procedure described on the C3 website.

The next three-day C3 Conference will commence on the evening of the last day of the CSC/CIC Conference: [\[www.csc2012.ca/\]\(http://www.csc2012.ca/\)](http://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Here is an important benefit to your C3 membership: When the CSC Registration page becomes available in early 2012, you may become a member of CSC under the highschool teacher category for only \$41.50 before sales tax. If you also choose to attend the 2012 CSC Conference in Calgary, you may then register for this Conference at reduced rate.

In closing, feel free to e-mail me (mlettinga@tru.ca) or phone me (250 392 8112) if you have any questions or concerns or suggestions. Wishing you all a successful year whether you are teaching, on sabbatical leave or retired.

Sincerely,
Marten Lettinga



Martin Lettinga @ C3 banquet 2011

Highlights from C3 Conference 2011

The C3 Conference 2011 was held at Dawson College in the beautiful Montreal, QC. The conference ran from June 1-3 and was packed with great presentations and plenty of fun.

The conference began with a well layed out wine and cheese. The participants were able to mingle with each other, browse textbook vendors, enjoy tasty snacks and indulge in delicious wine.



The C3 Host Student Award was also presented at the wine and cheese. Guang Quan Liu was given the award by the staff at Dawson College.



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Exciting Speakers from 2011



The audience listening intently to one of the speakers at this years conference.

This year's conference had many exciting speakers. There were two plenary speakers: David Stone (pictured below)



and Ariel Fenster (pictured below).



gave a presentation about superheros in science, and Geoff Rayner-Canham (pictured below) who spoke twice during the conference



Other speakers that provided entertaining presentations included Yann Brouillette (pictured below) who made



about women in science.

A huge congrats needs to be given to Brian Seivewright (pictured below) who organized a wonderful conference at Dawson College.



Fun Run

The Fun Run champ of 2011 receiving his prize!



This year's fun run was a difficult but beautiful course (or so I hear!) The winner this year was a very experienced runner Steve Holden from Dawson

Updated C3 Website



If you haven't been to the College Chemistry Canada website

lately you should go and take a look. Our website has been beautifully updated by James Bailey our webmaster. In an attempt to keep our new members informed about C3 we are trying to compile archives of past newsletters, board mem-

bers, location and dates of conferences etc on the website.

http://collegechemistrycanada.ca/c3_historical.html

If you have in your possession any information about C3 that could be helpful to us in completing our archives please contact any of the current board members. If you have photos, stories about conferences past you may also contact any of the current board members and we can work on posting them on the website. We could use all the help we can get.

Online Nomination Form for Awards!

Another important update to our website is the online nomination forms for the General Student Scholarship and the Chemical Education Award. In the past these two awards haven't been handed out simply because no student was nominated. We would like to ease the process for application in the hopes that more students will begin to

benefit from them. Please take a look at our awards page : <http://collegechemistrycanada.ca/awards.html> and nominate a deserving student. There are many other awards on the page that need to be handed out so please don't be shy in nominating for any of those as well.

C3 Conference 2012 Mount Royal University



The conference for 2012 is coming back west. It will be held in Calgary, AB at Mount Royal University. The conference will be held directly after the CSC conference from **May 30th—June 1st, 2012**. The theme for this year's conference is Chemistry at the Boundaries.





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EDITOR'S NOTE

The cold weather has finally moved in and classes are well on their way. Before I know it, June will be here and I will be seeing you all again in Calgary at the conference. Brian and his crew put together a fabulous conference this year in a beautiful city. We are excited for the conference to return to the west next year.

On a personal note I am back at work after a fabulous year off and an even better summer vacation spent with my beautiful daughter.

This spring I finally graduated with my master's degree in chemistry and am looking forward to never doing homework again! I hope you all had a great summer and look forward to hearing from you this year. If you would like to see something in the next newsletter feel free to contact me in any way.

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