



# Newsletter Newsletter

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## Member's achievements and awards:

### Board Members of the Chemical Institute of Canada and Societies living in the Ottawa area

- Linda Johnston, MCIC, CSC Treasurer
- Deryn Fogg, FCIC, incoming CSC Director of Awards
- Milena Sejnoha, MCIC, CSChE Past President
- Christian Detellier, FCIC, CIC Past-chair
- Ovie Ekewenu, MCIC, CSCT President

### Recognitions and Awards

- **New CIC Fellow**  
Deryn Fogg, FCIC, University of Ottawa, Department of Chemistry
- **Process Safety Management Award**  
John Shrives, Environment Canada
- **Environment Canada's Citation of Excellence –Excellent Quality of Work**  
Ewa Dabek-Zlotorzynska, FCIC, Environment Canada
- **50 year member**  
Harry Adderley, MCIC

### Student Awards:

- **2008 Silver Medal** - Chemistry Undergraduate  
Paul Johnson, Carleton University
- **Alfred Bader Scholarship (CSC)**  
Elena Dimitrijevic, Carleton University
- **Reg Friesen Award for Best Oral Paper (CSChE) Second Place**  
Andrew Szeto, ACIC, University of Ottawa
- **Best Undergraduate Thesis Presentation (CIC/CSChE Ottawa Local Section)**  
Edward Newell, University of Ottawa

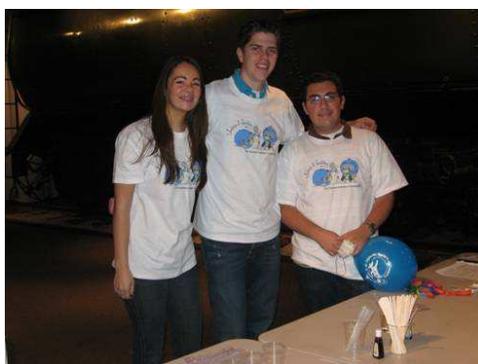
## Activities



### National Chemistry Week in Ottawa, October 18, 2008

The Ottawa CIC Local Section is pleased to report that we contributed to National Chemistry Week events once again by having our annual chemistry demonstration! The event took place at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

The program began at 10:00 a.m. when Valbona Celo, Fred Scaffidi, Marlina Scaffidi, Yannick Beauregard, Erdit Celo, Ben Dean and Vanessa Khoudry carried out chemistry demonstrations of making slime and doing chromatography.



The public (young and old alike!) were able and happy to be doing such things.





In the afternoon, Rashmi Venkateswaran, Bob Nadon and their team performed a chemistry magic show. The dedicated team of volunteers ensured that all participants learned something new about chemistry while having a lot of fun in the process. Don't miss your chance to come out to the event next year and see for yourselves.

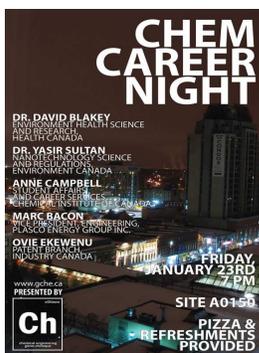


### Crystal Growing Competition, October 2008

Once again, the CIC ran a crystal growing contest for Canadian high schools. The contest for the Ottawa/Gatineau was supervised and judged by Barbara Blackwell, MCIC and Marc Savard, FCIC

The winning team for the best quality crystal at the local and at the national level was composed of Michelle Dillon, Rebecca Roufaël, Katrina Albert, Nathalie Georges Josée Azzi, and their teacher, Sophie Lanthier from the Collège Catholique Samuel Genest in Ottawa.



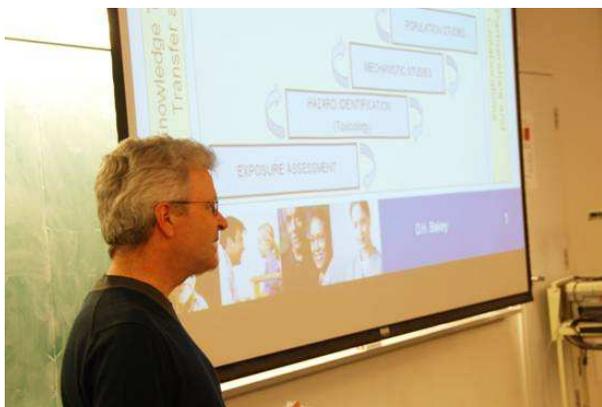


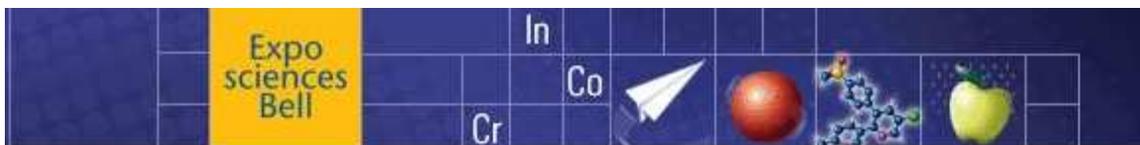
## Career Night, January 2009



On January 23, 2009, Chem Career Night was hosted by the University of Ottawa Chemical Engineering Student Society with the help and support of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Society of Carleton University. Under the leadership of the student representatives, Jonathan Weber and Maureen McKeague, the event was a great success. Special thanks go to Valbona Celo and Maria DeRosa for making sure that receptions run smoothly and to Gale Thirlwall and Yong-Lai Feng for helping choosing very good speakers.

Chem Career Night was held at University of Ottawa, SITE Building, Room A0150. Five speakers: Anne Campbell (CIC National Office), David Blakey (Health Canada), Marc Bacon (Plasco Energy Group), Ovie Ekewenu (Canadian International Properties Office), and Yasir Sultan (Environment Canada) shared their experiences and described their careers to future chemical professionals. The five speakers presented tips for getting jobs in the biotechnology, chemistry and chemical engineering fields. The speakers' backgrounds varied from private industry to government and academia, with jobs ranging from patent law to pure research and manufacturing. Over 70 students came to the event. A pizza reception followed where participants could talk informally with the speakers and other chemical professionals. The event was sponsored by the Ottawa CIC Local Section. The students appreciated the opportunity to learn about different career options from people working in the field and to have an opportunity to engage successful professionals.





## Expo-sciences Régionale de l'Outaouais 2009

La section locale d'Ottawa a récompensé les trois meilleurs projets de chimie à l'Expo-sciences régionale de l'Outaouais. L'événement s'est tenu du 20 au 22 mars au pavillon Alexandre Taché de l'Université du Québec à l'Outaouais et 73 projets y étaient présentés. L'événement a accueilli quelque 3500 visiteurs et réunissait plus de 130 exposants.



Danyk Barrette et Maude Briand-Lemay, élèves de la Polyvalente Nicolas-Gatineau, ont obtenu le premier prix avec un projet intitulé « Le plomb: on ne joue plus!».

Le deuxième prix est allé au projet «Un lampadaire réducteur de CO<sub>2</sub>», de Cédric Biscaro, un élève de 5<sup>e</sup> année à l'école Monseigneur Charbonneau.



Le troisième prix fut décerné à Yohann Courtemanche et Vanessa Michaud, étudiantes au Collège Pré-Universitaire Nouvelles-Frontières pour le projet «Pluies acides et phytoplancton».



The Ottawa Regional Science Fair (ORSF) is a volunteer organization which encourages students in the Ottawa-Carleton Region, from grades 7 to 12, to research, develop, and present projects in the fields of science and engineering. Students from both public and private schools in the Region are invited to enter projects in one of six subject areas:

- Biotechnology
- Earth & Environmental Sciences
- Engineering & Computing Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Physical & Mathematical Sciences

The winners of the CIC Special Awards were Alixia Farrell from Collège Catholique Samuel-Genest for her project: "Pesticide écologique" and Adamo Young from Turnbull School for his project: "Biological Detection of Soil Toxins"

### **A note from the Ottawa Local Section Executive**

We encourage all of our members to participate in the Ottawa CIC Local Section events. These are opportunities for networking within the local chemical community. Your involvement will ensure the continued growth of our Section and help us to play a more visible role in our society.

The **Section is always looking for eager volunteers to get involved in the executive or to help organize events.** Executive meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month so demands aren't high on your busy schedules.

Please feel free to contact me at Valbona.Celo@ec.gc.ca or any other member of the executive, if you have any questions or suggestions for improving the service we are providing for you. We look forward to seeing you at the various local section events.

**Valbona Celo, MCIC, Chair of the Ottawa, CIC Local Section**