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**YOUNG SCIENTISTS FROM 31 COMMUNITIES TO REPRESENT B.C. AT
CANADA-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR**
70 students from across B.C. will be going to Truro, Nova Scotia

Vancouver, BC, May 11, 2007 – Students from B.C. will be traveling to Truro, Nova Scotia on May 12th to compete in the annual Canada-Wide Science Fair. A total of 70 students have been selected from 14 regional fairs, representing communities reaching as far as Fort St. John, Prince George and Smithers. The students' projects involve all realms of science, including mathematics, computer sciences, environmental science, engineering, health and life sciences, biotechnology and physical science.

Some of the students from British Columbia who are going on to the national competition are:

- Tanielle Johnson (Fort St. John) - Project: Fighting the Clone Wars
- Kenny Martens (Abbotsford) - Project: Poop Power
- Brian Le (Prince George) – Project: Blood Brain Barrier Breached!
- Carly Redford (100 Mile House) – Project: Methropolis: The Youth Epidemic
- Avery Noonan (Victoria) – Project: Tseycum: est-il proper?

“This year we are proud to be sending British Columbia’s largest team ever to the Canada-Wide Science Fair! With one of the most diverse groups yet to represent the Province at the national level, we’re very excited to be bringing students from schools and communities that have not previously participated,” says Patti Leigh, Executive Director of the Science Fair Foundation of B.C. “The group is testament to the many students that enter science fairs at the local level every year. We are pleased to see the increased interest in science that British Columbia students are taking and are happy to support their enthusiasm.”

The growing number of students participating in science fairs each year is powerful evidence that interest in science and technology is increasing. With over 60,000 youth participating in 800 school science fairs in BC every year, students are being exposed to a great many opportunities to engage with and explore their own perceptions of science and technology and their importance in our world. A student's science fair project represents their perception of what is interesting and important in science while giving them the opportunity to gain recognition and praise for those ideas. Ultimately, the goal of the Science Fair experience is to encourage students to realize the expansiveness and intrigue of the science world and to use that curiosity to promote a serious interest in science and technology as a career.

You can help support science fair students by participating in the PMC-Sierra Science Fair Fun Run on Sunday, May 27th, 2007 at 9:00am. The run starts at the TELUS World of Science and winds around beautiful False Creek. All proceeds from the run go to The Dr. Michael Smith Science Fair Endowment to support the promotion and development of Science Fair Programs throughout the province.

For more information on the run, go to: <http://sciencefairs.ca/funrun/registration.html>

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About the Science Fair Foundation of BC

The Science Fair Foundation supports science education through the science fair program to foster curiosity and building for the future. The Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia (SFF BC) is a non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in February 1998 to support and promote science fair activity in British Columbia. The Foundation is committed to ensuring ongoing financial support in order to build a stronger and more visible Science Fair Program throughout the province. To learn more about the Foundation please visit www.ScienceFairs.ca.