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Conference a great success



IT4BC participants gather in the main foyer at City Centre Campus while vendors set up their booths.

VCC hosted the fifth annual IT4BC Conference at City Centre campus earlier this month, drawing a record crowd of post-secondary IT professionals to the event.

"We really enjoyed hosting this year's event," says Des Dougan, director of Information and Computing Services. "It gave us an opportunity to showcase VCC."

More than 220 people, the largest turnout ever in the history of the event, attended the professional development conference designed for information technology staff at colleges, institutes and university colleges in B.C.

Previous conferences were held at Kwantlen University College, University College of the Fraser Valley, and Capilano College.

VCC hosted 46 sessions on topics as diverse as disaster recovery, customer

service and wireless security. A vendor showcase took over the foyer on June 9, and contributed to the vibrant atmosphere of the event and to the campus as visitors perused the 24 vendor booths.

The two days prior to the conference were set aside for pre-conference workshops, while both days of the conference began with excellent keynote speeches, from Ross Chevalier, chief technology officer of Novell Canada, and from Dr. Nancy MacKay, associate professor at SFU and president of Inspire Action International, a North Vancouver-based change management consulting firm.

Conference attendees were treated to exceptional food and entertainment. Food Services coordinated meals and snacks provided by Culinary Arts, Asian

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The following people were instrumental in contributing to the success of IT4BC 2004:

Information and Computing Services

Des Dougan, Elizabeth Burnyeat, Stanley Foo, Rosanna Lam, Michael Bayrock, Stuart Furness, Madhu Jaini, Candace Leung, Carolyn Brown, Ron Mertin and Nadia Kawas.

Food preparation

Conrad Leung, George Rudolph, Tony Humphries and Harald Bonkowski.

Meal and coffee break delivery

Sandra MacSorley, Sally Gammon, Les Patterson, Shirley Ripley, Rosemarie Bernardo, Maria Krueckl, Shane McGowan, Mark Fearn and Raymond Choi.

Other services

Joy Tran, Angelo Iapalucci, Fred Boyd, Tami Pulham, Joanne Furness, Lawrence Ng, Daniel Rohloff, Shanez Hirji, Cecilia McGowan, Dennis Milton, Lindsay Bourne and Vivian Munroe.

Thanks go as well to the rest of the ICS staff who kept the college working during the event and to the student volunteers. ■

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Congratulations

Stephanie Jewell, the new dean of Arts and Sciences, is now located in room 5059 at King Edward campus with phone local 7318. "A *millones gracias* to all who have emailed, sent cards and just stopped me in my tracks to offer congratulations on my new position," says Jewell. "Your wishes have meant so much to me."

John Patterson is the newly elected acting department head for College Foundations, Humanities. John can be reached at local 7289, room 3257F. He welcomes three new instructors for the summer: Elle Ting (UT-English), Jennifer Mazur (UT-Psychology) and Margaret Fast (ABE English 12).

Brenda Andrews, VCC's First Nations advisor, recently completed her master's degree in counselling psychology.

Office move

The office of Lila Heilbrunn, director of Library and Learning Resources, has been relocated to VCC's campus downtown. Both she and her secretary, Corrina Luk, are now in room 200F. Heilbrunn can be reached at local 8566 and Luk at local 8567.

Summer Food Bank drive

Help VCC reach the summit by contributing to the Food Bank's 2004 Summer Mountain of Need campaign. The summer months bring an increased need for the Food Bank's services at a time of dwindling resources. Food collection boxes are available at both campuses – just look for the posters.

Cash donations are especially welcome and are tax deductible. Cheques should be made payable to VCC. Cashiers at King Edward and City Centre campuses can accept donations, as can Tami Pulham in Financial Services. Cheques can also be dropped off to Vivienne Garrott in the executive office at KEC, or to Roseanne Ashworth in administration at CC.

Make a difference this summer by participating in the 2004 Summer Mountain of Need campaign.

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Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts. "The food obviously made an impression as Culinary Arts students and faculty and Food Services staff were given a standing ovation after the buffet dinner," says Dougan.

The successful event was the result of many people's hard work. "It was really a great effort by employees from many different departments," says Dougan. "I would like to thank the following people in particular:"

- The employees of City Centre for their patience during the conference
- Daniel Rohloff and Stephen Barrington in Marketing and Communications for their dedication and support; Rohloff coordinated the production of all the conference's print materials, including the conference brochure
- Tami Pulham in Financial Services for her great help with invoicing and billing
- All of the staff in ICS for their hard work and support prior to and during the conference



- Dale Dorn for officially opening the conference on June 9th
- The faculty and students in the Culinary Arts, Asian Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts programs for their hard work, and especially for the absolutely superb food, which demonstrated why VCC is so well regarded
- Staff in Food Services, and especially Sandra MacSorley, without whose help the conference would not have been so memorable
- Elizabeth Burnyeat without whose hard work and dedication, the conference would not have happened. ■

National Aboriginal Day at VCC



On June 21, VCC celebrated National Aboriginal Day. The event held at King Edward campus featured Spakwus Slolem (Eagle Song) dancers as well as bannock, artwork, crafts, drum-making demonstrations, and refreshments. A great time was had by all who participated. ■

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Great Walk 2004

Malcolm Cant, Margaret Ackroyd and Pauline Barratt successfully finished their sixth annual Great Walk on June 5. The 'walk' is actually 63.5-kilometre trek from Gold River to Tahsis, B.C.

Almost \$1,000 was raised this year to help support VCC students in financial need and thanks are due to everyone who supported this annual effort.

2004 English Garden Fundraiser

Hosted and coordinated by VCC student Paula LaBrie, the 2004 English Garden Fundraiser benefits the college's Visually Impaired Adults program. This fundraiser promises to be a glamorous event, including a sumptuous lunch catered by The Lazy Gourmet, live music by renowned pianist and vocalist Eve Smith, an art exhibition by D'or Art Consultants and tea readings. There will also be a silent auction and raffle.

Tickets are \$150 per person. A special rate of \$100 per person is available for groups of 10 or more. Bring your family and your friends. To reserve your ticket, please call Jane Westheuser of the VCC Foundation at 604.871.7147. Space is limited.

If you'd like to join a group of VCC friends and qualify for the discounted rate of \$100, please mention that when you call.

Pay advice online

VCC is moving to an electronic pay advice system in October.

Employees will be able to access their pay information, leave balances and address information online in electronic format. Among the benefits: virtually eliminating the one-page pay stubs that employees currently receive, thereby saving on paper, envelopes and associated staff time. Watch for more information in September. ■

Graduates from VCC's design programs show off their work at annual show



Digital Graphic Design and Jewellery Art and Design students are basking in the glory of a successful two-week show of their work last month.

Opening night saw the main foyer of the downtown campus packed with visitors who came to take in the show and the accompanying awards ceremony.



Industry guests were especially impressed, says Tene Barber, department head of the Digital Graphic Design program.

"The phone hasn't stopped ringing," says Barber. "The event gave us great exposure with both prospective students and industry wanting to hire our grads." ■

Identifying employability skills for VCC grads

VCC's Essential Employability Skills Committee is making headway on its mission thanks to feedback from the college as part of a VCC Day display, which asked "What characteristics, besides technical skills, do we want our graduates to take with them from VCC?"

Fundamental skills were highlighted among the answers, which included problem-solving skills, critical thinking, teamwork and community involvement.

Topping the list of personal management skills: the courage to learn, taking initiative and a good attitude.

VCC is committed to supporting the EES project. "Several departments have made EES part of their strategic plans, and the college has included the EES project as part of the College Service Plan," says Jim Peacock, who joins Sylvia Patey and Maija Wiik on the committee.

What now? The EES Committee wants help developing a list of essential employability skills that's unique to VCC. Watch the September issue of Connections for more information.

Direct questions or comments to the committee at ees@vcc.ca. ■

VCC summer highlights

VCC Fashion Arts at Granville Island

VCC's Fashion Arts program graduates are gearing up for their final show, Fiat Mode XVII, on July 8 at Performance Works on Granville Island. This year, 25 graduates will showcase their collections ranging from hip-hop, street wear, and classic tailored suits to elaborate costuming for film and theatre.

"The program is really gruelling," says program coordinator Evelyn May. "It often demands full weekends of homework beyond regular class time, so the show gives students a chance to be proud of their accomplishments."

VCC's training takes students through comprehensive studies in pattern drafting, fashion illustration, and couture and industrial sewing techniques, culminating in the fashion show.

Among the creations to be featured at the evening show include a skirt made with 400 hand-sewn squares of organza, a jumpsuit with 11 different looks, fishing-inspired designs and extravagant evening wear.

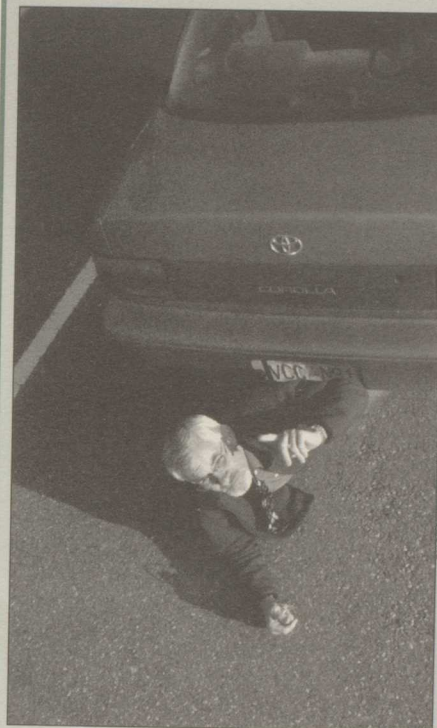
Call the Professional and Continuing Studies office at local 8484 for information or tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students.

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FIAT MODE
XVII FASHION SHOW



ART: V. McDONELL

Parking woes solved this summer



A new parking system will be in place by September at the Broadway campus, aimed at easing the frustration the campus community has experienced over parking there.

New ticket dispensers will be located near the rear entrance of the campus; when you're buying your ticket, simply punch in your stall number when prompted by the machine, which will then dispense a valid ticket. There's no need to return to your car.

More information will be available soon. ■

JJ's returns to PNE

VCC's well-known restaurant, JJ's, returns to the Pacific National Exhibition this year with new features including an afternoon tea.

JJ's made its fair debut last summer to rave reviews from diners, media and PNE officials, making it the highlight of the college's PNE presence, which includes the popular Vancouver Community College Cooking Show.

This year's fair, Aug. 21 to Sept. 6, will mark a second year for JJ's at the PNE and a record seventh year for the cooking show. ■



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