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Dear Member,

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ASTTBC Annual General Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...the ASTTBC Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Centre. A registration form will be made available ON-LINE in March. At this year's AGM, ASTTBC will be celebrating 25 years serving British Columbia under the ASTT Act. We have lined-up some special events and an exceptional Guest Speaker: Terry Small, BEd, MA, 'the Brainguy' will present 'Your Brain at Work'.

Terry Small is a master presenter and learning skills specialist. Terry believes: "*anyone can learn how to learn easier, better, faster. Learning to learn is the most important skill a person can acquire*". The success you achieve in life depends on the knowledge you possess. But today, with vast amounts of information pouring in every minute from hundred of sources, acquiring the knowledge you need has become a major challenge. This session will help you master the skills of absorbing, retaining and using knowledge more effectively.

Other specialists are lined-up for our Breakout Sessions: Client Contracts (Risk Management); Environmental and Stress Management. **Make Plans to Attend!**

TechPRO: Chair of the First Nations Careers Council (FNCC) Timothy Duerden, ASCT

Tim Duerden, ASCT, entered the logging industry after graduating high school. He worked in most aspects of the industry including yarding, loading, dryland sorting and log booming. He operated many types of heavy equipment. Logging took him away from home for 10 days at a time, something that became much more difficult as he took on family responsibilities, so it was time to find a new career. Always interested in engineering, Tim chose the Municipal Infrastructure program earning a Civil Engineering Technology Diploma from Camosun College. He felt this would enable him to find work in his home community, again something that his family dearly wanted. Since 2000, Tim has worked in civil engineering technology and is currently a design technologist for Koers and Associates Engineering Ltd. in Courtenay.

Tim was among the first ASTTBC members who came forward to help form the First Nations Careers Council (FNCC) and he has been the Chair of that Council since it was formed in May 2008. Along with the other members of the FNCC, Tim has been busy ever since volunteering his time to promote technology careers and the application of technology in First Nations communities. In May

2009, Tim was recognized as "**a model technology professional**" receiving one of ASTTBC's 'Top In Technology' awards.

Tim's career story is an interesting one and certainly serves as a model for aspiring technologists, technicians and technical specialists. In agreeing to be profiled in this edition of e-News, Tim hopes to encourage other ASTTBC members to post their profiles.

Please join Tim in posting your career story at www.techprofile.ca. In addition to providing valuable career information to others, TechPRO listings allow you to 'catch up' with former colleagues and find out who is working in your community. Posting your profile provides another way for self-employed practitioners to get their names in front of visitors to the ASTTBC website.

Record Number of Complaints in 2009: the Registrar's Report to Council Jan. 28, 2010

Complaints handled by the Practice Review Board (PRB) in 2009 were at an all time high (90 files closed versus previous high of 49). There were 46 investigations still active at the end of 2009. PRB volunteers and Registrations' staff in Practice Review had a very busy year necessitating a major commitment of resources.

The 90 complaints are as follows:

- 6 unauthorized use of ASCT, CTech, CET, Certified Technician etc.
- 1 ethics/logo/procedural etc. (technologist/technician)
- 11 Property Inspector Title/logo
- 11 Property Inspector Ethics/other
- 1 Fire Protection Title/logo
- 8 Fire Protection Ethics/logo
- 51 Onsite Waste Ethics/other
- 1 other Special Certified group Title/logo

The outcomes of those complaints were as follows:

- 22 Cease & Desist – ethics/logo/titles – complied
- 55 Ethics Complaint – censure applied
- 9 Ethics Complaint – no breach of code found
- 4 Compliant in abeyance (3 memberships cancelled)
(2 complaints were against 1 member)

In his report to Council in January 2010, John Shortreid, ASCT, CLS – Registrar, says:

" The majority of complaint cases still involve onsite wastewater, but thanks to the Manager, Onsite Wastewater Registrations, we appear to be making a difference that is gaining the respect of Government, industry and the public. We are also proactively assisting members with previously unidentified individual practice issues, which are now being addressed and corrected. I am hopeful that the current onsite wastewater complaints may have reached a plateau. The PRB has found the PAP process to be a useful tool in correcting inappropriate member practice.

With the licensing of House Inspectors by Consumer Protection BC in 2009, our second largest group for complaints is for this group. With the assistance of the Manager, House & Property Inspection Registrations, we have been able to explore facilitation of some disputes between the members and their clients that had resulted in the complaint. We will continue to experiment with the facilitation route in appropriate cases until we have enough experience to develop a policy on the facilitation approach.

Fire protection is the third area of numbers of complaints. No trends have yet developed to infer a specific problem to address, but moving to a PAP program should assist in this area as it has in the Onsite Wastewater Discipline."

Professional Assessment Program (PAP)

The PAP process has been developed and refined under the Onsite Wastewater Program for ROWPs. This program has moved forward to include new applicants, those applying to change their current status of registration such as by removing a restriction or adding a category of practice, those required by Practice Review Board (PRB) action, or on a voluntary basis wishing to improve their practice. With more than a dozen assessments completed or in progress to date, between 3 and 4 times this number is anticipated for 2010 and training of OWRB members to respond to demand is well under way. The PRB has found the PAP a tremendous tool to determine competency issues for Onsite Wastewater Registrants.

The PAP philosophy has also been applied to our Property and House Inspection requirement for Inspection Assessments. Under development is a similar program for our Fire Protection Registrants.

Call for Award Nominations

We invite you to nominate yourself or help us identify a worthy candidate for one of our Awards. For further information and to submit your nomination please go to: www.asttbc.com/about/awards

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Your assistance is needed. Last year members helped us to identify 18 worthy candidates for our very first 'Top in Technology' Awards. We again ask you to take the time to bring to our attention those individuals who are 'Top in Technology' (see description below):

The recipient will be a Member of ASTTBC who has demonstrated qualifications consistent with the high expectations of a BC professional committed to serving the public and acting as a role model to other British Columbians.

Attributes typical of a nominee:

- Mentor / Role Model
- Promotes and uses new technologies
- Demonstrates leadership – excels in his/her field
- Entrepreneur
- Promotes Technology Careers
- Volunteer in the Community or Profession
- Elected to Public Office
- A new Graduate who shows Exceptional Promise as a Technology Professional

Your nominee for the 'Top in Technology' Award (if accepted) will then be contacted and invited to our Annual General Meeting on May 28, 2010 to receive their Award at a special ceremony. If you require any assistance or have questions regarding your nomination please contact Cindy Aitken, Manager, Governance & Events at Email: caitken@asttbc.org.

Code of Ethics Principle 4

Act with integrity towards clients or employers, maintain confidentiality and avoid a conflict of interest but, where such conflict arises, fully disclose the circumstances without delay to the employer or client.

Amplification:

- a. Members shall act judiciously when administering a contract on behalf of their client or employer and be realistic and honest in all estimates, reports and statements.
- b. Information gained in confidence during the course of assignments shall not be used for personal gain, or divulged to either another client or new employer without the express permission of the previous client or employer.
- c. Any conflict of interest concerning, for example, personal friends, close associates or relatives shall be revealed immediately to the client or employer. If, in spite of a conflict, members are instructed to continue, the interests of the clients or employers shall be held paramount over the member's interests.
- d. Any outside activity shall be avoided if it will have an adverse affect upon their employer's business.

Commentary: The interpretation of agreements and contract documents must be undertaken with fairness and impartiality, and if members become aware of errors or omissions in their services they should report immediately to their superiors and work to rectify these problems. Any information received of a confidential nature during the performing of their professional service shall be deemed the exclusive property of its owner and shall not be disclosed to others or used by the member except with the owner's specific approval. When members use designs supplied by clients, the designs remain the property of the clients and should not be duplicated by members for others without express permission from the first client. Technical knowledge of a non-confidential nature gained by the member through exposure to the work environment is part of a member's experience and may be used in subsequent projects without further consent. Members must ensure in their professional activities and business dealings that both potential and perceived conflicts of interest are avoided. Precise rules in conflict of interest are not possible and members must use their common sense, conscience and sense of honour for guidance. In any inquiry to adjudicate an alleged conflict of interest the total circumstances surrounding the conflict must be investigated.

Professional Technologist Implementation Delayed

The ASTTBC Council has decided that BC should consider following a model similar to that now fully enacted in Alberta. As this is a change from the earlier model proposed, ASTTBC Council has decided to hold off making any further decisions on the implementation of the 'Professional Technologist' (PTech) until such time as we have input from APEGBC and the BC Government. In Alberta the PTech is granted a right to independent practice in a field restricted to a PEng or PGeo and while a member of the Alberta Association of Engineering, Science and Technology Professionals of Alberta (ASET). The legislation establishes 50:50 joint boards of PEng / PGeo and PTech to assess applications and handle matters pertaining to professional regulation including Continuing Professional Development and complaints. In addition to the rights granted to the PTech the Alberta legislation sets out the 'professions' of 'applied science technology', 'engineering technology' and 'information technology' and requires that ASET regulate the practice of technologists and technicians registered in these fields. We ask members and others interested in PTech to stay tuned to this newsletter. Updates will be provided as decisions are made regarding the implementation of PTech in BC.

ASTTBC Annual Dues are Now Over DUE and Payable Now

Reminder notices have been sent out. If for some reason you are unable to pay please contact Nicky Malli at nmalli@asttbc.org. Members with certification who are studying full-time please send a copy of an official document as proof of studies along with an email request for consideration of a dues waiver.

Member Satisfaction Survey

A total of 1239 responses were received. Thanks! to all who took the time to provide your input. The winner of the draw was Kristi Joyce, GradTech (Civil) from Victoria. She won a red 8GB iPod Nano. Results of the survey will be posted to the website.

ASTTBC Member Service Partner Special Offer Update

ASTTBC's partner SPOT Satellite GPS is extending their special offer of FREE tracking services to ASTTBC members. Here are the details:

UPDATE: SPOT™ Satellite GPS:

Receive 1-year of FREE tracking services (\$50 Value), \$50 Mail-in Rebate on SPOT Personal Tracker (SPOT 1) extended to March 31, 2010 and SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger (SPOT 2 with improved functionality and performance) available in March 2010. SPOT is an effective communications and safety device that provides a simple way to help address work alone and check-in requirements. SPOT can be deployed to multiple workers to improve reporting procedures, add another layer of sophistication to current check-in policies and for overall safety. With 15,000,000 messages delivered at a success rate of +98% and nearly 500 international 'saves', SPOT is a must have for the work-alone technician or technologist. Visit www.findmespot.ca/asttbc today for full details!

ASTTBC President Doug Carter, CTech, on Adjudication Panel for CEBC Awards

For several years, an ASTTBC executive member has been a member of the judging panel for the CEBC awards that recognize world class leaders in innovation and technical excellence. ASTTBC President Doug Carter, CTech, has been invited to be the ASTTBC representative on the panel for 2009. Doug says, *"It is an honour to be included in the adjudication panel. This is just one more indicator of the positive working relationship between ASTTBC and CEBC."*

ASTTBC is continuing its sponsorship of the Consulting Engineers of BC awards dinner to be held April 24, 2010. *"ASTTBC's sponsorship of the CEBC awards is a statement of support for CEBC and the employers who engage the services of ASTTBC members in the consulting field"*, said Executive Director, John Leech. ASTTBC is one of two sponsors at the Platinum level.

The Awards will be presented at the **21st Annual CEBC Award Gala and dinner** at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver April 24, 2010. The 500 guests include many leading business and industry leaders as well as government officials. ASTTBC encourages members employed in consulting engineering companies to attend. www.cebc.org/awards.html

'Energy in Housing' Technical Advisory Group

The Building and Safety Standards Branch is developing proposals for energy performance standards for Part 9 housing equivalent to Energuide 80. ASTTBC was invited to participate in a technical advisory group to help identify a methodology for establishing specific performance requirements in the BC Building Code and a set of targets for required air tightness and thermal resistance for a full range of housing archetypes in all 3 climate zones.

Bill MacPherson, ASCT, and Vice President of ASTTBC, is the ASTTBC representative to this group.

BC Hydro Announces Aboriginal Scholarships

Jeannie Cranmer, BC Hydro's Aboriginal Education and Employment Strategy (AEES) Manager, has announced the BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarships are now available at www.bchydro.com/community/community_investment/scholarships.html

"We have strengthened our focus to attract students pursuing education in technology or engineering," she says.

Successful applicants must use their scholarships in the year for which they were awarded. In order to provide opportunities to more British Columbians, you can only receive this award once.

- Eight \$1,500 aboriginal scholarships, available to individuals who are status/non status Indians, Inuit or Métis and are residents of B.C. who plan to enrol in a full-time public post-secondary institution in Canada. Students pursuing an education in technology or engineering will be considered priority applicants. General Admission students are also encouraged to apply.
- One \$2,000 Randy Brant Memorial scholarship based on a combination of academic achievement and outstanding community involvement. No essay is required.

"We're very pleased with BC Hydro's commitment to First Nations students. Thank you," says Tim Duerden, Chair, First Nations Careers Council (FNCC).

ASTTBC Presents Technology Provider of the Year Award

This year's winner of ASTTBC's 'Technology Provider of the Year Award' is **Bluewater Business Solutions**, a Prince George based resource management company that specializes in providing innovative software and business solutions to the forestry sector, producing a variety of spatial datasets for use in land management activities. The award was presented by ASTTBC President, Doug Carter and Executive Director, John Leech at the Technology Awards dinner held in conjunction with the Northern Resource Forum and Economic Summit hosted by Minister of Forests and Range, The Honourable Pat Bell. Working with Minister Bell as co-host this year was John Rustad, MLA for Nechako Lakes. In making the presentation Doug Carter congratulated the award recipient and all nominees for their contribution to technology and innovation in Prince George and northern BC. "ASTTBC is pleased to sponsor this award as part of our effort to draw attention to the important work of technology professionals and to the career opportunities in applied science technology", said Carter.

Bluewater has developed an intelligent system called *Timber Analyst* to improve the accuracy of forest harvesting cost estimations. Incorporating an in-depth mapping module, equipment & employee profiles, on-site environmental factors and information from a wide range of customized reports, users can see overall cost reports, compare the productivity rates of machines and employees and examine the costs and methods associated with any harvesting phase all to enable the company to create efficiencies and improve its competitive advantage.

www.bluewatersolutions.ca/MainPages/contact.html

In accepting the award Paul Klotz thanked ASTTBC and said, "It was a great honour to receive the award from the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC at Forest Minister Bell's Forum last Wednesday evening."

ASTTBC sponsors the 'Technology Provider of the Year Award' at the 'Northern BC Business & Technology Awards & Dinner' in conjunction with the 'BC Natural Resources Forum & Economic Summit' held each January in Prince George. The award is granted to a technology company/individual/organization that has developed or introduced a product or service which furthers business growth in northern British Columbia or which assists individual companies in their own development.

Minister John Yap Attends ASTTBC Meeting in Prince George

Minister of State for Climate Action, The Honourable John Yap (MLA for Richmond – Steveston), paid a visit to a meeting of the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) held in Prince George. Minister Yap spoke about the sustainability goals of the BC government and economy and talked of **the important role of technologists, technicians and technical specialists as we adapt existing systems and design, install and maintain new technologies**. The meeting was attended by 60 members of ASTTBC including students from the College of New Caledonia, Natural Resources and Environmental Technology program.

For photo see <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/pgmeeting.pdf>

The Minister also visited with our President Doug Carter at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) where Doug is the Capital Projects Manager currently managing several green projects.

Applied Technical and Engineering Education Consortium (ATEEC)

ATEEC is a group of concerned industry and post-secondary education partners in northern BC whose goal is to explore and advocate for technical education and assist with its implementation in the North, for the North. It believes that effective planning will support training and education in applied technical disciplines and is working on creating capacity in northern BC. ASTTBC is ably represented on this committee by **Heather Andreychuk, ASCT**. This initiative was launched, in part, as a result of ASTTBC's Technology Skills Roundtable hosted by CNC President, John Bowman and ASTTBC's Executive Director, John Leech in January 2008. ASTTBC helped ATEEC get started with a grant of \$5000. For more information www.ateec.ca

Central Interior BC Science Exhibition VOLUNTEERS Needed

When: Saturday March 20, 2010 8:30am – 12:30pm
What: Judges & Awards Presentation
Where: UNBC

Register at: <https://secure.yvsffsj.ca/sfiab/centralinteriorbritishcolumbia/> Once registered please send an email to Colin Dix: dixassoc@shaw.ca letting him know that you are signed up.

The exhibition organizers are also looking for a "hands-on" electronics display that allows people to tryout various pieces of equipment and to demonstrate electricity/electronics. If anyone has this type of display or similar ideas and would be available to attend the exhibition, please contact the Chair of the CIBCSE, Anjula Corbin, ACorbin@sd57.bc.ca

Camosun College Hosts Trades & Technology Career Fair

On February 4th, Camosun College held its annual Trades & Technology Career Fair at the Interurban Campus in Victoria. Coordinated by the Camosun Co-Operative Education Department, the Trades & Technology Career Fair showcases a number of trades and technology career opportunities to students as well as other visitors to the campus. ASTTBC's Manager, Technology Careers, Jason Jung, ASCT, was there representing the association for the third year running. *"It's a great chance for us to connect with the students, Faculty, Co-Op Department and so many great employers from industry".*

Camosun College Co-operative Education

Camosun College Co-operative Education invites you to interview and hire their graduating year **Civil Engineering Technology** students for the upcoming work term, **June 28-December 10, 2010**.

As a result of their excellent academic preparation for this **six month work term**, Camosun Co-op students who have completed 2 years of the Civil Engineering Program will be able to contribute the following knowledge and skills appropriate to your business:

- Designing, drafting and documenting a structural design project of moderate complexity.
- Applying geotechnical design theory to foundations and retaining walls.
- Analyzing geotechnical situations for stability and settlement.
- Managing construction projects and contracts.
- Assessing appropriate water treatment options and managing a water distribution system.
- Assessing economic choices for a project considering the time-value of money.
- Researching and writing about technical information.
- Giving professional verbal presentations.

Please consider where a Civil Engineering Technology co-op student from Camosun can contribute to your business then email your posting, or post online at: <http://camosun.ca/services/coop/applyform.html>

ASTTBC Supports BIG Little Science Centre

ASTTBC contributed \$5000 in 2009 to the BIG Little Science Centre in Kamloops. Gord Stewart, Executive Director for the centre, writes:

"The BIG Little Science Centre has had a very busy year. Our more than 130 interactive displays, several new labs, and exciting new shows were explored by more than 11,932 people this past year. We had school children visit us from at least four different school districts in British Columbia. Visitors came from the Kamloops area, throughout British Columbia, other provinces and out of country. Last year, we held four specialty day camps for children in the Kamloops/Thompson school district. This past summer we ran more very successful week-long fully booked summer camps. Our visitors regularly express how lucky Kamloops is to have such a great science centre.

All of this would not happen without support from organizations like ASTTBC. Your contribution goes a long way towards keeping the BIG Little Science Centre operational."

Go to blscs.org for more exciting information. You can find lots of experiments to do at home with family and friends and if you live in or are visiting Kamloops you can find lists of events to attend. The BIG Little Science Centre is promoting science education through fun hands on activities.

BIG Little Science Centre Open House

The BLSC held its open house recently, inviting parents, kids, teachers, counselors and others interested in knowing more about science and technology. For a video on the open house go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3xXHyHOZTE.

Another BIG Little Science Centre?

ASTTBC thinks so and to help make it happen, it supported the visit of **Carolyn Tatton** and **Paris Gaudet** of the **Mid-Island Science, Technology and Innovation Council (MISTIC)** to the BIG Little Science Centre in Kamloops. Carolyn is the Executive Director and Paris is Project Manager but for two days this January they were able to play with the students at the Bert Edwards Science and Technology School which is housed at the BIG Little Science Centre. Their wish is to create a similar science centre possibly based in Nanaimo, BC.

ASTTBC Executive Director Talks Technology Careers on CFJC – TV (Kamloops)

During 2009 National Technology Week, ASTTBC's Executive Director, John Leech appeared with Gord Stewart, Executive Director for the BIG Little Science Centre (BLSC) on the Midday Show in Kamloops, BC. During the show John spoke about ASTTBC's role in promoting technology careers and the contribution of technology professionals to BC's growth and development. John also handed out financial support, providing a grant of \$5,000 for BLSC on behalf of ASTTBC. John referenced ASTTBC's work to enhance awareness of careers for women, noting the BC Women in Technology enterprise established in 2009. ASTTBC completed a survey of its female members in

2009, which is posted on the BCWiT web site: www.asttbc.org/careers/wit/witsurvey.php

Wrapping things up John spoke about ASTTBC's launch of the First Nations Careers Council fncc.asttbc.org/ and the \$1,000 bursary provided to Atoine Archie a First Nations student in the Architectural and Engineering Technology program at Thompson Rivers University.

Take a moment and watch the video on YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVzLwvITef8>

North Island College Employment Resource Centres Opens

North Island College has opened Employment Resource Centres at its Campbell River and Comox Valley campuses. *"This is such an important service, not only for our students and alumni, but also for local employers,"* states Treena Nadon, NIC's new Employment Service Advisor. According to Nadon, whether an employer is looking to fill part-time jobs, full-time career positions or Co-op terms, NIC's Employment Resource Centres are a great first call. Employers will find a range of services, including assistance with developing job descriptions, information on government grants and programs, opportunities to interview students on campus, and connections with programs that train future employees. Job postings are provided at no charge and employers profiled on their webpage.

For more information about the Employment Resource Centres, please contact Treena Nadon, Employment Service Advisor at 250-334-5076 in the Comox Valley or 250-923-9739 in Campbell River.

BC Forest Service Celebrates 100 years

In 2012 the BC Forest Service will celebrate 100 years and to mark this event a website has been launched. The site hosts a collection of images, stories, biographies and timelines that begin the process of documenting the history of the BC Forest Service. Located at www.bcfs100.ca the site is an interactive experience. For a more complete description go to www.asttbc.org/docs/forest.pdf

Your Questions Answered...

A recent call came into ASTTBC with a mother's dilemma – a Grade 12 student facing post secondary decisions. Where was the best College for her daughter with the best options and really what were her options? What did her child need to know as they look forward to career decisions? Jason Jung, ASCT, Manager, Technology Careers was able to provide information on various college programs and define the major career focus of her choices. Jason spends a great deal of the year out at the various colleges keeping in touch not only with instructors, but our up and coming technology professionals. For further information on Technology Careers please visit our website at www.asttbc.org and click on Technology Careers.

Congratulations to:

Richard Pucci, ASCT, of Prince Rupert, recently promoted to Engineering Coordinator and now managing the Engineering Department for the City of Prince Rupert.

ASTT e-News invites you to send us information on career changes, new awards, special projects etc. at techinfo@asttbc.org

Thanks Received from:

Ken Cameron who expresses his appreciation to ASTTBC Council for his Honorary Membership. He says, *"I was deeply honoured by this gesture and feel privileged to be among the distinguished group of people who have been recognized in this way."*

Mike Larock, RPF, who upon receiving his 2010 membership card and recognition as an Honorary member in ASTTBC, says, *"I am very appreciative of this recognition and fortunate to have the opportunity to contribute to the practice of technology professionals in BC."*

TechACTION:

The **British Columbia Environment Industry Association (BCEIA)** is seeking candidates for its Board of Directors, and various Program Committees to increase the strength and diversity of its organization and to reinforce its contribution to the environmental business community in British Columbia. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a candidate, go to www.bceia.com

TechEVENTS: special events, seminars & workshops listed by date

- **Prince Rupert Career Fair**, March 5. The ASTTBC booth will be there. For information, contact Denise Doolan (250)627-5627
- **Spaghetti Bridge Contest**, March 5, Okanagan College, Kelowna. ASTTBC is the title sponsor. www.okanagan.bc.ca/departments/engineeringtechnologies/spaghettilbridge.html
- **People and Pixels Planning Conference**, March 5, Selkirk College Castlegar, sponsored by KAST Kootenay Association for Science and Technology www.kast.com/?q=node/1852
- **Indigenous Earth: Praxis and Transformation conference**, March 9-12, Penticton

www.enowkincentre.ca

- **Georgie Awards 2009 Gala**, March 13, Vancouver, sponsored by the Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC. The finalists for the CHBA BC provincial housing awards will be announced. Tickets on sale now. www.chbabc.org
- **2010 Balsa Bridge Contest, celebrating the 30th anniversary of their Physics Bridge Building Contest**, March 16, Notre Dame Regional Secondary School, Vancouver www.ndrs.org
- **3rd Annual Sustainable Architecture Symposium**, March 18, Vancouver www.intercoastsales.ca/page.php?id=56
- **Central Interior BC Science Exhibition**, March 20, Prince George secure.ysf-fsj.ca/sfiab/centralinteriorbritishcolumbia/
- **Energy Monitoring**, March 23, Kelowna, a 'Natural Resources Canada' workshop oe.e.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/training-awareness/schedule.cfm?attr=24#bc
- **Sediment Solutions Seminar**, March 23, Vancouver. Hear the latest in integrated approaches for cost-effective sediment assessment, management and closure. www.geoenvirologic.ca
- **Globe 2010**, March 24-26, Vancouver. Join presenters, exhibitors and participants from around the world to discuss corporate sustainability innovation, climate change & carbon management, energy's future, financing the low carbon economy, urban infrastructure revolution. Special sessions for retail, auto future, water & clean technology. www.globe2010.com
- **Green Roofs – Concepts, Systems & Incentives**, March 25, BCIT, Vancouver www.bcit.ca/study/courses/grow0001
- **Is the American Economy Reaching a Tipping Point**, March 25, Vancouver, sponsored by the Fraser Institute <http://www.fraserinstitute.org/newsandevents/events/7153.aspx>
- **Thompson Rivers University Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner**, March 26, Kamloops <http://www.tru.ca/alumni>
- **Wood Design Competition** (formerly known as Wood Catapult Competition), March 27, UBC www.wood-works.ca
- **2010 Wood Design Awards**, March 29, Vancouver www.wood-works.ca
- **Offshore Arabia 2010**, March 29-31, Dubai. A conference for exchange of knowledge and discussion on the oil & gas outlook, oil spill protection, the challenge for the marine industry, global issues & the environment, renewable energy & new technologies. www.offshorearabia.ae
- **The 2010 Dig Safe BC! Workshop**, March 31, Cranbrook. Learn how to avoid buried pipelines and cables. Register at www.commongroundbc.ca or call (604) 568-2700.
- **Partners in Emergency Preparedness**, April 6 -7, Tacoma capps.wsu.edu/emergencyprep/
- **ABCFP Annual Conference Expo for 2010**, April 8-9, Kelowna www.expofor.ca/
- **2nd Annual Immigrant Professionals Conference**, April 10, Burnaby www.aspect.bc.ca/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=8
- **KAST Presents: Science World in British Columbia – Community Service Celebration**, The ASTTBC booth will be there. April 10, Castlegar www.kast.com/?q=node/1933
- **Health Sciences Association 39th Annual Convention**, April 16-17, Vancouver www.hsabc.org/content.php?id=168
- **Buildex Vancouver**, April 21-22 the largest event at the Vancouver Convention Centre, welcoming over twelve thousand Design, Construction and Real Estate Management professionals for exhibits and seminars on Interior design & architecture, property and real estate management & construction and renovation www.buildexvancouver.com/
- **CEBC Awards Gala**, April 24, Vancouver, recognizing Engineering Excellence. ASTTBC is a platinum sponsor. www.cebc.org/awards.html
- **33rd Annual Canadian Home Builders Home Show**, April 30 -May 2, Prince George, a celebration of residential & commercial construction in Northern BC. www.chbanorthernbc.ca/Default.aspx?PageID=55
- **Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Workshop, May 6-7, Vancouver**. From fundamentals to practice, including hands-on calculations using BC case studies. For contaminated sites practitioners -the how-to for risk assessment in BC. Excellent primer for the Risk Symposium held four weeks later on June 4th. www.geoenvirologic.ca
- **CCWESTT Bi-Annual conference: Leading the Way 2010, Empowering Women, Building Communities**, May 13-15, Winnipeg, MB www.cccwestt2010.ca/conferenceprograms_schedule.htm
- **2010 Zero Waste Conference**, May 25-27, Whistler, sponsored by the Recycling Council of British Columbia rcbc.bc.ca/events/annual-conference
- **PORTSECURE 2010, May 26-28, Vancouver** www.portsecure.ca
- **ASTTBC Annual General Meeting**, May 28, Burnaby, including technical sessions and Top in Technology Award presentations. See more information at top of this issue.
- **Washington Regional Green Roof/Wall Conference & Training**, June 1-2, Washington, DC, quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=1f72731c-c2ab-44a7-82e3-6747cae66dc5
- **Contaminated Site Investigation: Planning, Field Sampling, and Interpretation, June 2-3, Burnaby**. Two companion seminars providing training in investigation of contaminated sites: Day 1 - Soil and Groundwater Sampling and Day 2 - Sampling of Soil Vapour and Other Media. www.geoenvirologic.ca
- **Fifth Annual Risk Symposium, June 4, Vancouver**. Share ideas and debate risk assessment as practiced in BC. www.geoenvirologic.ca
- **BC Resources Expo 2010**, June 3-5, Prince George www.bcreourcesexpo.com/
- **Performance Matters – Canada Green Building Council National Building 2010 Conference**, June 8-10, Vancouver, sponsored by Canada Green Building Council www.caqbc.org/caqbc/conference/index.php
- **Canadian Water Resources Association 63rd Annual National Conference**, June 15-18,

Vancouver www.cwra.org/national_conference.html

- **Building Envelope Systems & Technologies International Conference**, June 27-30, Vancouver. Hosted by National Research Council Canada, this worldwide forum will provide exchange of information and discussion of developments in building envelope engineering for researchers, engineers, designers and manufacturers. <http://www.icbest.ca/>
- **ICEE 2010 Conference**, July 18-22, Gliwice, Poland [www.ineer.org/iNEERInfo/Proposal-2010 ICEE Gliwice 2010 WA2.pdf](http://www.ineer.org/iNEERInfo/Proposal-2010%20ICEE%20Gliwice%202010%20WA2.pdf)
- **Canadian Quality Congress**, August 23-25, Toronto www.canadianqualitycongress.com/
- **Contaminated Sites in the Oil and Gas Sector in Northeast BC, September 30 - October 1(tentative), Fort St. John.** The third session of contaminated sites seminars will focus on contaminated sites issues for the oil and gas sector, and the interconnection between the Contaminated Site Regulation and the Oil and Gas Regulation. www.geoenvirologic.ca
- **Cities Alive! 8th Annual Green Roof & Wall Conference**, Nov 30-Dec 2, Vancouver vancouver.citiesalive.org/

Note: for more information on events and seminars go to www.asttbc.org/services/coming_events.php and www.asttbc.org/services/cpd/seminars.php
