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## **Science savvy students prepare for Youth Science Month** *BC students vie for a chance at the National Canada-Wide Science Fair*

**VANCOUVER, BC:** The Provincial Government joins provinces across Canada with the Proclamation of March as “Youth Science Month.” British Columbia’s future leaders of science and innovation are preparing to showcase their own creative science concepts and theories province-wide this March. With the support from the Science Fair Foundation of BC, communities from four regions of the province will hold local science fairs during March where scientists in Grades 7-12 will compete for the ultimate award – to represent their region at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, held in Peterborough, Ontario May 15 - 22, 2010.

“Their ideas are fresh and entertaining, their methods of delivery are colourful, and their overall style is sometimes off-the-wall; but make no mistake—the science behind these projects is sound,” says Patti Leigh, Executive Director, Science Fair Foundation of BC. “Science fairs are a first step in securing a science-literate culture of critical thought in our province, and this year’s inventive offerings assure us that we’re well on our way.”

Eye-catching project titles include: “Blind Prejudice”; “Got HAIR to SPARE”; and “The Game Choices”.

“The chance to travel to Peterborough and take part in such a significant event as the national Canada-Wide Science Fair is a great motivator for participants,” explains Leigh. “But Science Fairs are certainly more than just competition among students; they are a forum for thought, analysis and inspiration for the community at-large.”

Scheduled regional science fairs include:

FRASER VALLEY  
ABBOTSFORD

March 23 – 26, 2010  
University of the Fraser Valley

CARIBOO/MAINLINE  
KAMLOOPS

March 30 – April 1, 2010  
Thompson Rivers University

CENTRAL OKANAGAN  
KELOWNA

March 30 - 31, 2010  
UBC Okanagan

PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
SMITHERS

March 31 – April 1, 2010  
Walnut Park Elementary School

**All media are invited to attend these highly visual, highly energetic events.**



*British Columbia regional science fairs are supported by the Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia, a non-profit charitable organization whose vision is to sustain and enhance the science culture of the youth in British Columbia.*