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### **Year of Science wraps with \$1.1-million legacy**

VANCOUVER – The Province is wrapping up the Year of Science with a \$1.1-million investment to create a legacy of science education for British Columbia youth helping prepare them for jobs in the knowledge-based economy of the future.

Science World will receive \$1.0 million to support outreach programs such as the Program for Awareness and Learning of Science, focussed on improving interest in science for students in grades kindergarten through eight. Additionally, the Pacific Institute for Mathematical Sciences will receive \$100,000 to support targeted programs, including math camps and mentorship programs, focussed on improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students in math.

#### **Quotes:**

##### **Dr. Moira Stilwell, Parliamentary Secretary for Industry, Research and Innovation:**

“Getting young people excited about sciences and technology is not a task that ends because the Year of Science is over. This legacy funding will ensure that we continue to educate our young people about the tremendous opportunities that the sciences provide, such as fulfilling, well-paying jobs.”

##### **Bryan Tisdall, president & CEO of Science World:**

“The Year of Science has been a fantastic success in bringing science literacy into the larger conversation on where we all want our province to go and how the youth of today are going to lead us in the future. This legacy funding will allow Science World to continue to work with community partners around the province to ignite young minds to the wonders of science – sparking curiosity, imagination and creativity – and raise awareness of the exciting possibility of careers in science and technology”

##### **Dr. Alejandro Adem, director of Pacific Institute for Mathematical Sciences:**

“Receiving this funding is fantastic news and we intend to use it to continue promoting the mathematical sciences and providing enhanced educational and training opportunities for Aboriginal students throughout British Columbia.”

#### **Quick Facts about the Year of Science:**

- Last fall, the Province proclaimed the 2010-11 school year the Year of Science in B.C. to raise awareness among B.C. families, particularly young people, about the many exciting, and rewarding careers in science-related fields.

- Over the next 10 years, approximately one in every eight job openings will be in a science-related occupation.
- With its partners – Science World, Vancouver Aquarium and the Science Fair Foundation – the Year of Science took science on the road to communities throughout B.C.
- Estimated Year of Science participation to date: K-12 students – 198,270; Parents – 28,799; Post-secondary students – 18,534

**Learn More:**

<http://yearofsciencebc.ca/>

<http://www.scienceworld.ca/>

<http://www.pims.math.ca/>

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