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Seminar on High-tech Spin-offs

As announced in our March Newsletter, Mark Hollingworth, Director, Office of Liaison with Industry, has informed us that thanks to H.E.C. (Hautes Etudes Commerciales), we will have the opportunity to attend an all-day interactive seminar on how to spin-off university technologies. The seminar will be held this **Thursday, May 2nd**, in 550 Sherbrooke, East Tower, Room 1601 starting at 9 AM. There will be a one hour break for lunch and it should finish at 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM.

If you've been putting off thinking about setting up your own company to commercialize one of your technological developments, this will be an excellent opportunity to get some advice.

NSERC University-Industry Collaboration Awards

The NSERC Conference Board of Canada awards for university-industry collaboration are now seeking applications for their 1996 awards to be made at their conference to be held on October 29 - 30th 1996 in Montreal.

The submissions are judged on the degree of interaction between the university and the company, the long-term nature of the collaboration and the economic benefits reaped (and, where applicable, the sustainable development practices employed).

If you would like more information on the awards, please contact Mark Hollingworth <MARK@ENG1.Lan.McGill.CA> and include your fax number ASAP.

Convocation 1996

The Engineering and Sciences Convocation will take place on Thursday, June 6 at 2:00 PM. For information and tickets please contact your departmental secretary. (P.S. don't forget to tell us the news also!).

Holiday Closure

McGill University and CIM will be closed on Monday May 20 for Victoria Day.

CIM Board of Directors

The Senate resolution of McGill University states that a centre must have a Board of Directors. For the past several months the Faculty members of CIM have sought out prospective candidates to serve on its Board. The following people, all prominent in industry, education, and communications have agreed to serve on the Board of CIM:

Ms. Carol Ann Davidson, Discovery Channel
Mr. Toby Gilsig, President, M3i
Prof. Sanjoy Mitter, Co-director, Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems, MIT
Mr. David Kashtan, Chief Executive Officer, TGV, Inc., Santa Cruz
Dr. Hoda A. ElMaraghy, Dean of Engineering, University of Waterloo
Dr. Albert J. Aguayo, Director, Montreal General Hospital, Research Institute

Ex-officio members: Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and CIM Director

CIM Picnic

As proposed in the April Newsletter a CIM get-together-picnic is in the works.

Date : Saturday, June 15, after the IRIS conference.
Place: Yamaska Park in the Eastern Townships, about an hour's drive from Montreal.

Activities: Canoeing, hiking, volleyball, Frisbee and of course, EATING. The plan is to have a big barbecue.

Cost: \$12 per person in order to buy the food, drinks, charcoal etc. Please bring your money to Mordi in Rm 432 to reserve spots for you and your guests.

If you can bring your gas/charcoal barbecue, your cooler or any type of sporting/supporting equipment please e-mail us. In order to know exactly how many people are coming and to buy food for everyone, the deadline to sign up & pay is May 30.

Please note that the park charges an entrance fee of \$10 per car. So, if you have a car and are willing to take people with you (the gas & entrance fees will be shared), please let us know.

See you all there,

Submitted by the organizers, Ahmed <ahmed@cim>, Iyad <iyad@cim>, Mordi <mordi@cim>, Noga <noga@cim>

NEWS AND EVENTS

Hats off to ...

 **Julie Payette**, who is working towards her Ph.D. under the supervision of Profs. De Mori and Hayward and is a member of the Canadian Astronaut Program, has recently been appointed to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

 **Dr. Francesco Callari**, who has a research appointment in CIM, was nominated for the Class of '51 Outstanding Teaching Award. Unfortunately he could not be considered because the rules require the candidate to be a full-time member of academic

staff. Franco taught the Operating Systems course. Congratulations, Franco!

Articles & ideas are welcome. Please send them by e-mail to the editor. Deadline for publication is the 5th of every month.

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64e Congrès de l'ACFAS

Le 64e Congrès de l'Association canadienne française pour l'avancement des sciences aura lieu du 13 au 17 mai 1996 à l'Université McGill. Ce congrès constitue la plus importante réunion francophone annuelle et multidisciplinaire au monde. L'ensemble des champs de recherche y est représenté, par le biais des sections, qui correspondent aux disciplines universitaires, et des colloques qui s'articulent plutôt autour d'une thématique.

Des colloques en robotique, en intelligence artificielle et en optique guidée auront lieu du lundi au jeudi. Pour plus d'information, veuillez contacter le Secrétariat de l'ACFAS à <congres@acf.ca> ou <http://www.acf.ca>.

The 2nd Annual McGill Technology Fair

Place: 855 Sherbrooke Street West, Leacock Bldg

Date: May 2 1996, 0900 - 1700 hr.

Cost: Free Admission

The Joint Subcommittee on the Educational Use of Information Technology invites you to attend the 2nd Annual McGill Technology Fair. In our knowledge-based society, the use of information technology to enhance teaching and learning will become increasingly more prevalent. The program will encourage discussion of major issues through the use of panel discussions and the interactive symposia, while a number of excellent initiatives are also included in the general exhibition.

For the program, please consult: <http://www.music.mcgill.ca/~techdays> or for information contact Susan Thoburn, sthoburn@music.mcgill.ca. Tel.: (514) 630-5733