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Friday, March 28, 2008

Research Week at Laurentian University

Sudbury (Ontario) – Today, in the Rotunda of the J.N. Desmarais Library, the mayor of the City of Greater Sudbury, John Rodriguez, proceeded to the proclamation of the 2008 Laurentian University Research Week, a celebration of our university's researchers and creators, their activities and discoveries, which impact our community, our country and our planet.

This year, Research Week will take place from March 28 to April 4, 2008, and will showcase discussions, student and faculty lectures, seminars, open labs, research displays and a book launch.

Members of the media and the community are welcome to attend all Research Week activities (see program of events attached).

Research activity at Laurentian is in constant growth. The university's faculty is involved in over 250 funded projects in the fields of natural sciences and engineering, social sciences and humanities, professional schools and life sciences. Research funding has surpassed \$ 20 million a year over the last couple of years, which is an achievement to itself when compared to the \$ 13 million received in 2003. This is impressive for a university of this size, counting 9,000 students and 390 faculty members.

For more information on Research Week, please contact the Research, Development and Creativity office, at (705) 675-1151, ext. 2437 or by email, at rdcoffice/bureaurdc@laurentian.ca.

Research week program of events

Friday, March 28, 2008

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Official Proclamation of Laurentian's Research Week by mayor John Rodriguez and launch of the second edition of *The Key*, Laurentian University's research magazine.

*Location: J.N. Desmarais Library Rotunda
A lunch will be served.*

Monday, March 31, 2008

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Official launch of the Library's Electronic Repository. This service will capture, store, index, preserve and help distribute our university's scholarly research in digital formats. It is a space for faculty provided by the Library to support the dissemination of knowledge created at the university.

Location: Arts Building (bowling alley)

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Laurentian research centres and programs will set-up displays in the bowling alley (ground floor of the Arts Building) to present their work.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Book Launch: Faculty members will present their new publications and works of art. One of the books to be launched will be the first edition of *Sport Marketing: A Canadian Perspective* by Dr. Norm O'Reilly, director of Laurentian's School of Sports Administration, and Dr. Benoît Séguin, University of Ottawa.

Location: Brenda Wallace Reading Room (J. N. Desmarais Library)
A reception will follow.

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Laurentian research centres and programs will set-up displays in the bowling alley (ground floor of the Arts Building) to present their work.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Official opening of the Multidisciplinary Qualitative Research Laboratory. This lab will house three distinct health-related research programs: exercise, sport, and mental health and wellness. It will foster collaborations between these disciplines and contribute to the training of qualified students and personnel. This lab was created thanks to the financial support of the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Ontario Research Fund.

Location: Room F-535, Science II Building
Lunch will be served.

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Official Launch of the Community Research Network for Children and Youth of Greater Sudbury and Forum on Knowledge Mobilization. This network will work for the well-being of the Greater Sudbury children and youth. All stakeholders are welcome to join in.

Location: Room W-132, West Residence
Lunch will be served.

Thursday, April 3, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Laurentian will announce the recipients of the **Louise Picard Public Health Research Grants competition** for 2008. These grants support collaborations on community public health projects by Laurentian faculty and Sudbury and District Health Unit staff. Dr. Carol Kauppi, Laurentian University, and Dr. Vera Etches, SDHU, recipients of a grant in 2007 will do a short presentation on their collaborative project entitled *Homelessness and health: exploring effective public health*. Dr. Jorge Virchez, director of the department of geography at LU, with Bridget King of the SDHU, will also talk about their 2007 project, a *Feasibility study to implement the Good Food Box Program in Sudbury*.

Location: Governor's Lounge (11th floor, Parker Building)
Refreshments will be served.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Professors Kabwe Nkongolo and Annyck Ratiarson will speak on their international cooperation and development projects. Dr. Nkongolo is working on capacity-building for food security in the Democratic Republic of Congo, while Dr. Ratiarson is leading a project that will reinforce teaching and research capacities in Madagascar in order to better equip the country in its battle against AIDS and cervical cancer.

Location: Governor's Lounge, 11th floor, R.D., Parker Building
Lunch will be served.

Friday, April 4, 2008

8:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

15^e Journée des sciences et savoirs (in French). Organisée par l'ACFAS-Sudbury, la Journée des Sciences et Savoirs donne l'occasion au corps professoral et aux étudiants de l'université de faire connaître leurs recherches en les présentant devant public.

Location: Rooms C-301, C-304 and C306 of the Classroom Building

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