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CAP Letter-Writing Campaign on Research Funding

On Friday, December 12th, The CAP President issued a call to all CAP members to send a letter to key Federal Ministers and opposition leaders to remind them of the importance

of continued support for research during these challenging economic times. Full details are available at: [CAP Letters](#).

Research in Motion (RIM) Joins CAP

The CAP is pleased to announce that Waterloo based Research in Motion has joined the CAP as a Corporate Member. RIM's decision to be affiliated with the CAP was due in large part to our common interests and involvement in promoting physics and science through outreach activities and initiatives. CAP funds these activities through the Educational Trust Fund.

The CAP encourages its members to engage their industrial contacts in a conversation about the ETF and how companies can support these activities by becoming a Corporate Member. For more information on corporate membership please contact Andranik Sarkissian, Director of Corporate Members at sarkissian@plasmionique.com.

2011 and 2012 CAP Congresses Announced

The CAP Executive is pleased to announce that the 2011 Congress will be hosted by Memorial University and the 2012 Congress by the University of Calgary. In addition, CAP has

invited the Canadian Astronomical Society ([CASCA](#)) to join us for a joint congress in Calgary in 2012. Discussions between the two societies are ongoing.

CAP Medal Nominations (deadline January 9, 2009)

There is still time to nominate outstanding individuals for the following 2009 CAP Medals:

- [CAP Herzberg Medal](#);
- [CAP Medal of Achievement](#);
- [CAP Medal for Excellence in Teaching](#);
- [CAP/DCMMP Brockhouse Medal](#);

- [CAP/CRM Prize in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics](#);
- [CAP Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Industrial and Applied Physics](#);

The medal guidelines, including a list of documentation required in support of the nomination are available on the [CAP website](#).

Update on TRIUMF 5-Year Plan (submitted by Tim Meyer)

Amidst continued national discussion about strategies for supporting "big science" projects and facilities, TRIUMF has prepared its next five-year plan for operations from 2010-2015. With tremendous input and support from the broader research community, a vision for fully transforming the laboratory has been formulated.

The plan seizes on competitive opportunities for developing and deploying two platform technologies: radiochemistry and medical isotopes for nuclear medicine and superconducting radio-frequency technology for next-generation accelerators. Initiatives in these

areas will build Canadian leadership with breakthrough discoveries and new levels of economic and social impact. In September 2008, the plan for TRIUMF was reviewed by a prestigious international committee of experts, chaired by the next Director General of CERN.

The report is available at [TRIUMF's website](#) and will be formally transmitted to the Government of Canada via the National Research Council in early 2009 for the year-long deliberative process. Thank you to everyone for their continued support and contribution!

Community News

Stephen Hawking accepts appointment as a distinguished research chair at Waterloo's [Perimeter Institute](#).

CAP member, [Bill Buyers](#), recently received an honorary doctorate from the University of Aberdeen.

Nanotechnology Laboratory for Media Storage Materials established at the College of the North Atlantic in Labrador City.

News items can be submitted to wwhelan@upei.ca

Educational Trust Fund

The [CAP Educational Trust Fund](#) supports important education and outreach activities, including the CAP lecture tours, university and high school prize exams, the Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference and the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

The Educational Trust Fund urgently needs your support in order to continue the sponsorship of these important activities in support of physics education and outreach in Canada!

Tax deductible donations can be made to the ETF at any time via the CAP website.

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