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## CAP Medals and Awards

The CAP-TRIUMF Vogt Medal for Excellence in Subatomic Physics has been awarded this year for the first time to **David Sinclair** from Carleton University/TRIUMF. The other CAP medals were awarded as follows:

- CAP Medal for Career Achievement to **See L. Chin** from U. Laval
- CAP Herzberg Medal to **Alexandre Blais** from U. Sherbrooke
- CAP-DCMMP Brockhouse Medal to **Bruce D. Gaulin** from McMaster U.
- CAP-CRM Prize to **Robert Brandenberger** from McGill U.
- CAP Medal for Excellence in Teaching to **Joanne O'Meara** from U. of Guelph
- CAP-COMP Kirkby Medal to **Ervin Podgorsak** from the McGill Health Centre
- CAP Medal for Industrial and Applied Physics to **Wayne Hocking** from U. of Western Ontario

For the second year, the CAP and its partners have given awards for Excellence in High School/CEGEP Physics Teaching. The winners by region are:

- **Peter Vogel**, Notre Dame Regional Secondary School (BC and Yukon)  
- Also awarded a scholarship to attend the CERN Teachers' Workshop in July
- **Patricia D. Mitchler**, Kelvin High School (Prairies and NWT)
- **Glenn Wagner**, Centre Wellington DHS (Ontario)
- **Ian Fogarty**, Riverview High School (Atlantic)
- **Simon Langlois**, Cégep Marie-Victorin (Québec and Nunavut)

## Boris Stoicheff Memorial Scholarship

The CAP, through the Educational Trust Fund, and the Optical Society of America Foundation have partnered to establish the Boris P. Stoicheff Memorial Scholarship. The goal is to permanently endow a graduate student scholarship in Dr. Stoicheff's name, to be awarded in alternate years in Canada and the United States. Such a tribute is particularly appropriate since, of all his accomplishments, Dr. Stoicheff was most proud of the more than 25 graduate students that had the privilege to work with him.

A fund raising campaign is presently underway in Canada and the United States with a target of \$40,000. Online contributions can be made [here](#).

## Natural Sciences / PEO Activities

The Council of Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) at its February 18th meeting unanimously approved the two major recommendations contained within the Joint Engineering and Natural Scientists Task Force report. The recommendations suggest the establishment of an Overlapping Practices Committee and a national joint engineering/natural science committee to determine under what conditions a Natural Scientist would need a license (from a regulatory Engineering or Science Society), when practicing in areas where the public is at risk. In a recent meeting with the CAP and CCR presidents and a representative of the Ontario Attorney General, PEO officials agreed to issue a public statement clarifying that PEO does not have jurisdiction over the practice of Natural Science. The Task Force report along with several related motions for approval will be considered at the June 12th CAP Council meeting.

## CAM 2011

The [5th Canadian-American-Mexican Graduate Student Physics Conference](#) will take place at the Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, DC, from September 29th to October 1st. Previous conferences were held in Merida, San Diego, Montréal and Acapulco. Graduate student participants will present their research either through an oral or a poster contribution. Plenary contributions from senior scientists will also give the student participants exposure to ongoing research in diverse sub-fields. Students will have the opportunity to interact with senior scientists and international peers in their own field, as well as with those focused on other disciplines within physics. The Educational Trust Fund will provide financial support to a number of selected Canadian participants. Details will be announced this summer.

## Community News

[Ted Hsu](#), a Queen's Physics graduate and Princeton Physics Ph.D., has been elected Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands.

[Suresh Narine](#), Physics & Astronomy and Chemistry Professor at Trent University, has been named one of Canada's top 40 under 40 for 2011.

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