



NOHFC contributes \$522,558 to Bio-Sciences and Technology Convergence Centre activities

SSMIC receives funding from NOHFC's Public Sector Emerging Technology Program

MPP David Oraziotti announced on Friday, April 23 that the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is contributing \$522,588 to the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC) for project activities related to Algoma University's Bio-Sciences and Technology Convergence Centre (BTCC). The project funds three contract staff positions through the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre to drive new research projects and private sector participation in the BTCC.



Above: Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre Executive Director Tom Vair speaks at the funding announcement on April 23.

Helen Gillespie, newly hired Director of Development for the Convergence Centre, will lead a team including the development officer for sci-

ence, Dr. Paula Antunes, and the development officer for technology, Mike McGonigal, as they help form key relationships with potential partners for

the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre and Algoma University around BTCC activities.

"Our government is making this investment because it supports the bioscience and technology sectors in Sault Ste. Marie," said David Oraziotti, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie. "The innovation centre will allow for more research and development projects to take place in our community, which is essential to fostering the type of economic development that leads to job creation."

The three contract staff, Gillespie, Antunes and McGonigal, are employed and managed by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre and will play a key role in the success of the BTCC. They will

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New wind farm announced for Goulais River

The Ontario government announced that a new 25 megawatt wind farm will be built in Goulais River. The announcement came as part of a suite of more than \$8 billion in renewable energy announcements on April 8.

Confederation Power Incorporated will be the developer. 8 to 12 turbines are planned. When completed, the wind farm should furnish enough energy to power approximately 8 000 homes. Confederation Power is based in Toronto, Ontario. The company has 24 MW of wind generation capacity in Nova Scotia and 150 MW of hydroelectricity capacity in British Columbia.

The 25 MW operation will be significantly smaller than Brookfield Power's wind farm in Prince Township, which has a total capacity of 189 MW.

Planning for construction is cited as being at a relatively advanced stage. The operation will be just northeast of the Brookfield wind farm and is slated to become operational in 2012.



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help drive the BTCC forward by assisting in the planning of the project, attracting private sector partners and developing a pipeline of research projects and collaborators. The BTCC will help to serve the needs of local researchers, entrepreneurs and businesses; establish a platform to showcase the globally relevant activities taking place in Sault Ste. Marie and it will develop linkages with global researchers and private sector companies.

"We are grateful to NOHFC for their support of this project and very excited by the opportunities and potential that the Bio-Sciences and Technology Convergence Centre will bring to Sault Ste. Marie and the Algoma district," said Tom Vair, executive director, SSMIC. "The activities that will take place in this facility have great prospects of creating more jobs and attracting highly skilled professionals to Sault Ste. Marie. We also look forward to continuing our strong partnership with Algoma University as we work together on this project."

"As we watch the Bio-Sciences building being built our excitement and anticipation grows," said Dr. Celia Ross, president, Algoma University. "This support from the NOHFC will help us to create an innovation hub where research in invasive species biology, health informatics and the use of computer games for health will bring new solutions to our forests and lakes, to our patient care system, and to individuals needing intensive rehabilitation."

The \$16 million Biosciences and Technology Convergence Centre will bring together teaching, research and commercial activities in a dynamic atmosphere to foster innovation and growth. Along with teaching and faculty research labs, the facility will house the SSMIC and expanded office space for the Business Incubator and the internationally recognized Community Geomatics Centre. Other tenants will include the



algoma university - biosciences and technology convergence centre

Above: Architect's rendering of the Bio-Sciences and Technology Convergence Centre.

Right: Sault Ste. Marie MPP David Oraziotti speaks at the April 23 announcement.



newly launched Algoma Games for Health, a design studio bringing computer games technology to the delivery of health care and rehabilitation services; the Health Informatics Research Institute and the Invasive Species Research Institute.

Algoma University has received federal and provincial funding totalling \$16 million through the knowledge infrastructure Program and Ontario's 2009 Budget to construct the BTCC. The BTCC had its groundbreaking ceremony in September and is expected to complete construction in 2011.

Be sure to check next month's *Eye on Innovation* as we profile Helen, Mike and Paula!



Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition holds community discussion



The Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition (CAFC) invited landowners and cottagers in the central Algoma region to participate in a community discussion and learn more about the organization on Monday April 26.

The session took place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Laird Community Hall, located at 3 Pumpkin Point Road, in Echo Bay, Ontario. Concerns about local freshwater sources were discussed and attendees were invited to offer their ideas on how to promote good stewardship for future generations.

The CAFC's mandate is to monitor, protect and restore watersheds within the central Algoma region. For more information on the organization, please contact Lindsey Verdone: (705)971-5356, or lverdone@ssmic.com.

ISRI staff teach youth about invasive species with fun and games

Science
Spotlight

Invasive species are a pressing and growing problem in Canada and increasing public awareness is a crucial first-step in preventing the spread of invasive species. The staff members of Algoma University's Invasive Species Research Institute (ISRI) have spent most of the past year working to educate the local public about the threat posed by invasive species and one of their major target audiences have been local elementary and secondary students.

"When it comes to invasive species outreach, getting the message out to young people is very important," says Troy Pine, First Nations Outreach Coordinator with ISRI. "Children absorb information very well and retain it for a long time."

Troy and fellow outreach coordinator Kristen Berger have devised a number of

fun activities to get young students interested in learning about invasive species. One of these is Invasivopoly, a life-sized board game styled after Monopoly. Other games include Battle for Biodiversity, Invasive Tag and a Jeopardy style question and answer game.

Kristen and Troy have employed these activities in presentations to both elementary and secondary students.

Occasionally, ISRI's youth outreach activities become even more hands-on. In November of 2009, 61 high school students from Central Algoma Secondary School assisted with a Garlic Mustard pull in an east end park of Sault Ste. Marie.

ISRI has also presented information at numerous high-profile events over the past year. These include ARTIE (Advanced Research and Technology Innovation Expo), the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, the Green Expo, and the

Home and Outdoors Show. An official ISRI website is also being readied for a public launch in the near future.

Keep reading *Eye on Innovation* for further updates! For more information, contact ISRI at :

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Above: CASS students prepare to assist with Garlic Mustard removal in November of 2009

Below left : The Emerald Ash Borer is one of several invasive species that pose a threat to biodiversity in the Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma region.



Ignite Sault 3 ablaze with inspiration

Ignite Sault 3 was held on Thursday April 8 at the Grand Theatre. A large and energetic crowd was on hand to take in some bite-sized bits of enlightenment and another 90 people followed along on the Ignite Sault live-blog of the event.

The introductory icebreaker exercise was a fashion show, with tables challenged to outfit one of their members in a haute couture outfit using garbage bags, newspapers, pipe cleaners and other assorted bric-a-brac.

After the fashion show presentations began. In all 10 presenters would take the stage. The Ignite format is a 5 minute presentation made up of 20 slides with each slide advancing automatically after 15 seconds. Ignite talks occur world-wide and Sault Ste. Marie is the first Canadian city to hold them



Above: Neil McLean discusses on-going efforts to eradicate polio.

In the first block of presentations: **Trevor Swenson** weighed the merits of RIM's Blackberry and Apple's iPhone against each other.

Mary Ledlow explored the fifth taste

of umami through the lens of her travels around the world.

Neil McLean charted the stunning decline of Polio around the world, from 250 000 annual cases in the mid 1980's to less than 2000 today. Rotary International has played a leading role in reducing the incidence of polio. Neil ended with an impassioned appeal to continue the momentum and have polio fully eradicated.

Ignite Sault co-founder and social media maven **Gerry Kirk** spoke about the genesis of ignite sault and Soo Podcamp. Gerry's next initiative will be Change Camp, coming in June of 2010.

Luc Duchesne kept the audience in stitches with his random acts of humour presentation. Luc ran through a number

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of lies and mistruths that are foisted upon us from the date of birth and explored the humour therein.

At the break, some prize draws were held. Also taking place during the intermission was Ignite Karaoke. Three randomly selected volunteers had to attempt an improvised Ignite Sault talk using six random slides they had never seen before. Donna Ross was deemed the winner by audience applause.

The second round of presentations then began:

Tim Kelly explored the philosophical implications of Chaos theory in his presentation.

Marla Guzzo took a humorous look at Sault Ste. Marie's fashion sensibilities (and lack thereof) in her presentation.

Software guru **Rick Scott** gave hope to the audience that our experiences with software aren't all necessarily doomed to be horrible.

John Clement got viewers thinking with a presentation centered on the zen koan, "Where does fire go when it goes out?"

LSSU professor **Gregory**



Left: Participants put Marla Guzzo's fashion advice into practice during Ignite Sault 3's Smashin' Fashion icebreaking activity.

Zimmerman explored a sense of place with his presentation.

Ignite Sault 4 will be taking place on October 14. Fans of Ignite Sault can check for updates online at www.ignitesault.ca and join the Facebook fanpage at www.facebook.com/ignitesault.



Superior Energy Solutions announces first microFIT installation in SSM

Superior Energy Solutions announced on March 31 that they will begin installation of Sault Ste. Marie's first grid tied solar project during the first week of April. This significant project is also the first in Sault Ste. Marie to be installed and operated under the Ontario Power Authority (OPA)'s microFIT contract. Located at Kensington Place Apartments, the solar photovoltaic (PV) installations will produce approximately 12,000 kilowatts (kWh) of power while reducing 202 tons of CO₂ – the equivalent to 1, 095, 593 km in a small car – over the next 25 years.

"We are very excited to be announcing the first OPA microFIT contract project in Sault Ste. Marie and can't wait to begin the installation process next week," said Ted Curry, president, Superior Energy Solutions. "The Green Energy Act passed last spring and the Feed In Tariff Program (FIT) launched by the Ontario Power Authority will provide the foundation for long term growth in the solar industry in Ontario. Now commercial businesses and home owners can invest in renewable energy generation with a very attractive rate of return backed by a 20 year contract with the OPA. Generating clean energy that reduces carbon emissions while having the power company pay you is driving economic development in the north and Sault Ste. Marie. There are many economic and environmental advantages to the community of local generation, distribution and consumption of energy

generated from roof top solar systems. We are very encouraged by the response to the program and proud to be a part of the next generation of energy generation."



Above: Superior Energy Solutions founder Ted Curry announces Sault Ste. Marie's first microFIT contract.

The start of the rooftop solar panel installations is a significant step for Sault Ste. Marie which declared itself the "Alternative Energy Capital of North America" in 2008. The project will also be on a remote monitored system on SooToday.com where the entire community can watch the progress of this historic first project. Superior Energy Solutions is based out of Sault Ste. Marie and has been an incubator client of the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC) since 2008.

"We would like to congratulate Superior Energy Solutions on this important step

forward for their business and for Sault Ste. Marie," said Tom Vair, executive director, SSMIC. "This announcement continues the momentum for our alternative energy sector and we look forward to the development of many more rooftop solar projects in the near future."

Launched in October 2009, the OPA's microFIT program is the first feed-in-tariff (FIT) program of its kind in North America. Modeled after many European FIT programs, the OPA's program is specifically tailored to Ontario's electricity system and situation. The microFIT program is intended for small or "micro" renewable electricity generation projects of 10 kW or less in size. Under the program, the OPA pays a guaranteed price over a 20-year term for all of the electricity the project produces and delivers to the province's electricity grid.

The program is intended to encourage the development of "microscale" renewable energy projects across the province. With its domestic content requirements, the OPA's microFIT program can potentially help create new local businesses and green jobs with the rise in demand for alternative energy technologies. Visit www.superiorenergysolutions.net for more information.



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TAG Luncheon held April 30 with Usha Srinivasan of MaRS Canada

Market and Industry Intelligence is essential for any entrepreneur. At every stage of a company's growth, there are key information sources an entrepreneur should tap into. Having access to the right information can often spell the difference between success and failure. Entrepreneurs and business leaders in Sault Ste. Marie and area learned how to gain this critical edge at a special presentation by Usha Srinivasan, director of market intelligence for MaRS entitled, "Using Market Intelligence as Your Strategic Weapon." Hosted by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC) at Algoma University on Friday April 30, the presentation was part of SSMIC's monthly TAG Luncheon series.



MaRS is able to provide small business clients with free access to a valuable library of market research reports. Srinivasan's presentation explored the types of information sources that entrepreneurs should be aware of and tips to keep one step ahead of competitors. The free presentation ran from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Doc Brown Lounge at Algoma University (EW 205). A light lunch was provided.

"It was exciting to have a speaker of Usha's calibre available to speak with local entrepreneurs and small businesses," said



Tom Vair, executive director, SSMIC. "MaRS is recognized for the knowledge and insight of their staff and this was a great opportunity for local businesspeople to tap into that expertise. This was also Usha's first visit to Northern Ontario and we were pleased to welcome her to Sault Ste. Marie."

Founded in 2000, MaRS is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to creating successful global businesses from Canada's science, technology and social innovation. The organization is headquartered in Toronto and is adjacent to three major universities and the University Health Network. MaRS offers research facilities and office space to start-up companies, mentoring services and assistance with finding funding and seed capital.

SSMIC and MaRS have collaborated on a number of recent initiatives. Srinivasan won't be the first to visit SSMIC from MaRS. In November 2008, Amie Sergas, programs manager for the Market Readiness Program at MaRS visited Sault Ste. Marie and blogged that "tech is cool in the Soo." Recently, James Sbrolla, a cleantech Entrepreneur-in-Residence for MaRS

spoke at SSMIC's The Business of Clean Tech Workshop: Opportunities, Innovation and Funding workshop.

Usha's presentation will be posted soon on the SSMIC website at www.ssmic.com. For more information on SSMIC's TAG Luncheon series, contact Tim Harmor at tharmor@ssmic.com or (705) 942-7927 ext. 3129.

About Usha Srinivasan: Srinivasan holds a BSc in Microbiology from University of Bristol and a PhD in Environmental Sciences from University of Abertay in Dundee, Scotland. She is a National Research Council fellow and has completed postdoctoral work at the US Environmental Protection Agency and University of New Brunswick. She has a technical and industry background in water, environment and building technologies. She has also worked with the Northern Research Institute and the Department of Forestry in the Yukon and helped to research and write the "State of the Environment" report for the Yukon territories. The TAG presentation will mark her first visit to Northern Ontario.

ProtoLaunch 6 gets artistic with Lui Francisco of Bedlam Games



ProtoLaunch continues to be a hit with young local budding game designers. Held on April 17 and 18 at Sault College, ProtoLaunch's sixth workshop once again enjoyed full registration. 24 local high school students took part in the free two day session focused on video game animation using 3ds Max.

The featured expert for ProtoLaunch 6 was Lui Francisco of Toronto-based Bedlam Games. After a stint in the Graphic Design course at George Brown College, Lui went on to graduate from Sheridan College's prestigious animation programme. He began his career in a boutique animation house that created

work for television and film. He joined Rockstar Toronto as a lead cinematic animator and was responsible for the well-regarded cut scenes in Rockstar's The Warriors.



When given the opportunity to join Bedlam as a founding member, he jumped at the chance. Lui and his team created Kung Fu: Deadly Arts; artwork from the game can be found in "Learning Autodesk 3ds Max 2008". Lui is currently overseeing the art production on Scratch: The Ultimate DJ.

The next workshop will be on June 5 and 6 featuring Ben Ruiz and Matthew

Wegner from Flashbang Studios. Regular updates and detail about ProtoLaunch 7 will be posted online on the Facebook ProtoLaunch fan page at www.facebook.com/protolaunch.



Canadian researchers developing specialized video games for stroke treatment

The following story was first published April 15, 2010 by Canadian Press. The story was subsequently syndicated and appeared in newspapers across Canada and was referenced by websites and around the world.

Written by Michael Oliviera (CP). Original article available [here](#).

TORONTO — Canadian researchers have high hopes for a new type of video game that could potentially change the way stroke sufferers receive treatment, while empowering therapists to either work with their patients longer or see more people every day.

Researchers at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and game designers at Algoma University in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., some 690 kilometres apart, are working on a project that falls within a growing genre called "serious games," video games that aren't designed with entertainment primarily in mind, said Dwayne Hammond, a strategic advisor at Algoma.

"All games teach, they're all puzzles of some sort, and so if you develop a game specifically for rehabilitation purposes ... it has potential to cause patients to follow their therapy much more than otherwise," he said.

"People are starting to recognize that games have value beyond just entertainment."

Therapists are already using off-the-shelf video games to help patients recover after a stroke.

A recent Canadian study found therapy involving Nintendo Wii motion controlled games were more beneficial to stroke patients than the block-stacking Jenga game and playing cards.

"The Wii is great but certainly I think the expectation is when you start to develop any product for an actual purpose, targeting something, you will be much more effective at that," Hammond said.

"We are just beginning to look at all this incredible technology that game

developers have created and we've just started to think about what else can we do with this stuff."

The partnership between the school and rehab institute was established about two years ago. It eventually grew into a full-time endeavour once funding was acquired.

"They were already excited about what the Wii could do but they just didn't have a team to start exploring this. We started to sit down and look at some of their projects and some of their work and research they had in place," Hammond said.

"One of them just leapt off the page as being a great starting point and it was because it was already somewhat game-like."

That idea, which turned into the product the team is working on today, involved a therapist using paper cards to help patients exercise their brains.

"An individual who had suffered a stroke would sit down with a therapist and

could be done remotely, which has several advantages.

"People can stay home, which means therapists - who currently spend a significant amount of their work day on the road travelling between patients - could potentially stay in their office and they would be able to spend much more of their time serving their clients, or other clients," he said.

"And with research you need a very targeted audience - it may be females 29 to 32 who've had this type of stroke or whatever - so expanding the ability to deliver the therapy to specific patients for research purposes is of great interest."

The advances in therapeutic video games are also important because they help keep the patient committed, and perhaps even compelled, to complete their treatment, said Elizabeth Rochon, a Toronto Rehab scientist and speech-language pathology associate professor at the University of Toronto.

"If you think about video games and you took them apart, many of them would

be exceedingly boring. You do the same thing over and over and over again but somehow people get addicted to them,"



look at a card - say with a picture of a piano - and they would go through a series of prompts to help them think about the word piano in different ways," he explained.

"They would just try to get you to think about that word in different ways in order to help your brain reconnect the word piano, if that linkage had been broken."

The exercise had already proven effective but the team realized it could get better by going digital.

"We just saw this as something we could take to another level by putting it in a digital medium. There's a lot of advantages we could bring in terms of tracking the progress of the clients who are responding to this therapy," Hammond said.

The research team also realized the software could be developed so interaction between patient and therapist

she said.

"The idea that we could take some of the therapies that we do that often have a repetitive component to them but make it fun and alluring and keep people engaged was very attractive."

The team hopes that in about a year their software will be in a commercialized state with a bolstered number of applications for patients and therapists.

And perhaps one day those games may even have a preventative element, she added.

"With all of the research that's coming out these days about the benefits of remaining mentally active as well as physically active to help ward off things like dementia, I think that's definitely coming," she said.

"And although it's probably early days, we're probably not that far down the line."



Above: Dwayne Hammond, Strategic Advisor Computer Games Technology.

Business of Clean Tech workshop a success

The Business of Clean Tech: Opportunities, Innovation and Funding workshop took place on March 31, 2010 at the Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre. Presentations were made by 10 expert speakers from both within the Clean Tech field and from organizations that fund and support Clean Tech initiatives.

The presenters were: Guy Dauncey, BC Sustainable Energy Association; James Sbrolla, Ontario Centre for Environmental Technology Advancement (OCETA); Aime Dimatteo, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation; Nicholas Parker, Cleantech Group; Jim Deluzio, Brookfield Power; Gordon Quaiattini, Canadian Renewable Fuels Association; Glen Martin, Pod

Generating; Pere Soria, Heliene; Nathaniel Bullard, Bloomberg New Energy Finance; and Christopher Flavin, Worldwatch Institute. Topics included: the post-carbon future, trends in clean

tech investing, Brookfield Power's Prince wind farm, Pod Generating's forthcoming solar farm in Sault Ste. Marie, Heliene's forthcoming manufacturing facility in Sault Ste. Marie, and low-carbon energy and the race for global competitiveness.

Exhibitors from a number of local



companies also set-up displays and distributed information to those in attendance. The event concluded with a special announcement by Ted Curry of Superior Energy Solutions (see page 4 for story).

Many of the presentations are now available on-line at the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre website, www.ssmic.com.

A live-blog transcription of the workshop proceedings is also available online at http://www.scribblelive.com/Event/The_Business_of_Clean_Tech_-_Opportunities_Innovation_and_Funding_workshop.

Nominations open for 5th annual SSMARt Innovation Awards

Nominations are now open for the 5th annual SSMARt (Sault Ste. Marie and Area) Innovation Awards. The awards will recognize excellence in the local science and technology fields at a gala dinner and ceremony on June 17 at the Grand Theatre.

Nominees are being sought for the following categories:

- Best Website Award.
- Innovation Company of the Year.
- Innovation Educator of the Year.
- Innovation Leader of the Year.
- Innovation Project of the Year.
- Innovation Researcher of the Year.
- Innovation Student/Graduate of the Year.
- Innovation Youth of the Year.

Sponsorship forms are available [online](http://www.ssmic.com) at www.ssmic.com. The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 14.

Tickets for the June 17 ceremony are available for \$30 and include a catered meal. A cash bar will also be available.

Sponsorship plays an important role in the success of the event. Prospective sponsors will be recognized in pre-event advertising and publicity and also at the awards themselves.

Those interested in sponsorship opportunities can contact Mei Ling by [email](mailto:meiling@ssmic.com) or phone at (705)942-7927 ext.



Above: Representatives from SITTM receive Innovation Company of the Year Award at the 2009 SSMARt Awards.

3122 for a full breakdown of sponsorship levels and opportunities. For more information on the 5th Annual SSMARt Innovation awards, contact Mei or email awards@ssmic.com.



Joint technology demo to take place May 10 at Algoma U

On Monday May 10, Sault Ste. Marie's R&B Cormier Incorporated and Maryland-based Fugro EarthData Incorporated will be demonstrating their respective technologies at Algoma University. The presentation takes place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Doc Brown Lounge (EW 205).

Both companies provide aerial mapping capabilities. R&B Cormier offers the R<=>MAP system, a precision 3-D dimensional biomass and land mapping system. R<=>MAP is done completely with aerial imagery and does not use lidar.

Fugro EarthData produces the GeoSAR system. This product offers through-cloud mapping technology that provides highly interpretable radar imagery.

For more information on the presentation, contact Tim Harmar, SSMIC Business Development Manager, at tharmar@ssmic.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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- **May 13, 2010**

Innovation Breakfast

Gran Festa Ristorante

RSVP: tharmar@ssmic.com

- **May 14, 2010**

SSMART Innovation Awards nomination deadline

Contact: mling@ssmic.com

- **May 28, 2010**

Battle of the Bands entrepreneurship event with the Sault Youth Association and ECSSM

Odd Fellows Hall

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- **May 28, 2010**

TAG Luncheon

Featuring Darren Jorgensen of Molly Media Studios

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Visit www.ssmic.com to view an updated calendar of events.

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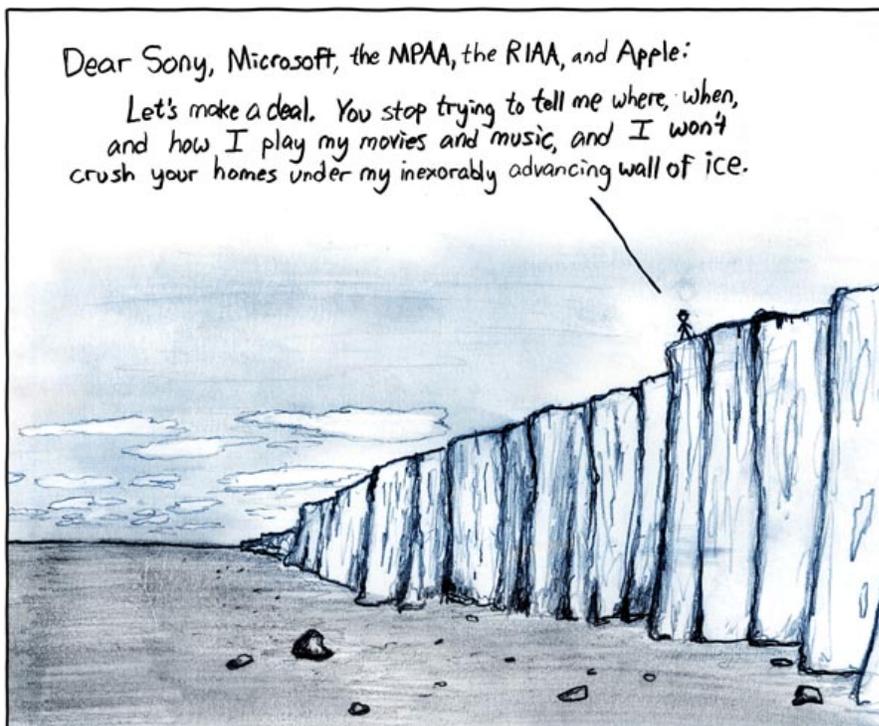
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“Research is to see what everybody else has seen and to think what nobody else has thought.”

- Albert Szent-Gyorgi (1893-1986)

American Biochemist



Comic courtesy of: <http://xkcd.com>

Federal budget earmarks \$600 million for innovation

The Government of Canada's 2010 budget has committed \$600 million over three years to improve Canada's productivity growth through innovation. Initiatives of note include:

- Providing \$45 million over five years to establish a post-doctoral fellowship program to help attract research leaders to Canada.

- Delivering \$222 million in funding over five years to strengthen the research taking place at TRIUMF, Canada's premier national laboratory for nuclear and particle physics research.

- Launching a new Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Innovation Commercialization Program with

\$40 million over two years.

- Renewing ongoing \$49 million in annual funding for the regional development agencies to support innovation across Canada.

- Providing \$135 million over two years to the National Research Council Canada's regional innovation clusters.

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