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SIAS students, staff host chem tech conference
Canadian Society for Chemical Technology Student Symposium

Thursday, March 13, 2008 – SIAS Kelsey Campus is the host site for the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology Western Canadian Student Symposium 2008. During the opening ceremony on Friday, March 14, SIAS graduate Kerry Peru will be honoured for his work in the field of chemical technology with the presentation of the Norman and Marion Bright Memorial Award from the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology (CSCT).

Sponsored, in part, by the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology, this two-day event brings together chemical technology students from SIAS and NAIT to present papers on any aspect related to chemical technology to a panel of judges. The judging panel consists of previous graduates from SIAS's Chemical Technology program, as well as representation from the CSCT.

Media are encouraged to attend the opening ceremony.

Date: Friday, March 14, 2008
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: SIAS Kelsey Campus, Lecture Theatre, Room 104
Idylwyld Drive and 33rd Street, Saskatoon SK

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BIOGRAPHY - KERRY M. PERU

Mr. Kerry M. Peru graduated from SIAS's Chemical Technology program in 1984 and started his career with Environment Canada in 1985. In 1991, Mr. Peru was led from inorganic to organic analysis by being part of the set-up and implementation of the organic mass spectrometry research laboratory and is now the Senior Organic Mass Spectrometry Technologist. He is responsible for the development of new methodologies utilizing tandem mass spectrometry relating to the fate and transport of toxic substances in the environment, and has co-authored over 40 peer-reviewed publications, numerous conference proceedings, and book/encyclopedia chapters.

Mr. Peru is an executive member of both the Canadian Society for Mass Spectrometry (CSMS) and the Saskatchewan Mass Spectrometry User's Group, and serves as Chairman of the Advisory Committee for SIAS's Chemical Technology program. He also participates as part of the organizing committee for two workshops and sits on three award selection committees.

Some of Mr. Peru's notable achievements relating to scientific research include recipient of a *Suggestion Award* and a *Citation of Excellence* from Environment Canada. Mr. Peru was also presented with the *Caledon Award* which recognizes significant scientific, technological contributions to the analytical chemistry of trace organic residues.

Mr. Peru will be honoured with the *Norman and Marion Bright Memorial Award* from the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology at the opening ceremony of the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology Western Canadian Student Symposium at SIAS Kelsey Campus on March 14, 2008.