



Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Science Fair

Expo-sciences de Frontenac, Lennox & Addington

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The **40th Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Science Fair** was held on April 7-8, 2011 at McArthur Hall, Queen's University, in Kingston, Ontario. There were over 160 students (an increase of 9% from 2010) from 13 schools who presented over 140 projects in four project divisions (computer science and engineering, physical and mathematical sciences, life and earth sciences, human health sciences) and competed for trophies, medals and special awards including cash prizes and university scholarships. More than 100 judges from the local science community volunteered their time to meet students and review their projects.

New in 2011 were exhibits from local organizations that showed how science happens in our community. As well, students from local schools were invited to the public viewing of the projects and came to science presentations given by staff from the Canada Space Museum and from Let's Talk Science. All students were eligible to win family passes to the Canada Science and Technology, Aviation and Space, and Agriculture Museums, and participants received a special FLASF t-shirt. The Fair culminated with the keynote talk, given by Geoff Green, the leader of many expeditions to both North and South Poles, and the Awards Ceremony where FLASF presented 61 awards in the four project divisions, 43 special awards and 5 best-of-fair awards.

The five best-of-fair students went on to compete at the 50th Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF). They did very well, winning six major awards of cash prizes and university scholarships, including the Senior Engineering Innovation Award, the Environment Challenge Award for the Top Project in the junior category, one Silver medal in the Senior division, and one Gold medal and two Bronze medals in the Junior division. This national fair was held from May 14 to 21, 2011, in Toronto, and is Canada's highest level of Science Fair Competition. It brings together close to 500 students from across the country and provides an experience of a lifetime, with students from all across Canada meeting and interacting with fellow students, and industry and academic professionals in their field of interest. The students were accompanied by two adult chaperones and their travel expenses were covered.