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Female scientists and engineers discuss rewards and challenges of their chosen career on International Women's Day

(Vancouver, BC) —This International Women's Day, March 8, Science World at TELUS World of Science and the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology are teaming up to host XX Evening 2011, an evening of networking, food and fun for women studying and working in science, engineering and technology.

"There are still many scientific fields where women are badly underrepresented, fields in which there are many diverse opportunities," explains Sandy Eix, Science Learning Lead at Science World. "XX Evening is an opportunity for young women just starting in science to meet career women in science, hear their success stories and find advice and mentorship."

This women-only evening connects women currently pursuing careers in science, engineering and technology. Participants come from diverse educational backgrounds and are at many different stages in their careers. Together, guests will be inspired and informed by sharing stories of challenges and success, and will have the opportunity to ask questions of more than 30 potential mentors in the fun, relaxed setting of TELUS World of Science.

All visitors will receive refreshments and the opportunity to view Hubble, currently playing in the OMNIMAX Theatre.

XX Evening 2011, now in its 20th year, is named after the XX chromosome which determines the female gender. It was designed by the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology to help with their mission of promoting, encouraging, and empowering women and girls in science, engineering, and technology.

This will be the event's 11th year at Science World and is part of a long standing partnership between SCWIST and Science World.

About Science World

Science World British Columbia is a charitable non-profit organization which engages British Columbians in science and inspires future science and technology leadership throughout our province.

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