Biologist co-leads international salmon project

by Valerie Shore

Using genetic knowledge to improve the health and conservation of salmon and their relatives is the goal of a new $15.5-million, international research consortium co-led by University of Victoria biologist Dr. Ben Koop.

The Consortium for Genomics Research on Atlantic Salmon Project (cGRASP) is one of 33 new large-scale genomics research initiatives being funded across the country by Genome Canada, Genome BC and other Canadian and international partners. The funding, totalling $346 million, was announced Aug. 25 in Winnipeg by federal Industry Minister David Emerson.

The consortium brings together dozens of salmonid experts from Canada, Norway, the U.S. and the U.K. The other co-leaders are Dr. Willie Davidson from Simon Fraser University and Dr. Stig Omholt from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences.

The salmonid family of fish includes salmon, trout and char—all of great economic and societal importance to coastal, rural and aboriginal communities through the fishing, aquaculture and tourism industries.

cGRASP builds on the work of the Genomics Research on Atlantic Salmon Project (GRASP), also co-led by Koop and Davidson, which winds up this December. Working with researchers in Norway, the GRASP team became the first in the world to provide a physical map of the Atlantic salmon genome.

Four years ago, less than 200 salmonid genes were known,” says Koop. “Since then, we’ve confirmed the identity of about 25,000 genes, and expect to identify another 15,000.

The next step is to determine what the genes do. To this end, the GRASP team developed the world’s largest salmon gene ‘chip,’ or microarray, which allows scientists to study 16,000 genes at once to determine their function and sensitivity to disease and environmental conditions over time. The technology is now used by 40 research laboratories worldwide to study many aspects of salmonid biology and conservation.

Over the next three years, the cGRASP project will build a genetic map for other salmonids, including Pacific salmon, trout and smelt. The team also plans to develop a 26,000-gene chip and to identify salmonid genes that regulate the immune system and growth and development. The results will be used to answer questions of economic and social importance to conservation, aquaculture and the environment.

“The ultimate goal of this project,” says Koop, “is to understand how salmonids react to a changing environment and to identify the adaptive characteristics that will improve their survival, whether they’re swimming in an aquaculture pen or in the open ocean.”

Koop is the Canada Research Chair in Genomics and Molecular Biology and director of UVic’s Centre for Biomedical Research. For the cGRASP project, about a dozen people in his lab will be involved in developing the gene chips, identifying genes, testing applications, and studying genes of the immune system.

Federal funding expands ocean research

Oceans research at the University of Victoria got a boost in August with the announcement of $1.8 million in funding from Western Economic Diversification Canada (WEDC) to support projects related to oceans research and technology.

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By Jessica Gillies

Student sleuths will soon have more historical mysteries to solve on the “Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History” website. An additional $457,000 from Canadian Heritage under the Canadian Culture Online program will fund three new mysteries on the popular national website.

History students and teachers will be able to sift through online evidence about a suspicious, devastating Montreal fire in 1734, the mass murder of an Ontario family in 1880, and the mysterious death of a Doukhobor leader in B.C. in 1924.

The new additions to the website’s current three mysteries will be developed by the project’s co-director, UVic historian Dr. John Lutz, and research teams in various areas of the country.

In the mysteries project we turn students into historians detectives and invite them to do the exciting work of history. Normally, we tell students what happened when we teach history, but in this project we ask them to tell us,” says Lutz.

“Torture and Slavery: Angelaque and the Burning of Montreal” is one of the new mysteries under development. Marie Angélique was a black slave accused of setting fire to Montreal in 1734 to cover an escape with a slave accused of setting fire to Montreal in 1734.

“Stones from Heaven and Hell on Earth: The Massacre of the Black Donnellys” is the story of a family killed by a mob in 1880 Ontario. One young boy survived to identify the killers, but he also stayed with her mistresses to help save her possessions while the fire burned.

“The Exploitation of Professor Peter Lundby Verigin,” details the 1924 explosion of a train car near Brilliant, B.C. Verigin, the anarcho-communist leader of the Doukhobor religious community, was killed, as were his 20-year-old female companion, a member of the legislative assembly, and four other people.

Each of the new mysteries will have teachers guides, a virtual 3D component, and WebQuests—targeted assignments for students from kindergarten to Grade 12. Visit the Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History website at www.canadamysteries.ca/mysteries/.

Chancellor acclaimed to second term

University of Victoria chancellor Ron Lou-Poy has been re-elected by acclamation for the second three-year term effective Jan. 1, 2006.

“As chancellor, Ron represents UVic with grace and dignity both at home and abroad,” says UVic President Dr. David Turpin. “His acclamation is testimony to the respect and affection he has earned during his time as chancellor.”

Lou-Poy, a third-generation Victorian, graduate of Victoria College (UVic’s foreman), and the senior partner with Crease Harman and Co., the oldest law firm in the province. Throughout his legal career, much of Lou-Poy’s community involvement has been with UVic.

He served two terms on the university’s board of governors (1972-74 and 1992-95) and was an original director of the UVic Innovation and Development Corporation. The Lou-Poy family supported the construction of the Harry Lou-Poy Infant and Toddler Care Centre at UVic in 2001, named for Ronald Lou-Poy’s late father. The family also created the May and Ron Lou-Poy Fund of Excellence in the family of law.

As the university’s titular head, the chancellor confers the university’s degrees and is a member of the UVic senate and board of governors. The university’s convocation, which elects the chancellor, includes the president of the university, the members of senate, all faculty members, all graduates of the university, honorary degree recipients and staff with degrees.

Pro Bono law students launch event

Join the Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) at their Victoria launch event at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 15. The event will take place in room 117 of the Fraser building at UVic, and the keynote speaker will be Jamie Maclaren, a practising lawyer and executive director of Pro Bono Law of B.C. The UVic pro bono program, now in its second year, will have 50 UVic law student volunteers assisting 13 community organizations, with legalresearch, publiclegaleducation, and moreaccessible plain languagedocuments over the coming year. Co-founded at UVic by students Andrea Lsey and Alexander McSweeney, the program is part of a national association of law students who work with public interest organizations under the supervision of lawyers from the community.

First Nations students host welcoming feast

The Native Students Union (NSU) is hosting a welcoming feast for the university’s First Nations students, faculty, staff and their families from 5–9 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the former Vertigos nightclub in the Student Union Building. The annual event is free and will feature traditional aboriginal performances. “It’s an opportunity to introduce outsiders and let the students know what it is we do and what services we can provide for them,” says Joyce Kruger, NSU’s social and cultural counsellor. “We also invite elders and others from the local communities to attend so that our students can meet with them and learn about our territories.” For more information call the union at 472-4394 or e-mail info@uvic.ca.

Tsunami reconstruction could improve living conditions, says geographer

Immediately after natural disasters such as last year’s tsunami in Southeast Asia, affected countries mobilized to rebuild homes and businesses as quickly as possible, often in the same places they’d always been. But UVic geographer Dr. Philip Dando, recently returned from assisting in the reconstruction effort in Thailand and Sri Lanka, says this is not necessarily the best approach. He’s advising citizens to turn the destruction into an opportunity to rebuild in a sustainable fashion that will provide a livelihood and lessen the impact on the environment for decades to come.

In Thailand, Dando worked with the scuba diving industry “Scuba diving is a way of developing economic support for local communities,” he says. “Visiting scuba divers pay $500 a day for the experience, but they won’t pay if the coral reefs are destroyed. We’re trying to make that connection between conservation and local economic support. People come to see that it’s in their own best interests to protect the coral reefs.” In Sri Lanka, Dando worked mainly with national parks, developing visitor centres and gift centres that will sell handicrafts. “The more money you get into local villages, the less need for the citizens to engage in activities that damage the environment.”

Pro Bono volunteers assist 13 community organizations
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Building. For more information, call 721-6683 or visit transportation.uvic.ca.
their employees. “To buy a pass, visit campus security in the Security Services
Regional Transit Commission and UVic, the template is now in place for other
The bus pass allows employees to not only travel to and from the university,
has been phenomenal.”
“...solution for people getting to and from UVic,” says transportation demand
Aug. 15. The pass is available to UVic employees for a monthly price of $38, a
Darlene Winter, payroll clerk in facilities management, holds up her new
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for Victoria schools, shops for Victoria schools,
cycling courses and work-
man.
Allan Dunlop is your
After years of teaching cycling courses and work-
shops for Victoria schools, businesses and government agencies, Dunlop started his
new job in June as UVic’s
first transportation demand
management (TDM) co-
ordinator. Working with colleagues in facilities man-
agement, it’s his job to find
opportunities for accommod-
ing up to 55,000 trips to
and from the UVic campus
each day. He’s relishing the
challenge.
“I find the question of
how we get ourselves
around to be fascinating
because there are so
many options,” he says. “It takes a
careful balancing of various transporta-
tion options that we have at UVic,
such as our new transportation initiatives, to
inform people of their transporta-
tion options; administering pro-
grams such as the new employee
bus pass; organizing upgrades of
campus transit stops with secu-
rity; and establishing a position focused on
transportation solutions.”
A big part of Dunlop’s job will be
listening to the needs of dif-
gent groups. “It’s impor-
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education and research
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our means,” he says.
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staff, and faculty, but also
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Dunlop can be reached
at 757-5456 or adl@uvic.ca.

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by Jessica Gillies
Do you want to know what transpor-
tation options we have at UVic, or
suggest a new transportation initiative?
You do not need to connect with
the UVic bicycling users com-
munity or Victoria car share co-op!
Perhaps you have a question about
how you can combine driving with
a bus pass, or your bus pass
with cycling?

...Transportation demand man-
agament is a field that’s just starting
to take on in North America,” he says.
“UVic has shown leadership
by establishing a position focused on
transportation solutions.”

A consortium of researchers and in-
dividuals from government and non-
governmental organizations will share
knowledge, examine research gaps and
build a research agenda for investigating
the relationship between health and
leisure participation in a
new centre announced Aug. 31 in
Vancouver.
The Canadian Council on Learn-
ing (CCL) Health and Knowledge
Centre, led by UVic, will engage insti-
tutions and organizations throughout
B.C., the Yukon and across Canada.
Centre participants will also monitor
existing programs and report on their
effectiveness to produce evidence-
based support for the benefits of
learning.
“...members of this centre will
be examining health and learning
issues across the age spectrum,
from youngest in school to older adults,”
says Dr. Budd Hall, dean of education
and co-director of the centre.
“...working groups will focus on
different areas of
research and share their knowledge
within our centre and with the other
regional centres across Canada.”
The federal government has pro-
vided the CCL with $85 million in
funding over five years, about $10
million of which will be used for five
centres based in different regions of
the country. The centres will exami-
ne various aspects of learning: adults
learning (Atlantic Canada); early
childhood learning (Quebec); work
and learning (Oman); aboriginal
learning (Prairies, Northwest Terri-
tories and Nunavut) and health and
learning (B.C. and Yukon).
There are five key UVic partici-
pants in the centre.
Dr. Joan Whard Higgins (physi-
cal education) will examine how
out-of-school cultural, recreational
and athletic opportunities influence
physical, mental and social health
in youth. Whard Higgins has just
completed an extensive study with
community-based agencies on the
Sanich peninsula on how recreation
and physical activity can help people
at risk for type 2 diabetes.
Dr. Irving Rootman, (human
and social development) will work
with Dr. Deborah Biggray (education)
to apply his ongoing research on the
link between health and literacy to
the centre’s projects. Rootman’s cur-
rent work includes examining how
school environments affect student
physical and social well-being and
evaluating the effectiveness of health
promotion programs.

Drs. Ted Riecken and Alison
Preece (education) will focus on
engaging youth in the process of
sharing their knowledge about
health and advancing the principles
of child honouring, developed by children’s entertainer Ralph. These
principles, which address the emo-
tional, educational and environ-
mental needs of children, advocate
a societal philosophy to improve
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Commerce program gets ready to expand

More students will soon be earning a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Victoria. Up to 60 more students will be admitted in September 2006, increasing the capacity of the program by 33 per cent to 240 students per year. Funding for the expansion is coming from the B.C. government’s commitment to provide UVic with 1,900 more seats, part of an increase of 25,000 school students and first-year college students. 

"UVic is growing and it’s a natural step to increase the capacity of the business faculty," says vice president academic and provost Jamie Casels. "In the last few years, business has had at least three qualified applicants for every available seat in the BComm program. We're now in a position to change those numbers."

"Our faculty has a unique program and we attract high-quality students from around the world," says Dr. Ali Dastmalchian, dean of business. "This increase means we can better accommodate our local students and still have room for other national or international students."

The BComm program requires students to complete general course work during their first two years of undergraduate education and then spend their final two years entirely within their group at the faculty of business. The format allows for integration across subject areas and promotes the building of networks among classmates.

Undergraduates can specialize in entrepreneurship, international business, hospitality management, and management. The faculty also pre-admits high school students and first-year college students. "Grades are important but not the only criteria," says Dastmalchian. "A major part of the assessment is based on the students' leadership abilities and their community involvement and experience."

For more information on admission criteria, visit bachelor of commerce web pages at www.business.uvic.ca.

United Way campaign kicks off

UVic’s 2005 United Way campus campaign kicks off Sept. 22 with a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the University Centre, joined by UVic students and first-year college students. "Grades are important but not the only criteria," says Dastmalchian. "A major part of the assessment is based on the students' leadership abilities and their community involvement and experience."

Alfred urges non-native people to learn about indigenous peoples, respect their rights, and stand in solidarity if the opportunity arises. "If you respect their rights, and stand in solidarity, this country, or the development of the primary justice, which is the stealing of native land and oppression of the people who were here first," he says.

"Change is always thought about in terms of a grand turnover or revolution, but I don't think it happens that way. I think it happens in steps, kind of a gradual process," he says. "Any movement toward justice, even in public education or changes in government policy or law, is good."
UVic teams up with the B.C. government to study a range of energy and resource issues

Two chairs have been confirmed for the two working groups that are examining ways of creating a more inclusive and supportive environment across campus. Dr. Andrea Rippin, dean of humanities, has been appointed chair of the educational equity and human rights working group for 2005-2007. The group is examining equity and human rights issues as they pertain to students, the classroom and the delivery of programs. Sabine Schuerholz-Lehr, assistant director of the office of international affairs, has been re-appointed chair of the employment equity and human rights working group, which advises on equity and human rights issues as they pertain to employees.

Together, the two working groups form the university human rights committee (UHRC), chaired by university secretary Julia Eastman, which advises the president on equity and human rights issues. The working groups were re-structured in 2004 following the Equity and Fairness Review Report. The intent is to provide a more open forum for consultation with, and participation by, the university community in equity and human rights issues. The primary focus of both working groups during the first year of the new structure was to provide input into a new policy on human rights, equity and fairness. That new policy was approved by the board of governors this May.

A topic in the coming year for the educational equity and human rights working group will be “the inclusive classroom.” The aim of the working group is to share concerns and best practices from across campus in the expectation that this will encourage further dialog on important educational equity issues within the many stakeholder groups beyond the core committee members,” says Rippin. Meanwhile, the employment equity and human rights working group will continue to work in small task forces to research and discuss specific issues in more detail and report back to the larger group. These task forces focus on disability issues as well as employment equity for all,” says Schuerholz-Lehr. “These areas were identified by the working group as impacting all employees on campus, not just those who belong to a certain group. Working group members feel that by making recommendations around these issues, they’ll have a real voice in bringing about positive change toward more employment equity at the university.”

Further information on the university human rights committee, including a list of members of both working groups, can be found at web.uvic.ca/equity.
Above, a race car designed and built by UVic engineering students finished second among the Canadian entries at an international engineering competition in July. Finishing 11th overall out of 63 at the Formula Student Competition in Leicester, England, was the UVic Formula SAE team’s best finish since its start four years ago. For the purpose of the competition, the students had to assume that a manufacturing firm hired them to produce a prototype car for evaluation that had to be low in cost, easy to maintain, reliable, aesthetically pleasing and comfortable, use common parts and cost less than $25,000. The team did particularly well in the 22-km test of car performance, reliability and fuel efficiency—typically only one-third of the teams complete the endurance event. The other Canadian universities competing were Toronto (1st), Waterloo (12th), Montreal (13th), and Ryerson (16th).

New program enhances success of aboriginal students

"What we learn through LE,NONET will benefit aboriginal students, challenge our approach to their postsecondary instruction, and assist all universities in improving the retention and success of their aboriginal students." The foundation will fund 80 per cent of the $4.5 million project, with UVic providing the remaining funding. Throughout LE,NONET’s duration, project staff will evaluate the progress of program participants and compare it to preceding aboriginal students. After four years, project staff will also produce a program model with an administrative structure, including per student costs, suitable for other universities to adopt.

LE,NONET consists of four projects. In the aboriginal student peer mentoring program, 10 returning UVic senior undergradate aboriginal students each year will mentor new, incoming UVic aboriginal students to foster the creation of a community among aboriginal students and to help ease their transition to university studies. Mentors will receive training, ongoing support, and a stipend of about $6,500 per year.

The community internship program will link up to 25 students with aboriginal communities so that students put the indigenous and western knowledge gained through university studies to use in ways that benefit both students and aboriginal communities and organizations. Successful applicants will be expected to complete a 200 hour internship and will receive a $3,500 stipend.

The research apprenticeship program will create opportunities for up to 25 aboriginal students annually to become involved in campus-based research projects. Students interested in participating in an apprenticeship must complete an on-campus seminar before applying to work with a faculty advisor. Students will receive a $3,500 stipend and a course credit for their 200-hour apprenticeship.

A significant component of the LE,NONET project is the provision of bursaries worth between $1,000 and $5,000 per academic year (for up to four years) for eligible aboriginal students. The bursaries are intended to supplement existing sources of financial support for aboriginal students who can demonstrate financial need. LE,NONET bursaries will be administered through the LE,NONET project office, with the assistance of UVic’s student financial aid office to ensure due process and financial accounting.

UVic aboriginal liaison officer Bill White, centre, performs with Saanich Traditional Singers Greg and Marilyn Sam at the LE,NONET announcement.

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Calendar highlights

Winter

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
3 p.m. Find out about co-op, how it works and how to get involved.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Pro Bono Students Canada Official Launch Event. 12:30–1:30 p.m.
Pro Bono Students Canada presents: “A Step Closer to Justice” with keynote speaker Jamie Maclaren, executive director, Pro Bono Net BC. Fraser 157. 516-7125

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Music. 12:30–1:30 p.m. Fridericianum. School of music students in a program for various instruments.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

LANSDOWNE LECTURE 7:30 p.m. Speaking of Music. Dr. Leo Tetre, City Univ. of New York. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

FRI, SEPTEMBER 23
Music. 12:30–1:30 p.m. Fridericianum. School of music keyboard students. MacLaurin B25. 721-7904

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
UVic Alumni Travel Expo 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The UVic Alumni and Friends travel program hosts presentations by its travel partners. UVic Downtown (900 Government St). 721-6600 or alumni@uvic.ca

FRI, SEPTEMBER 30
LANSDOWNE LECTURE 7:30 p.m. The Beginnings of Music Writing in the West. Leo Tetre, City Univ. of New York. Cornett B122 721-7904

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
LANSDOWNE LECTURE 7:30 p.m. “A Step Closer to Justice” with keynote speaker Jamie Maclaren, executive director, Pro Bono Net BC. Fraser 157. 516-7125

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
Music. 12:30–1:330 p.m. Fridericianum. School of music voice students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

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The first honorary degree was awarded in 1964, to a person who had made significant contributions to the field of counselling from the B.C. Association of Clinical Counsellors. Uvic is co-ordinator of the graduate counselling program and a leading expert in the field of client and counselor interaction, post traumatic stress disorder, and ethical and legal practice in counselling and therapy. He is also editor of the Canadian Journal of Counseling.

Dr. William Carroll (sociology) has won the John Porter Memorial Book Prize for the second time. His recent award, given by the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association (CSA), is in recognition of his book, Corporate Power in a Globalizing World. In 1998, Carroll won the award for Corporate Power and Canadian Capitalism. The award recognizes excellence in published scholarly contributions that advance sociological or anthropological knowledge in Canada.

Uvic’s division of continuing studies has received the National Program Award from the Canadian Association of University Continuing Education for its certificate in adult and continuing education. The award is shared with the universities of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The four universities jointly developed and deliver the part-time program, which is designed for adults who work during the day. The program has earned high marks from students and their employers.

Dr. Carol Harris (psychology & leadership studies) has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration. The award honours a career of distinguished service in educational administration, and is limited to two recipients each year. Harris received the award for her contributions to teaching, her service to rural communities, and her national and international scholarship.

Dr. Wolf-Michael Roth (curriculum & instruction) has received an Exemplary Research in Teaching and Teacher Education Award from the American Educational Research Association. The award recognizes the book Rethinking Scientific Literacy, which discusses the relevance of science in students’ everyday lives and shows how science learning can be used as a tool to improve communities.

Dr. Kathy Gillis (earth & ocean sciences) has been awarded the Ken Medall from the Geological Association of Canada for her frontier research into the geology and geochemistry of the remote depths of the seafloor. The award also recognizes her efforts to guide, promote and educate in the earth and ocean sciences, both in Canada and internationally. Gillis, whose research focuses on fluid-rock interaction in ancient oceanic hydrothermal systems, is the scientific leader for Canada’s participation in the international Integrated Ocean Drilling Program.

Uvic’s commitment to sustainable practices in building construction and operation has earned the Office of Sustainability an environmental award from the Municipality of Saanich in development/construction category. Saving energy through an aggressive lightweight retrofit program, water conservation through the use of aquatic facility waste water in toilets and urinals, and storm water management through permeable paving systems and rooftop water storage all contributed to the decision to honour Uvic with the award.

Uvic law professor John McLaren has earned the 2005 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award from the Canadian Bar Association for his outstanding contributions to law and legal scholarship in Canada. Outlined in the award are the significant contributions to the common law world. McLaren is highly regarded for his work on comparative colonial law and his written opinions on the legal regulation and suppression of prostitution, the history of law, discrimination against ethnic minorities in Canada, and the law and religious conscience in Canadian history.

The University of Alberta is giving an Alumni Honour Award to Uvic’s creative writing chair and national award-winning poet, Lorna Crozier. The award recognizes the significant contributions made over a number of years by 15 U of A Alumni in their local communities and beyond. Crozier graduated from the university in 1960 with a BA in English. Her many awards include the Governor General’s Award, the Pat Lowther Poetry Award, the Canadian Authors’ Association Award, and the First Prize for Poetry in the CBC Literary Competition.

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