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## The Department of Chemistry and Biology Celebrate Student Research

*C&B Press* – The inaugural Research Symposium of the Department of Chemistry and Biology was held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Over 100 students and faculty attended the event, including more than 50 research presentations from both undergraduate and graduate students.



In addition to the poster award winners shown here and listed below; Salma Elmallah, Lukasz Porosa, Shannon Ho and Alexandru Dumitrache all gave research talks.

The one-day event titled “Science at the Interface” was an opportunity for both undergraduate and graduate students to participate in seminars, networking events and poster presentations. The Symposium was supported by the Department of Chemistry and Biology, its faculty members, the graduate programs in Molecular Science and Environmental Science and Applied Management and BioShield Technologies, Canada. The invited keynote address was given by Professor Anthony Clarke, Assistant Vice-President of Graduate Studies & Program Quality Assurance of the University of Guelph. The new founding Dean of the Faculty of Science, Imogen Coe opened the day with her remarks.

“This Symposium was a great way to highlight the tremendously diverse research in our department. It was also a great opportunity to bring students who are beginning their research careers together and expose them to leading research in the fields of biology and chemistry”, said Professor Costin Antonescu, symposium organizer.

Given the enthusiasm for this event among students and faculty, plans are already underway for next year’s event. Chemistry and Biology Chair Stephen Wylie noted, “The excitement generated by this Symposium and the level of professionalism shown by the students was outstanding. This is a great example of what can happen when faculty and students work together outside the lab as well as inside. We’ll continue to collaborate in promoting student research at the undergraduate and graduate levels, both inside and outside Ryerson University.”

### **Undergraduate Poster Chemistry**

**Winner:** Khrystyna Herasymchuk – *Gossage Group*  
**Honorable Mention:** Maja Chojnacka – *Vierre Group*

### **Graduate Poster Chemistry**

**Winner:** Bashar Alkhouri – *Vierre Group*  
**Honorable Mention:** Aman Khan – *Foucher Group*

### **Undergraduate Poster Biology**

**Winner:** Crystal Gadishau-Lue – *Foster Group*  
**Honorable Mentions:** Ahmad Sidiqi – *Botelho Group*  
Chloe Rapp – *Killeen Group*

### **Graduate Poster Biology**

**Winner:** Jamie Dufresne – *Marshall Group*  
**Honorable Mentions:** Lindsay Jackson – *Wolfaardt Group*  
Hannah Tollman – *Foster Group*