



Saskatchewan-wide Innovation Festival Launches in Saskatoon for Canada's 150th

(Saskatoon, SK) - March 30, 2017 - What do you get when you combine 12 local science organizations, 21 interactive exhibits, six 3-D printers, and more than 25 events all across the province of Saskatchewan? You get one festival, 3 months, 150 years in the making — and it all starts in Saskatoon today.

From March 30 – June 22, *Innovation Festival: Saskatchewan* will inspire youth, families, and communities across Saskatchewan through a wide range of exhibits, lectures, tours, and social gatherings. Brought to you by the Saskatchewan Science Centre and Innovation150, it's a celebration of Canadian innovation to mark our country's 150th anniversary of Confederation.

"Innovation Festival: Saskatchewan is going to bring science to every corner of the province over the next few months," said Sandy Baumgartner, CEO of the Saskatchewan Science Centre. "Working together with our venue partners and other events associated with Innovation 150, the event draws on 150 years of Canadian innovation and is designed to help Saskatchewan youth realize their potential as the innovators of tomorrow."

Event participants will get an opportunity to explore the quantum world in a hands-on science exhibition, bring their imagination to life in a tech-filled makerspace, and explore the processes of science through a giant mystery tube.

Saskatchewan festival partners include: the Saskatchewan Science Centre, Canadian Light Source, the University of Saskatchewan, Canada Wide Science Fair, University of Regina, Innovation Place, and more. (Visit Innovation150.ca/festival/Saskatchewan for a full list of events.)

Innovation150 is the collaborative effort of five of Canada's leading science outreach organizations— Perimeter Institute, Actua, the Institute for Quantum Computing at the University of Waterloo, the Canadian Association of Science Centres and the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation.

Here are some of the things that are happening across the province:

- **Power of Ideas Tour** — Every innovation starts with an idea. In this travelling science expo from Perimeter Institute and Actua, young Canadians and their families explore the incredible ability of the human mind to question, make, and innovate. It includes a gymnasium-sized exhibition and a Maker Mobile travelling to Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, and Prince Albert.
- **QUANTUM: The Exhibition** — The first ever travelling show on quantum information, science, and technology, this fully interactive, bilingual experience from the Institute for Quantum Computing at the University of Waterloo showcases how quantum information technologies are

poised to once again transform how we live, work, and play. It will be on display at the Western Development Museum – Saskatoon until June 11.

- **Canada-Wide Science Fair** - The Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF) brings science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) out of the classroom - engaging youth in STEM solutions to real world issues. CWSF is a celebration of Canada's brightest young minds and an inspiring exploration in STEM for the thousands of visitors. The CWSF is the finale of the National Science Fair Network, bringing to Regina 500 of Canada's top young scientists.
- **STEAM: A Festival of Learning** - STEAM will be the premiere showcase of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math education and implementation featuring student, community, and professional groups from every corner of the province! STEAM will fill both Gym B and C at the Centre of Kinesiology, Health, and Sport at the University of Regina, as well as any open space in the exhibit hall, with engaging hands-on science activities applied to real life situations!

For a complete list of all of the events taking place during *Innovation Festival: Saskatchewan*, please visit Innovation150.ca/festival/Saskatchewan.

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About The Saskatchewan Science Centre

The Saskatchewan Science Centre is a non-profit, non-governmental educational facility with the mission of igniting scientific curiosity and innovation in Saskatchewan communities through interactive, dynamic and engaging opportunities. Our vision of the future, in fulfilling that mission, is inspired minds through science and innovation. The Science Centre is one of Saskatchewan's largest family tourist attractions with more than 5 million visitors since its opening in 1989.

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