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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## 500 top computing experts to hit Vancouver

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Canada's premier technology event for research and higher education will bring together 500 of Canada's top experts in high performance computing (HPC) May 1-3, at SFU's [Vancouver campus](#), for the [2012 BCNET & HPCS Conference](#).

Designed for IT professionals and researchers who want to learn about the latest developments in information technology for higher education, the [HPCS](#) (High Performance Computing Symposium) highlights how leading-edge technology supports the strategic mission of higher education institutions at Canada's foremost supercomputing conference.

The event will host delegates from post-secondary institutions across Canada and high-profile members of the Canadian and international research communities. In addition to academics, the event attracts IT and HPC professionals and decision-makers from both the private and public sectors.

Speakers at the event include; [Leonard Brody](#), a two-time Emmy nominee and bestselling author; [Mike Wesch](#), a cultural anthropologist dubbed "the explainer" by Wired magazine; and [John Towns](#), an HPC innovator currently working with the [National Centre for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois](#).

[BCNET](#) is a not-for-profit, shared IT services organization whose members include [SFU](#), [UBC](#), [UVic](#), [UNBC](#), and [TRU](#). BCNET's high-capacity, advanced fibre optic network infrastructure provides a common and powerful platform to deliver services to support research and the strategic objectives of higher education institutions.

**What:** [2012 BCNET & HPCS Conference](#)

**When:** May 1-3, 2012

**Where:** SFU Vancouver, Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street

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