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11 new researchers join the CCOVI network in support of the grape and wine industry

Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) has announced that 11 researchers will become new CCOVI Fellows and Professional Affiliates.

Created in 2007, the new CCOVI Fellow and CCOVI Professional Affiliate designations were used to advance grape and wine research programs and increase the critical mass of researchers focused on the grape and wine sector. As a result, researchers are able to share knowledge and collectively advance research on industry priorities at a faster rate.

The affiliation programs are designed to encourage research faculty from Brock University and other academic or research institutions, as well as individuals in the private sector, to become part of CCOVI's network.

The newcomers include six scientists from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre (PARC) in Summerland, B.C. Earlier this year, a memorandum of understanding was signed between CCOVI and PARC allowing for exchange of ideas and information related to viticulture and oenology.

The rest of the new researchers bring a wealth of expertise in science, social science, business and law both from academia and the private sector. The CCOVI network originally focused exclusively on the science of oenology and viticulture, but the addition of members in varied disciplines is helping move research into all areas of the grape and wine value chain.

Presenting the new CCOVI Fellows and Professional Affiliates:

CCOVI Fellows:

- **Dr. Lester Kwong**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON
- **Dr. Annette Nassuth**, Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON
- **Dr. Michael Ripmeester**, Chair and Professor, Department of Geography, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON
- **Dr. Narongsak (Tek) Thongpapanl**, Associate Professor, Department of Marketing, International Business and Strategy, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON

CCOVI Professional Affiliates:

- **Carl Bogdanoff**, Viticulture Biologist, PARC, Summerland, BC
- **Dr. Margaret Cliff**, Research Scientist, PARC, Summerland, BC
- **Dr. Tom Lowery**, Research Scientist, PARC, Summerland, BC
- **Alexandra Mayeski**, Lawyer, Heenan Blaikie LLP, Toronto, ON
- **Dr. Gerry Neilsen**, Research Scientist, PARC, Summerland, BC
- **Daniel O'Gorman**, Research Biologist, PARC, Summerland, BC
- **Dr. Kevin Usher**, Research Scientist, PARC, Summerland, BC

We are also happy to announce the renewed affiliation of:

- **Dr. Pat Bowen** (Professional Affiliate), Research Scientist, PARC, Summerland, BC
- **Dr. Linda Bramble** (Professional Affiliate), Wine Writer, Author, Educator, St. Catharines, ON
- **Dr. Ralph Brown** (Fellow), Professor, School of Engineering, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON
- **Dr. Ronald Jackson** (Professional Affiliate), Wine Writer, Author, Le Bic, QC
- **Dr. Karl Kaiser** (Professional Affiliate), Co-founder of Inniskillin Wines, Winemaker, Consultant, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

Now numbering more than 30, the CCOVI Fellows and Professional Affiliates present findings from their research at public seminars and workshops throughout the year.

A recognition of the newly appointed individuals will take place in December during CCOVI's annual seasonal celebration where members of industry and academia will socialize with their peers and celebrate the holidays.

To learn more about each individual and their research, please visit the CCOVI website at brocku.ca/ccovi then click on "Research" and "Researchers and Research Topics".

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