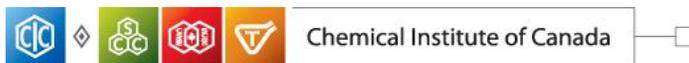




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NEWS RELEASE

Canada Post Issues a Stamp to Commemorate the 2011 International Year of Chemistry

Ottawa, April 28, 2010 – The Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC) is pleased to announce that Canada Post will issue a stamp to commemorate the 2011 International Year of Chemistry (IYC 2011). The CIC is leading the organization of Canadian celebrations for IYC 2011.

“This is very exciting news,” says David Dolphin, O.C., FCIC, who is both chair of the CIC and of the Canadian IYC 2011 Organizing Committee. “It will be a great addition to a year during which we hope to share our passion for chemistry and highlight the ways in which it improves the lives of Canadians.”

The stamp will be issued in the fall of 2011. The CIC hopes that the circulation of a chemistry-themed stamp throughout the country will help to advance the appreciation of chemistry among Canadians, one of the main goals of IYC 2011

IYC 2011 is a worldwide celebration of the achievements of chemistry and its contributions to the well-being of society. Canadian examples include the development of canola oil, now one of the most healthy and most used cooking oils, and the production of safe and effective insulin for the treatment of diabetes.

Under the unifying theme “Chemistry—our life, our future,” the goals of IYC are:

- to increase the public appreciation of chemistry in meeting world needs;
- to encourage interest in chemistry among young people;
- to generate enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry;
- to help enhance international cooperation by serving as a focal point or information source for activities by national chemical societies, educational institutions, industry, governmental, and non-governmental organizations.

To achieve these goals, IYC 2011 will offer a range of interactive, entertaining, and educational activities for all ages such as lectures from prominent chemists, exhibits, competitions and hands-on experiments. IYC 2011 events will emphasize that chemistry is a creative science essential for sustainability and improvements to our way of life, and they will explore how chemical research is critical for solving our most vexing global problems involving food, water, health, energy, transportation, and more. For details on how IYC will be celebrated in Canada, visit www.cheminst.ca/iyc.

About the CIC

The CIC is the national, not-for-profit technical association that unites chemistry, chemical engineering, and chemical technology professionals, from industry, academia, and government. It is the umbrella organization for the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC), the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering (CShE), and the Canadian Society for Chemical Technology (CSCT). Its mission is to advance the principles and practices of the chemical sciences and engineering for the betterment of society.

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