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Speakers' Series explores the world of genomics and its impact on all of us

The GEEE! In GENOME exhibit is open to the public at Thunder Bay Art Gallery from September 19 until November 2, 2008. The national touring exhibition explores the ABCs of the exciting world of genomics in a fun, interactive exhibition for all ages!

As part of GEEE! In GENOME, the Health Sciences Discovery Fund of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation proudly presents the Speakers' Series.

The Health Sciences Discovery Fund GEEE! In GENOME Speakers' Series schedule includes inspired local and national guests who will discuss many aspects of genomics and their impact on all of us:

CSI Thunder Bay, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7:30 pm:

The fascinating work of the scientists of Molecular World and Lakehead University's Paleo DNA Lab includes forensics work for law enforcement agencies and investigation into the Talpiot Tomb (Lost Tomb of Jesus) and identification of WWI soldiers.

Protecting our Food Environment through Genomics, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7:30 pm with Dr. Heidi Schraft & Dr. Dave Law:

How can genomics research contribute to the safety of our food supply? What is the effect from industries such as pulp & paper on our local fish?

Drug Discoveries Past and Future, Oct. 9, 7:30 pm with Dr. Dimitrios Vergitis.

The Genetics of Aboriginal Populations in Northwestern Ontario, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 pm with Dr. Rob Hegele:

Exploring the implications of discovering the gene causing abnormally high prevalence of type 2 diabetes in the Oji-Cree in Northern Ontario.

Let's Talk Science - Declining Student Enrolment in Sciences & Technology, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 pm with Dr. Bonnie Schmidt and local panel:

Fewer and fewer students are taking sciences classes in high school and university. How can we begin to address this growing challenge?

Personal Genomics: Hope & Hype, Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 pm with Dr. Shane Green:

Genetic and genomic tests are becoming widely available both in the clinic and through companies like 23andMe. Just how useful is the information they provide? How can consumers and patients understand the results?

All Sciences Discovery Fund GEEE! In GENOME Speakers' Series presentations will be held at Thunder Bay Art Gallery. Admission is free.

Through The GEEE! In GENOME Speakers' Series, the Health Sciences Discovery Fund is bringing discovery to life! The Health Sciences Discovery Fund raises funds to support excellence in medical research in Northwestern Ontario, including the activities of the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

The GEEE! In GENOME is produced by the Canadian Museum of Nature and presented nationally by Genome Canada, presented locally by the Ontario Genomics Institute, the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute, and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre in partnership with RBC Royal Bank.

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For further information, or to arrange interviews with GEEE! In GENOME Speakers' Series guests, please contact:

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