

Sherbrooke Innopole signs international Life Sciences partnership

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A European delegation from the Life Sciences sector was in Sherbrooke in early October. Sherbrooke Innopole welcomed five economic development representatives from Sweden, Belgium, and Slovenia to enhance their knowledge of Sherbrooke's Life Sciences cluster, to raise awareness regarding shared opportunities for business exchanges and business development, and to sign an agreement with the Slovenian authorities to stimulate the Life Sciences industry here and abroad.

Through the new agreement, the

two organizations have committed to stimulating and promoting the life sciences industry in Sherbrooke and in Slovenia, from both business and research perspectives. The agreement provides for support for the growth of innovative companies within their respective areas, especially in terms of the development of new markets. It will also facilitate discussions among research institutes, universities, and health establishments. Sherbrooke companies will benefit from easier access to the Slovenian and European market and will be able to find partners more easily, in either R&D or the distribution of their innovative products and services.



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Josée Fortin (second from right), Executive Director of Sherbrooke Innopole at a recent meeting with European counterparts developing business partnerships to stimulate the Life Sciences industry locally and abroad.

Registration for 7th edition of Val-Saint-François Youth Leadership Camp begins

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The registration period for the 7th Edition of the Val-Saint-François Young Leaders Camp has officially begun. The camp, to be held November 16-18 at Le Croissant Perlé in Cleveland will aim to develop youth leadership through workshops and activities.

The free training experience will allow young people to practice what they have learned by developing a project to present to mentors, relatives and

friends at the closing of the event. There will also be a cozy dinner, a game night, a campfire, a Chef challenge and outdoor sports activities.

Registration includes two nights' accommodation, activities, equipment, meals and snacks and the camp is open to young people aged 13 to 17 who live or attend school on the territory of the MRC Val-Saint-François. To register, simply contact the Maison des jeunes l'Initiative in Valcourt at 450 532-2281 or via email at initiative@cooptel.qc.ca.



(COURTESY MRC DE VAL SAINT-FRANÇOIS)

The 7th Edition of the Val Saint-François Youth Leadership Camp will be held November 16-18 in Cleveland.

Paul "The Butcher" Vachon

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competing in the ring and he and his brother, Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon (who passed away in November 2013 at the age of 84), were inducted into the Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2004. The legendary duo are known around the world as the tag team brothers from Montreal who worked with wrestling greats like, Andre the Giant, the Leduc Brothers and many more. Paul Vachon wrestled in the American Wrestling Association and the World Wrestling Federation (now the WWE).

The Birthday party held on Saturday, October 7 from noon to 3pm was a surprise for Vachon who, along with his wife, now rent an apartment in Mansonville where they live part-time. A film crew was on hand as a documentary movie is being made about the Vachon brothers and this added to the excitement of the joyous event.

My young friends asked several questions of the wrestling legend with the first in regards to his family and his growing up in the area.

"I had twelve brothers and sisters and grew up in the Glen Sutton/Dunkin area," shared Vachon. "Now, there are only five or six of us left and there is not a day that goes by where I don't think

about them and my parents," Vachon said. Vachon's father, Ferdinand was a Montreal Police Officer.

"Do you ever miss wrestling?" asked Kate Eldridge as she sat across from Vachon clearly focused and curious.

"If I could live my life over again, I would be happy to repeat it all without hesitation. I have wrestled in 33 countries and would even wrestle for free if I was young and able," he reflected.

During his wrestling days that began in the late 1950's, Vachon stood 6 foot 1 and weighed 280lbs. At 80, he is a little shorter and weighs just over 200 pounds. One thing that hasn't changed is his beautiful smile, his friendly handshake and his joy for telling a good story surrounded by an enthusiastic audience. With camera and sound men all around him, it was obvious that Vachon was used to this as, he went about his business as if this were an everyday occurrence.

The lunch for the event was catered by Carmen Sherrer and a beautiful cake was made by Sophie Daigle. The cake, a wrestling ring was finished to perfection with Vachon in the middle pinning an opponent down for the final count.

Kate and Alexis Eldridge who attended the event presented Vachon with a SADD (Students Against Destructive

Decisions) sweatshirt and a Missisquoi North Youth Centre t-shirt making him an official member of the two groups and inviting him to the Youth Centre for a visit. From the smile on his face and the twinkle in his eye, it was clear to see that this gesture meant a lot to Vachon.

At the party's end, the girls felt that

their first experience as reporters had been both exciting and a real learning experience.

"We got to cover a great story," said Kate Eldridge, "And, we made friends with "The Butcher" Paul Vachon. You can't ask for better than that."

Happy 80th to The Butcher.



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A wonderful birthday cake made by Sophie Daigle of Mansonville with the perfect touches added in celebration of this event.