Introducing MIP’s 2014 trainer

Katherine Ardan is in her final year of the Health, Wellness & Fitness program at Mohawk College. She looks forward to sharing her knowledge of nutrition, cardio and strength training, and wellness development with MIP. As an overweight child and teenager, Katherine found meaning and importance through having a healthy, active lifestyle. This ignited her passion for all things health related and a healthy, active lifestyle. This ignited her passion for all things health related and a healthy, active lifestyle. This ignited her passion for all things health related and a healthy, active lifestyle. This ignited her passion for all things health related and a healthy, active lifestyle. This ignited her passion for all things health related and a healthy, active lifestyle. This ignited her passion for all things health related and a healthy, active lifestyle.

Planning your next conference

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INfant and Child Health Lab celebrated its grand opening

The INfant and Child Health Lab celebrated its grand opening in Suite 109A on November 20, 2013. Located on the 1st floor of McMaster Innovation Park, this newly created lab is part of McMaster University’s Department of Family Medicine and the state-of-the-art pediatric research laboratory. The lab provides a warm and welcoming environment for children and their parents. It includes a large, open fitness testing area that is fully equipped with a new treadmill and cycle ergometer designed specifically for pediatric research. The lab also has a separate motor testing room with various stations that are designed to examine children’s fine and gross motor coordination. These tasks include threading beads on to string, drawing tasks, and catching and throwing beans. In addition to the Director, Dr. John Cairney, the INCH Lab has six staff members, who include Research Coordinators, Research Assistants, Masters and PhD students, a Post Doctoral Fellow and administrative support.

Research in the Lab focuses on many aspects of child development, including the mental and physical health of children. There are currently studies being conducted within the INCH Lab, including the CATCH, PANS and NARS studies. Visit www.inchlab.ca for more details.

Comming up at MIP

- Holiday Closure Notice: The Atrium will be closed, and only accessible by swipe card on December 23rd, 26th, 27th, and January 1st. Enjoy the Holidays MIP!
- On January 30th join the City of Hamilton for the Building Momentum event on 6pm at Liuna Station. City staff, residents and other key stakeholders are working together to create neighbourhood action plans that communicate a clear vision for the future of the neighbourhood and describe specific projects that can be implemented.
- In March, MIP will host Bike for Mike, a charity cycling event which raises money towards funding a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

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Superposition installs new display system in the Atrium

Superposition, a client of Innovation Factory is setting up a new seamless display system in The Atrium at MIP. The high impact video wall display will feature information and images for the entire MIP community.

Superposition’s display calibration software is used to calibrate video walls, multi-projector systems, and curved display screens to ensure clarity and precision of projected images. The company also writes real-time rendering software that displays images and videos on these systems by applying the calibration data. Marc Bender, founder of Superposition, notes that “one of the best things about working on display systems is that the results speak for themselves: beautiful images and smooth, lag-free video. It’s something that everyone can appreciate. However, it also means that any issues with the results are very apparent, so Superposition’s display outputs need to be almost flawless.”

Visit www.superposition-displays.com for more information.

A successful Entrepreneur Fair

McMaster Innovation Park hosted an Entrepreneur Fair on November 21st. The fair consisted of a panel of successful entrepreneurs and four entrepreneurial tracks. The event was designed to acknowledge and celebrate the spirit of Global Entrepreneurship Week.

Community CarShare’s tenth vehicle launch coincides with city carsharing pilot project

Community CarShare, Hamilton’s non-profit carsharing co-operative, has launched its tenth vehicle in Hamilton, on York Street near James St. North. The newest addition to the fleet also coincides with the launch of the City of Hamilton’s carsharing pilot program, which allows employees to use Community CarShare vehicles for work travel.

“This initiative allows employees to sustainably commute to work, rather than relying on their own personal automobiles,” said Peter Topolavic, Project Manager of Transportation Demand Management. “The initiative also acts as a community benefit, as the CarShare vehicles are publicly accessible.”

EnviroSim presented at UK Conference

EnviroSim recently presented at the 18th European Biosolids & Organic Resources Conference in Manchester UK. The paper presented, “The full picture for costs and energy recovery: liquid and solids treatment and what goes on in between”, provided insight into the relationship between the liquid and solids trains and how digestion performance relates to whole plant process operations.

While in the UK, EnviroSim also conducted a 3-day combined introductory and advanced course on its BioWin software, as well as an advanced course in Model Calibration.

Specialized NDE opens new US training centre

After expanding in to the US in early 2013, President Eric Kivlin, of Specialized NDE is pleased to announce the opening and operation of the new training centre and branch office at the University at Buffalo’s Technology Incubator in Amherst, New York. “The main focus of the US operations will be to perform specialized training at the new training centre or onsite at our clients facilities across the US as well as expanding our inspection division in to the Oil & Gas and Power Generation Industries,” says Kivlin. “The US market offers a large opportunity for growth within these sectors and we are excited to now be a player in the US market”.

For more information on Specialized NDE visit www.specializednde.com with latest news on Twitter @Specializednde.

VitaSound launches new product

Best Buy Canada is featuring a new personal hearing device from VitaSound, a tech company based here at MIP. VitaSound was established in 2008 when McMaster researchers developed a new hearing aid technology called the neuro-compensator. It has since launched a hearing aid device sold in Walmart and Walgreens stores in the U.S. and other retailers.

Gora Ganguli, VitaSound’s president and CEO, said the technology was also used to create a new device which resembles an MP3 player called a personal audio enhancer. The new device is intended for those who are hard of hearing for listening to TV or having a conversation in a crowded room.

"Only two out of 10 people who need a hearing aid actually wear one, either through the stigma or the cost or both,” says Ganguli. Launched in October, the device is for sale on Amazon, Best Buy online and other catalogues.

A celebration for World Toilet Day

Currently, there are 119 international days aimed to bring your attention to important issues around the world. One of these days was World Toilet Day on November 19th and was celebrated by the staff at United Nations University’s Institute for Water, Environment and Health. World Toilet Day highlights the number of people without toilets and adequate sanitation facilities, and the associated risks to health, environment and economies.

We are lucky to have clean water on tap and a bathroom or two in our homes but many people in the world don’t even have access to a sanitary place to take care of their daily bathroom needs.

“Most people don’t realize the far reaching consequences of not having a toilet – from sexual assault and rape, to economic costs of $260 billion per year, to 1,600 children under the age of 5 dying each day from diarrhea and most of us don’t even think twice when we sit on one… ” says Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace, Programme Officer (Water-Health Nexus) at the United Nations University’s Institute for Water, Environment and Health based at MIP.

A celebration for World Toilet Day

The staff at United Nations University’s Institute for Water, Environment and Health celebrated World Toilet Day on November 19th by wearing these t-shirts.