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WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

Never has it been more important to discuss the place of science and technology in our society, our politics, and our lives - and to engage in this critical reflection in a broad, open fashion. It is in this spirit that I welcome you to the first issue of SSP News.

Encompassing a range of expertise from innovation to our post-human future, the University of Ottawa's [Science, Society and Policy \(SSP\) Network](#) has significant capacity in science and technology studies.

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spread the word.

Marc Saner, Director, ISSP

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D. Allan Bromley Memorial Event 2012

Bringing Advanced Innovation to the Manufacturing Sector

William D. Bonvillian
Director, MIT Washington D.C. Office



May 14, 2012, 5 p.m.

University of Ottawa, Desmarais Building, Room 4101

William B. Bonvillian is Director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Washington, D.C. Office, where he works to support MIT's strong and historic relations with federal R&D agencies and its role in national science policy.

Previously he served for seventeen years as a senior policy advisor in the U.S. Senate. His legislative efforts included science and technology policies and innovation issues, and he worked extensively on legislation for intelligence reform, defence and life science R&D, national competitiveness and innovation, as well as legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security.

The annual Bromley event is a collaboration between George Washington University and the University of Ottawa and, for the first time, includes additional international participants.

Free. In English. Register [here](#).

[Click here to visit the event homepage and read an abstract of the](#)

NSERC Chair in Women in Science



Mr. Edward Hoskin, Vice President of Engineering, Pratt & Whitney Canada, Dr. Catherine Mavriplis, and Dr. Suzanne Fortier, President of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

Catherine Mavriplis, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at uOttawa, ISSP Affiliate and member of the Gender, Science and Technology Working Group was recently awarded the [NSERC / Pratt & Whitney Canada Chair for Women in Science and Engineering \(Ontario region\)](#).

In her function as Chair, Dr. Mavriplis addresses various issues facing women in science and engineering, such as increasing participation of women in S&T, career development and communication practices for advanced professional women in male-dominated technical fields.

From May 3-5 she will attend the [CCWESTT conference](#) in Halifax, where she will serve on the Engineers Canada Women in Engineering Advisory Group, organize an industry-based panel for best practices in fostering women's career advancement in technical professions, and take part in a policy forum attended by business leaders, academics and government representatives.

Techno-politics on The Agenda with Steve Paikin



On March 16, **Marc Saner** joined Green Leader **Elizabeth May**, Principal of Strategy Corp **John Duffy** and Canada Research Chair in Technology and Citizenship **Darin Barney** to discuss "The Coming of Techno-Politics" on TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin.

[View the broadcast here.](#)

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80th Congrès de l'Association francophone pour le savoir, May 7-11 (Montreal).

As part of the *Journée femmes, sciences et génie* (May 9), Ruby Heap has been invited to take part in a panel discussion focusing on ways to raise interest among youth - and in particular girls - in science and engineering.

LCRC's International Network to Study The Determinants of Death After Cardiac Arrest

The Loeb Chair and Research Consortium (LCRC) has assembled an International Interdisciplinary Research Network to Study the Determinants of Death After Cardiac Arrest. The Network will hold a planning meeting on the study from May 1-2. The meeting is supported by a CIHR planning grant with [Dr. Sonny Dhanani](#) as its principal investigator.

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