

# SSSP news

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## **Meeting with Marc Garneau on Women and S&T**

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**Feature**



What a treat to meet the Hon. Marc Garneau! As [NSERC / Pratt & Whitney Chair for Women in Science and Engineering](#), I had the privilege of being invited by [Barbara Orser](#) (Deloitte Professor in the Management of Growth Enterprises at uOttawa's Telfer School of Management) who organized a briefing with the then Liberal Party of Canada Leadership Candidate and past astronaut. Assembled were a dazzling collection of women experts on the state of Canadian women in technology, law, management and small business, who advised Garneau on much needed strategies to make women a centerpiece of a vibrant Canadian digital and global economy.

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## Margaret McCuaig-Johnston Appointed Senior Fellow at ISSP



The ISSP is pleased and honoured to welcome Margaret McCuaig-Johnston as a Senior Fellow. Former Executive Vice-President of NSERC, Ms. McCuaig-Johnston comes to the ISSP with a wealth of experience, having held several high-level management positions in the Government of Canada.

Margaret's bio is available on the [ISSP Website](#) and more about Margaret's move to the University of Ottawa can be found in the latest issue of [Research Money](#) (subscription required).

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## Elizabeth Dowdeswell Lecture Online



The ISSP recently hosted a lecture by President and CEO of the [Council of Canadian Academies](#), [Elizabeth Dowdeswell](#).

Entitled "Insight and Impact: A Contribution from the Council of Canadian Academies," the talk is available to view [here](#).

Ms. Dowdeswell attracted a crowd of 80 people who braved the winter weather to hear an engaging talk.

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## Paul Dufour Appointed Adjunct Professor at ISSP



Congratulations to ISSP Fellow Paul Dufour for his appointment as Adjunct Professor at the Institute for Science, Society and Policy.

In other news, Paul has an article in the Hill Times Innovation Briefing that calls for more science in Canada's international commerce and foreign policy compass. Entitled "Time to Readjust Canada's Global Compass on Science, Innovation," the article can be found [here](#). He was also [quoted in Nature](#) magazine on the subject of the recent Federal budget. And recently Chad Gaffield, President of SSHRC, gave a lecture in Paul's science policy course at the University of Ottawa.

Paul is a busy man - a good deal of which is due to his work in support of the ISSP. Thanks Paul!



## Peter Calamai Honourary Life Member of the Canadian Science Writers' Association



ISSP Fellow Peter Calamai has been made an Honourary Life Member of the [Canadian Science Writers' Association](#) (CSWA) and will be formally awarded this honour at the CSWA Gala Awards Banquet in Montreal, June 7th. Congratulations Peter!

In other news, Peter was one of the judges for the Explanatory Category of the [National Newspaper Awards](#), which is considered to be the most demanding category to judge. The winners will be announced May 3rd.

He also chaired the jury of the ISSP's Student Science Journalism [Competition](#). Winners will be announced soon.



## Research Papers

Marc Saner and Anna Stoklosa, "Commercial, Societal and Administrative Benefits from the Analysis and Clarification of Definitions: The Case of Nanomaterials", in *The Journal of Creativity and Innovation Management*.

A comprehensive survey of definitions of nanomaterials is presented in an analytic taxonomy. This paper is developed from work commissioned by Health Canada and designed to support the understanding of international approaches and the evaluation of Health Canada's own proposed definition. The paper is available [here](#).

Gregor Wolbring and Verlyn Leopatra, "Sensors: Views of Staff of a Disability Organization", in *The Journal of Personalized Medicine*.

Presents quantitative and qualitative data into the perceptions, attitudes and concerns of staff of a disability service organization towards the use of various types of sensor technologies. The paper is available [here](#).



## Other News

### Tom Brzustowski Launches New Book at uOttawa

Past ISSP Advisory Committee Chair Tom Brzustowski recently launched his new book at the University of Ottawa. Entitled "Why We Need More Innovation in Canada and What We Must Do To Get It", the book "demystifies innovation and presents its many aspects in one big picture".

Memorable quote: "Necessity may be the mother of invention, but competition is the father of innovation."

Read about or purchase the book at <http://www.invenire.ca/>.

## Marc Saner Discusses Human Enhancement

ISSP Director Marc Saner recently presented the talk, "Human Enhancement: Should we Care and Who is in Charge?" to the University of Ottawa Science Students Association. The talk can be viewed [here](#).

## Andrew Hessel's Autodesk Group Introduces 'Project Cyborg' at TED

ISSP Fellow and Autodesk Distinguished Researcher Andrew Hessel often has interesting news to share, and this issue of SSP News is no different. At the recent TED Conference in Long Beach, California, the Autodesk group he works with introduced 'Project Cyborg', "a web-based software platform for delivering a range of services like molecular modelling and simulation".

Read about Project Cyborg in the New York Times [here](#).

## Jack Smith Helps Launch International Foresight Initiative in Southeast Asia

In January, Telfer School of Management Adjunct Professor and SSP Network Member Jack Smith travelled to Bangkok to help launch a major international foresight initiative into future development linked to energy, food and water challenges facing the region.

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