

**ALGONQUIN COLLEGE and OCRI HOST RESEARCH DAY**

**Ottawa, ON, May 27, 2003:** Algonquin College's Office of Applied Research, in conjunction with the Ottawa Centre for Research and Development (OCRI), hosted its inaugural Research Day. The College's ongoing applied research activities in the School of Advanced Technology, the School of Media and Design and the School of Health and Community Studies were featured through presentations and demonstrations in labs on the College's Woodroffe Campus.

"Working with industry partners such as OCRI allows Algonquin College to provide innovative opportunities to both faculty and students by enhancing learning while contributing to the economic development of the region," says Algonquin College President Robert Gillett.

Members of Ottawa's research community were on hand as Algonquin College's Director of Applied Research and Development Dr. Jack Treuhaft and OCRI President and CEO Jeffrey Dale gave welcoming remarks prior to touring the College's state-of-the-art facilities.

"Ottawa has a vibrant research community that is integral to the advancement of technology in our business community," says Jeffrey Dale, President and CEO of OCRI. "It is important that this community is aware of the high-caliber research that is being performed at Algonquin College."

Tours were given of Algonquin's Hapto-Visual Research Centre, High-Definition Cinema Lab and Tele-Health Research Clinic, as well as the College's three photonics labs, animation and TV production studios and the manufacturing and electro-mechanical robotics lab.

Algonquin College's Advanced Digital Cinema Research Centre's leading-edge equipment allows for the high-definition capture of images and the creation high-quality digital film. It will enable Algonquin to collaborate with international digital-cinema researchers and to attract film production to the Ottawa region.

Haptic, or "touch" technology applied research has also found a home at Algonquin in the College's Hapto-Visual Research Centre. This leading-edge virtual technology allows the user to "feel" a virtual object and has a wide variety of applications, including the training of surgeons and handlers of hazardous materials.

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Algonquin College is using Tele-Health technology as a vehicle to support accessibility to primary health care.

“Algonquin College’s applied research projects not only contribute to commercial development, they also provide excellent opportunities to train highly-qualified people at all levels in our career-focussed facilities and programs, from trades certificates to applied degrees,” says Treuhaft.

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