Suspense, adrenaline and excitement are guaranteed during the 12th Annual CRC Robotics Competition held at Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools

Laval, February 19, 2013- Get ready to be blown away when 600 high school and Cegep students, from 28 participating schools, take over Laval Junior/Laval Liberty High School for the **12th Annual CRC Robotics Competition** from February 21st to 23rd, 2013. The entries from the English, French, public, private, all girls/all-boys high schools and Cegeps are sure to give you an adrenaline rush you will not forget! Join us in this exciting event where teams compete in electrifying demonstrations of creativity and ingenuity to ensure their robot creations score the most points in the game.

Although building the robot is a major part of the challenge, it's not just about robots. In this competition, as in today's job market, it takes team members with a variety of aptitudes for a project to succeed. The **CRC Robotics Competition** aims to recognize these abilities with awards in robot (game), bilingual video production, a kiosk presentation, web design, communication, engineering design, programming and sportsmanship. Participating teams recruit students in science and technology, media/film production, language, and in fine arts to create the best entries in each category of the competition.

The **CRC Robotics Competition** is the only robotics competition in which all the work is done *exclusively by students* – teachers, engineers, and outside specialists are welcome but for guidance only. Besides basic starter components that each team receives, everything about the robot, the kiosk, the video, and the website is conceived and built by the students, and where language is a factor, both French and English must be used. It's a multidisciplinary approach.

"The **CRC Robotics Competition** is about competition and cooperation," says Peter Szilagyi the Head Coordinator. "Robots play against each other, but teams must work together. The schedule is planned so that every school team works with and competes against every other team. We have an award for sportsmanship because what goes on behind the scenes is very important. Even competing teams help each other out."

"In the competition the focus is the students. We figure kids are sick of people telling them what to do, so in this contest they get to do things themselves and take control of their own learning. The contest generates a fantastic dynamic. Some schools have teams of 75 students. Some schools even have two teams. Some teams create costumes to go with their elaborate kiosk. There's no limit to their imagination."

The competition runs from February 21st to 23rd. With 28 participating schools, this is the biggest the competition has been in its 12-year history. It is an event for the whole family to enjoy, where the kids really get excited and involved. It's fun. It's lively. It's colorful. It's free! It's open to all. We promise your family will have a great time!

Check the action: http://youtu.be/vp0tyF0Cna8

The competition schedule and list of participating schools can be found on page 2.

12th annual CRC Robotics Competition Event Schedule:

Main events (in the Laval Junior High School Gym)

Thursday, February 21st, 2013 (6:00 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.   Opening Ceremonies (including parade of robots)
7:00 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.   First round of preliminary heats

Friday, February 22nd, 2013 (9:30 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.)
9:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.   Second round of preliminary heats
1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.   Third round of preliminary heats
5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.   CRC Alumni and VIP Gathering (open to all former participants)
7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.   Fourth (last) round of preliminary heats

Saturday, February 23rd, 2013 (8:30 a.m. to 5:35 p.m.)
8:30 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.   Repechage Round
12:10 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.   Quarter-Finals
3:20 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.   Semi-Finals
5:00 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.   Finals

The Kiosk Exhibition Hall is open to the public at all times throughout the 3-day competition
(in the Laval Liberty High School Gym, adjacent to the Laval Junior Gym)

List of participating Schools 2012-2013:

English Montreal School Board:
LaurenHill Academy
Lester B. Pearson High School
Rosemount Technology Centre
Royal West Academy

Lester B. Pearson School Board:
Macdonald High School
Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School
Riverdale High School

Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board:
Lake of Two Mountains High School
Laval Liberty High School

Commission scolaire de Laval:
École d'éducation internationale de Laval
École secondaire Curé-Antoine-Labelle

Private High-Schools (English and French):
Bialik High School
Bishop's College School (from Sherbrooke)
Centennial Academy
Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf
Collège Laval
Collège Sainte-Marcelline
Lower Canada College
Selwyn House School
St. George's School of Montreal
The Sacred Heart School of Montreal
West Island College

CÉGEPs (English and French):
Cégep de Lévis-Lauzon (from Quebec City)
Vanier College
Collège de Bois-de-Boulogne
Collège Montmorency
Dawson College
Marianopolis College

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