

BC Science Outreach Workshop



Veselin Jungic with *Math Catcher: Mathematics Through Aboriginal Storytelling*, Janelle Dobson-Kocsis, Volunteer with same program, Roberta Price, Coast Salish Elder (Snuneymuxw and Cowichan Nations), Andrew MacLean, Acting Director of the *Aboriginal STEM Outreach*, (Not seen here) Lalita Kines, LE, NONET Experiential and Community Engagement Coordinator with the Office of Indigenous Affairs, Bill Baglot, Chair of First Nations Career Council, Jacqueline de Raadt, Manager, Executive Initiatives ASTTBC.

As a Science Charter Member, ASTTBC was pleased to volunteer many hours to support this year's BC Science Outreach Workshop on March 7th. Hosted by Science World, this successful event attracted approx. 100+ members of the science outreach, education and communications communities from across BC.

The event opened with an inspirational keynote speech by Dr. Elizabeth Croft, Associate Dean, Education and Professional Development at UBC about Gender Engagement followed by breakout sessions on STEM in high school, social media, collaboration and building lasting relationships and supporting teachers in Place Based Learning. From the morning sessions participants moved into a networking lunch and the launch of the new Science Charter [WEBSITE](#)

In the afternoon the conference was thrilled to have Paolo Pietropaolo speak about Creative Communication followed by additional breakout sessions on topics like professional development best practices, building science kits, the future of social media and STEM in the aboriginal context.

ASTTBC thanks Bill Baglot, Chair of FNCC for his valuable contributions the STEM in the Aboriginal Context breakout session. Involving the group of panelists pictured above, the session was opened by Roberta Price, Coast Salish Elder (Snuneymuxw and Cowichan Nations) and involved informative presentations about successful outreach programs in BC and a moving inspirational story by Janelle Dobson-Kocsis about her personal STEM educational journey. She is currently enrolled in the psychiatric nursing program at Douglas College and we wish her all the best with her education!