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For its 5th year, Pint of Science goes virtual!

Thirsty for knowledge? Every year, Pint of Science Canada brings scientists and the public together in local pubs. For the 2020 edition, the international science outreach festival will break new ground by organizing **an online version on May 11-13rd 2020** to celebrate its **5th birthday**.

What would it be like to live on Mars? How can chemistry help us to make better Whisky? Why birds are actually dinosaurs? These are some of the questions that researchers will answer during the different events of Pint of Science Canada 2020. During 3 consecutive days, researchers are invited to present their latest discoveries online while the audience can learn and enjoy a drink safely at home. “Our goal is to make science accessible to everyone, by making it fun and interactive. We had to innovate this year to keep the festival running! This was a great opportunity for us to include scientists from all over the country as well as Canadians living abroad”, explains Alexandra Gellé, Director of Pint of Science Canada, also PhD student at McGill University.

Science for the whole family!

Now that Pint of Science Canada is online, there is no more excuse not to include the young ones anymore! Between two school sessions at home, kids and teenagers from elementary school to high school will be able to learn more about the world surrounding them in a fun and educative way. In the evening, parents will be welcome to enjoy a pint of science (or beer)! As the event will be held online this year, those of us living in more remote areas will be able to join the show not only as attendants but also as speakers, such as Sebastian Jones from Yukon to Yellowstone Conservation Initiative who will talk about preservation of wetlands in the Yukon, and Dr. Brian Wagner from Prince Edward Island to explore fluorescent molecules in our everyday life. You can choose between 7 events (2 of which will be in French) per evening, mingling environment, neuroscience, astronomy, chemistry, medicine and also mathematics. The schedule of the festival is now available online, and a few very special guests will participate such as Dr. Dave Williams, a Canadian astronaut, and Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, a well-known climate scientist.

How can I attend?

If you would like to attend one of our events, join us on our live stream platform [through the event website](#). The festival is free, accessible to everyone and no scientific background is needed. Come ask questions and even give new ideas to scientists! Two short talks will be given by two researchers every evening, and you can win prizes during fun trivia quizzes held in between.

About Pint of Science:

Pint of Science is a non-profit organization which quickly took off around the world since its creation in 2013 in the UK. In 2019, 397 cities worldwide organized those meetings and gathered more than 140 000 participants. For its fifth edition in Canada, the event will be held online and will be accessible to everyone no matter where you're from in Canada or around the world! Quench your thirst for knowledge in one of the 54 virtual presentations organized by Pint of Science Canada 2020!

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