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## Speaker – September 8 Dr. Max Cynader

*“How to keep your brain healthy.”*

Dr. Cynader is Director of the Brain Research Centre at Vancouver Coastal Health and The University of British Columbia. In addition, he holds the Canada Research Chair in Brain Development at UBC. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy for Health Sciences, Fellow of The Royal Society of Canada, Member of the Order of British Columbia in 2007, and a Principal Investigator in Canada’s Network of Excellence in Stroke.

Dr. Cynader obtained his B.Sc. at McGill University in 1967 and his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1972. His research has focused on the nature of processing performed by the cerebral cortex, especially the sensory cortices dealing with vision and hearing, and on the neural and molecular mechanisms underlying the development and adaptability of the cortex.

He has made important contributions to understanding the mechanisms by which early use, or misuse, of the brain affects its functioning for the rest of the organism’s life. He is the author of over 200 articles published in scientific journals he has presented over 350 papers at national and international scientific meetings.

As Director of the Centre, Dr. Cynader has tried to communicate the importance of Brain Research to the lay public through many personal presentations and television and radio appearances.

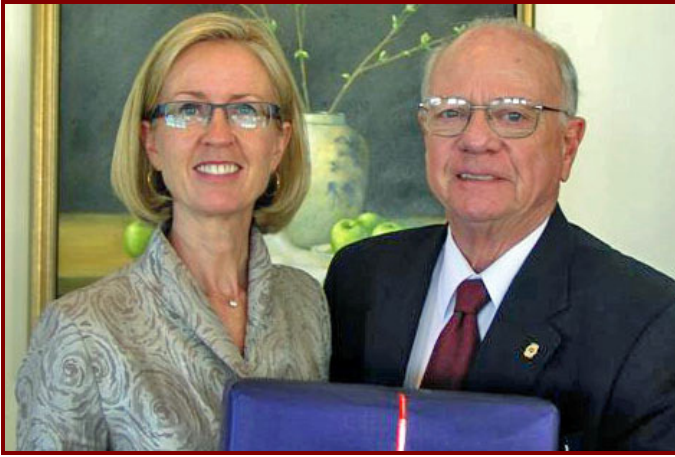
## Next Month Speaker – October 6

**Note:** next month's meeting is on the "first Monday", this time only, due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday conflict on October 13.

Dr Paul Evans, Co-CEO and Chairman of the Executive Committee,  
Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

*“Canada and a Global China: Are we ready?”*

## Last Month Speaker



**Art Eberwein with Jane Peverett**

The B. C. Transmission Corporation is a Crown Corporation owned by the Province and responsible for transmission of electricity from generating stations to local distribution substations, where it is transformed to lower voltages for distribution to customers. The corporation currently manages more than 18,000 km of high voltage transmission lines, ranging from 60 kv to 500 kv.

Most of B. C. electricity is generated by hydro, with 85% of our generation provided from two dammed rivers, the Peace River and the Columbia River. These satisfy 70% of our provinces demand, with much of the balance generated on Vancouver Island.

Hydro is environmentally clean compared to generation from coal and other fossil fuel burning facilities. Also, hydro has a distinct advantage in that we can effectively “store” electricity as water behind dams for release to produce electricity when needed whereas coal generated electricity cannot be stored as the plants usually need to be running full time.

Currently, BC must import electricity to meet part of its needs. In line with BC government stated policy, BCTC is targeting that B.C. will generate 100% of our power needs internally by 2017 with 90% of that from clean and renewable sources.

More transmission assets are needed to deliver power to the lower mainland and to other cities and the growing resource sector areas. In order to meet future

electricity service demands, BCTC expects to invest more than \$5 billion in new transmission assets over the next 10 years.

All new transmission line projects must be reviewed and approved by both the BC Utilities Commission and the provincial Environmental Assessment Office and, sometimes, by the Federal Energy and Environmental agency.

To receive this approval, BCTC must demonstrate the need, that the need outweighs the costs, and that the decisions affecting the public must appear to be and are fair.

The Vancouver Island Transmission Reinforcement project (VITR), currently under construction, will provide an upgraded 230 kv circuit to Vancouver Island in 2008.

The approval process for this particular project started in 2004. The project has been through all the required assessment review process and has passed. However, although it has also survived Supreme court challenges, and it is nearing completion it continues to be opposed by Tsawassen residents and other parties concerned about possible EMF (electro magnetic field) health issues.


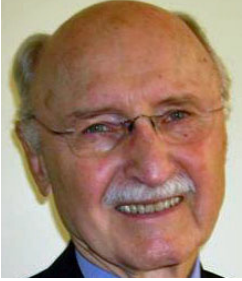






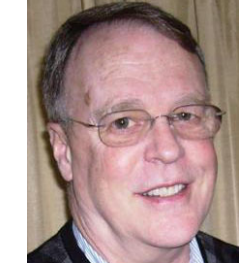
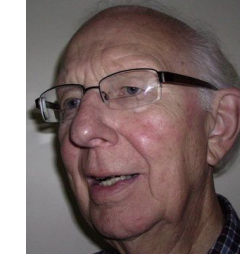
Jane Peverett responded to the many questions raised dealing with the relative costs and economic impacts of nuclear, biomass, solar, wind, run-of the river, and tidal power generating concepts, and related to the VITR project.

## August meeting Greeters



**Denis Creighton and Gerry Kent**

## Brief biographies of proposed 2008/09 Management Committee and Committee Chairs

				
<b>Esio Marzotto</b> President	<b>David Osoba</b> Vice President	<b>George Parkes</b> Treasurer	<b>Dan Potts</b> Secretary	<b>Bob Birch</b> Membership
				
<b>Phil Boase</b> House	<b>John Leonard</b> Probus National Liaison/Archivist	<b>Ernie Maguire</b> Speakers	<b>Malcolm Metcalfe</b> Special Events	<b>Ron Penhall</b> Communications

In addition, Art Eberwein as immediate Past President will continue as a member of the Committee.

<p><b>Esio Marzotto:</b> <i>(Member since December 2003)</i> Esio was born in Windsor, Ontario and had a career in broadcasting and later as Professor of Communications Studies at the University of Windsor. Esio has served as Chair for Communications Committee and for the past year as our Vice President.</p>	<p><b>David Osoba:</b> <i>(Member since April 2004)</i> David was born in Glendon, Alberta and graduated with an MD from the University of Alberta. He has worked in Hematology and Medical Oncology in Toronto, London (UK), Nairobi and Vancouver before retiring to West Vancouver. David currently serves as a member of the Speakers Committee.</p>
<p><b>George Parkes:</b> <i>(Member since January 2008):</i> George was born and educated in Vancouver and retired after a 45 year career in the insurance business in Canada and in the USA. George currently volunteers with the CNIB and the Kay Meek Centre. George will replace our current Treasurer, John Linthwaite.</p>	<p><b>Dan: Potts:</b> <i>(Member since April 2006)</i> Dan is a Chemical Engineer and an MBA retired from the pulp and paper industry, and currently serves a group working to maintain low cost electrical power to BC industry. In March 2008 Dan replaced Malcolm Nicholson assuming the role as club Secretary.</p>
<p><b>Bob Birch:</b> <i>(Member since March 2005)</i> Bob was born in Saskatchewan and moved to BC in 1970. Bob is an information technology and computer systems consultant. In March 2008 Bob replaced Ron Defieux assuming the role as Chair for Membership Committee.</p>	<p><b>Phil Boase:</b> <i>(Member since March 2003)</i> Phil was born in St. Catharines, Ontario and moved to BC where he articulated as a Land Surveyor with and spent a 35 year career with McElhanney Surveyors. Phil currently serves as Chair for House Committee.</p>
<p><b>John Leonard:</b> <i>(Founding Member in 2003 and our club's Charter President):</i> John was born in Sydney, Australia and has had a successful career in advertising. John has served as our Probus National Liaison and Archivist since 2005.</p>	<p><b>Ernie Maguire:</b> <i>(Member since June 2006)</i> Ernie was born in Hamilton, Ontario and moved to Vancouver in 1958 where he owned an industrial chemical distribution and manufacturing business until 1996. Ernie currently serves as Chair for Speakers Committee.</p>
<p><b>Malcolm Metcalfe:</b> <i>(Member since April. 2008):</i> Malcolm was born in Calgary and grew up in Trail BC. He graduated from UBC in 1970 in Electrical Engineering. Malcolm recently replaced Malcolm Nicholson as Chair for Special Events.</p>	<p><b>Ron Penhall:</b> <i>(Member since February 2004)</i> Ron was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and moved to Vancouver where he established a successful printing services business. Ron currently serves as Chair for Communications Committee.</p>



**Art Eberwein**

## **President's Report**

Last month, we recognized the completion of five years of the Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver. The success of our club stems from the vision of John Leonard and Don Brinton who, early in 2003, took the steps leading to our first meeting in September of that year.

The efforts of the five Management Committees which have served since our inception, the support of members through attendance at meetings and your suggestions for speakers, have spoken to the wisdom of this vision. Our growth to more than 300 members has happened because you have introduced this club to your friends and associates, bringing them to meetings as guests so that they could experience our relaxed format and interesting speakers.

Over the years, we have engaged speakers from a broad spectrum of backgrounds who have spoken to us on items of great topical interest. This year, among other subjects, we heard about what is being done to help the sick and downtrodden in the Vancouver area; the excitement of the 2010 Olympics; international diplomacy, politics and terrorism; power generation and distribution in B.C; and, a discourse on the roots of our language. Future speakers will talk to us about our health and senior lifestyles, the evolution of China as a world power, and the ongoing saga of the Middle East.

This is the sixtieth issue of Shorelines. We have tried to make this monthly publication interesting, informative and easy to read. In an effort to make improvement, we will be tinkering with the format, and we ask you to comment on the changes you

notice. Indeed, we encourage each of you to submit your suggestions about the content and presentation of material.

It has been my privilege to serve as your President over the past year. I want to sincerely thank each of the members of Management Committee (including Committee supporting members) for their support in dealing with the challenges we faced during the past year and for their efforts to make our club a congenial and supportive environment for our members.

Lastly, I believe we have put forward a capable and dedicated group of members for your approval to lead our organization next year. I encourage you to attend the Annual General Meeting on September 8 so that we can all offer them our full support and wishes for success in the coming year.

I look forward to seeing you on September 8, and **DO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME TAGS!**



### **MEETINGS**

Second Monday of every month: 9:30 am -11:30 am  
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