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U of S VIDO-InterVac Joins National Launch of Canada's new \$100 bank note



SASKATOON, SK. On Monday, Nov. 14, the Bank of Canada issued a new \$100 note that celebrates Canada's contributions to innovation in the field of medicine.

The University of Saskatchewan's Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization - International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac) was selected as the Prairie site for the simultaneous national event taking place at five research facilities across Canada to mark the issuance of the bill—Canada's first polymer bank note.

VIDO-InterVac was selected due to its leading contributions to human and animal health through infectious disease research and vaccine development including eight marketed animal vaccines, six of which are world firsts. One of the largest and most advanced containment level 3 facilities in the world, InterVac recently held its grand opening event attended by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier Brad Wall, and Mayor Don Atchison.

"We are pleased to join with the Bank of Canada in jointly celebrating innovation and technological advances within Canada," said Dr. Andrew Potter, Director and CEO of VIDO-InterVac. "InterVac enhances Canada's capacity to develop new tools, technologies and policies for preventing disease and saving both animal and human lives."

Speaking at the event were representatives from the Bank of Canada and VIDO-InterVac. At the conclusion of the event, the new \$100 polymer bank notes were available for the media to purchase.

For more information: The Bank of Canada national media advisory is available at:
<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/2011/11/media-advisories/bank-of-canada-begin-circulating-new-100-polymer-bank-note/>

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