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Countdown to innovation : here are the Top 10 most significant scientific stories of 2011

OTTAWA, February 9, 2012 – They were the subject of intense debate within the team of curators of the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation (CSTMC), and were unveiled in countdown form over the past weeks : they are the Top 10 Canadian science stories of 2011.

One can't help but notice that the Canadian scientific community had a good year in 2011. Whether they were developing a new type of naked oats, or developing a vaccine which could potentially prevent HIV infection, Canadian scientific discoveries figure prominently among the Top 10 scientific stories of 2011.

"Whenever such rankings are issued, there inevitably follows a debate about what could, should – or shouldn't – have made it on the list," says CSTMC President Denise Amyot. "After thoughtfully debating it amongst themselves, the CSTMC's team of curators have opened the discussion up for the public. Far from being the end of the discussion, the publication of their choices is intended as the starting point of a broader debate with members of the public, who are invited to voice their comments through social media."

It is now up to members of the public to have the last word, as they are invited to look up the most significant scientific, technological and engineering events which caught the CSTMC curators' attention, and take part in the conversation by visiting :

<http://www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca/english/newsrel/top-10-science-stories-of-2011.cfm>.

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