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### **Building the Canadian Solar Research Community**

It was a big, highly enjoyable week of photovoltaics research and networking. At the Annual Network Meeting and throughout the week in general, it was a pleasure to meet the principal investigators and many of the HQP working on photovoltaic research in Canada and to put faces to the names I had read in so many journal publications. I expect that these new relationships will greatly aid our current research and the development of future collaborations. I was also excited by the network's focus on HQP development and the opportunity to be involved through the PVIN HQP Committee. The Photovoltaics Canada 2<sup>nd</sup> National Scientific Conference contained many interesting talks and left me with a broad and detailed understanding of the PV research community within Canada. Likewise, I found the PV Industry Workshop to be highly informative and motivational by providing perspectives from lobbyists, government, utilities and PV companies and expanding on the commercial and societal context within which we pursue our research. Overall, it was a great week.