

BCTOX

Dedicated to Toxicological Issues in Population and Environmental Health in British Columbia

Keep Engaged with Toxicology News in BC

BC Toxicology Figure of the Month

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Solve the mystery!

--- Participate in our Chinese New Year “solve the mystery” and win a prize!

First, let us congratulate **Dr M. Madani Civi**, School of Population and Public Health, UBC, Vancouver, who won last month’s prize. BCTOX is thankful for his accurate description of the problem.

Second, the reason for the premature death of Alexander the Great is controversial. There are reasons to believe that he was assassinated through poisons.

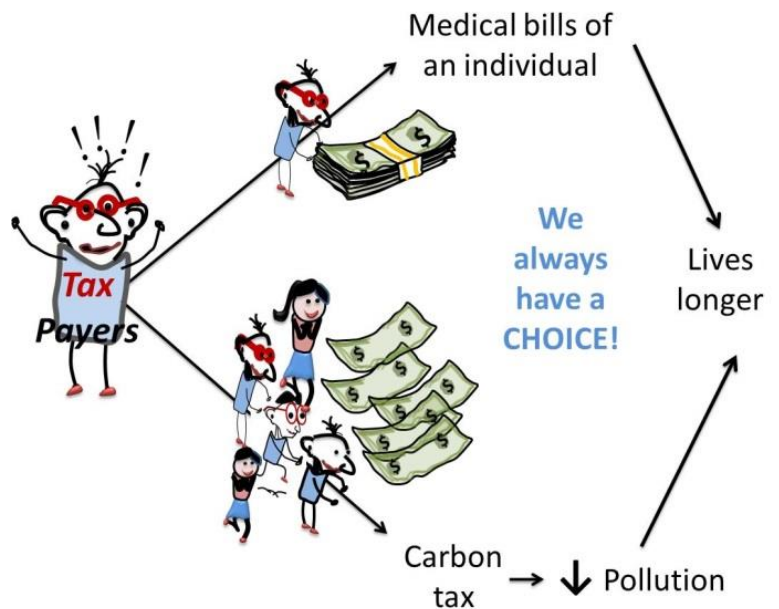
--- Are you convinced that he was assassinated? What toxicant could be the cause of death?

--- Take a guess (or confirm the given manifestations), and email in your response to be entered into the BCTOX drawing for a \$20 gift card (Deadline: Feb 15, 2019).

What is BCTOX?

While BCTOX is not official and not liable for reported news and views, it is BC-related, full of concise and inspiring information, handpicked and fun to read. BCTOX keeps you engaged with toxicological issues in population and environmental health in British Columbia.

--- BCTOX is shared with a large number of health and environmental professionals in BC and beyond. It can increase the visibility of your work!



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Choice of Carbon Tax

--- We have to make the concept of “Carbon Tax” intellectually easy to understand for the public!

Next time expensive medical bills for cancer, heart and lung diseases, etc. come up in a conversation, think of a small amount of carbon tax that could have been paid by each one of us to prevent those diseases!

--- Carbon tax is very cost effective and too cheap to be criticized!

--- The benefits of the Carbon Tax is for OUR generation too, not just for our children.

--- The carbon Tax did not start in 2019! The tax rate based on \$35/tonne of emissions [April 1, 2018] would be 7.78, 8.95 and 6.65 ¢/litre for gasoline, diesel (light fuel oil) and natural gas, respectively.

* A comment from one of our readers, Bret Watson: The word "tax" is the problem in my mind - "carbon pollution fine" makes it more sensible and less emotional!

About Us



Aims and Scope

BC Toxicology News Monthly Bulletin (BCTOX) aims to popularise the knowledge of toxicology and expand the use and awareness of Toxicology News in British Columbia, Canada. It tries to engage health and environmental professionals with online published toxicology news, publicly available information, and by providing short communications. BCTOX mainly focuses on adapting or summarizing relevant toxicology news in BC. The Bulletin accepts and welcomes contributions from professionals and the public as long as they meet BCTOX standards.

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Erratum from the previous issues

---- We cordially invite you to contribute to BCTOX by providing 1000- to 2000-word articles and commentaries on a toxicology-related environmental, public health or clinical problem or an initiative that you have taken! These commentaries are peer reviewed and can be referenced. To cite abstracts of the current issue: Authors' surname, Initials, Title. BCTOX 2018;3(1); Pages.

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