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The World Tourism Forum, held last month in Lucerne, Switzerland, included a "Young Talents Program" with a competition for student research papers. Two of the winners — seen at the awards presentation — are graduate students supervised by Daniel Scott of the geography and environmental management department. Ryan Sim, second from left, took first place for a paper on the implications of rising sea levels for tourism in the Caribbean. Michelle Ruddy, centre, placed third for her paper on the economic and environmental sustainability of ski resorts.



During April 12-15, the World Tourism Forum held its bi-annual forum focusing on Sustainability in Tourism. World tourism leaders, including airline executives and tourism ministers from around Europe and the world, were attending the forum to better understand the

issues on what sustainable tourism will look like, and how it can be achieved. Part of the forum included the Young Talent portion, which allowed students from around the world to submit research papers on this topic. The University of Waterloo had two students attend: **Ryan Sim**, the *Student representative for IC³*, and **Michelle Ruty**. The forum had a surprise in store, as it



turned out the 7 finalists would be narrowed down to three winners, all receiving beautiful watches from Carl F. Bucherer. Michelle Ruty was awarded third place for her research on the impacts of idling buses at ski resorts. Ryan Sim took first place for his research

on the impacts of sea-level rise among Caribbean resorts. Ryan mapped out over 906 resorts and found that between 50-60% of coastal Caribbean resorts would be flooded under 1-2 meter flooding scenarios. Both students were sent under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Scott, professor and IC3 member.