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[Barrie, Ontario]—

**To Commemorate the 200th Anniversary of
Charles Darwin's Birth
Dr. Monika Havelka will present
A Public Lecture from the Leading Edge of Modern Biology:**

***Evo-Devo: The Amazing Story of How Darwin's "Endless Forms Most
Beautiful" Arose***

What: Biologists have long sought to understand the processes that give rise to the dazzling diversity of life forms found in nature. The new biological science of *evolutionary development*, or "evo-devo," has already produced some revolutionary insights into the diversity of life. Foremost among these is that the same small set of highly conserved genes – a "genetic toolkit" – controls the formation of body plans, shapes and sizes of all animals, including us.

Who: Dr. Monika Havelka, in the Department of Biology at the University of Toronto (Mississauga), will be giving a public lecture about evo-devo as a guest of the Central Ontario Humanist Association. Her research has involved reproductive energetics and the evolution of life history patterns. She has twice been nominated as TVO's Best Lecturer, and was a semifinalist in 2007.

When and Where: She will present her thought-provoking audio-visuals and answer your questions in the Community Room, second floor of Zehrs at Big Bay Point Road and Yonge Street on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Seating will be limited to the first 60 people at the door, so be sure to come early. If you have a valid student card, or are a member of the Central Ontario Humanist Association then admission is free; otherwise it is just \$4.00.

