



## Disabilities Health Research Network

*Making BC Disability Research a Priority*

### Greetings!

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Welcome to August. We hope everyone is staying cool in this hot weather. This month we are featuring our upcoming conference which will be held Oct. 8-9, 2009 at the Westin Bayshore Vancouver. The full agenda will soon be available on our website. Please save the dates!

I'd like to say a fond 'adieu' to the members of the DHRN. Over the last 3 years I have learned a great deal from you; your engagement and enthusiasm for disability-health related research, and your commitment to exchange ideas across disciplines, backgrounds and areas of disability have been very inspiring. I'm leaving my position as Director of Programs this month; and will be working with Community Living BC as their first Family Partnership Advisor.

I'd like to publicly express my thanks to the wonderful DHRN team - co-leaders Dr.'s Lawrence Berg, Chris McBride and Bonita Sawatzky, as well as our Advisory Committee and great staff members. I will look forward to getting my future updates on disability health related activities via this monthly e-letter, the LINK newsletter (newest addition coming to a mailbox near you) and checking out the new website at [www.dhrn.ca](http://www.dhrn.ca). PS: Keep an eye out for the DHRN Director of Programs posting coming to the website any day now.

Best wishes,  
Sylvie

### Conferences/Workshops

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**DHRN Annual Conference & AGM**

October 8 & 9, 2009

Westin Bayshore - Vancouver, BC

**Cognitive Rehabilitation and the Multi-context  
Approach to Executive Dysfunction, Awareness, &  
Memory - Mindworks**

Date: September 24-25th, 2009

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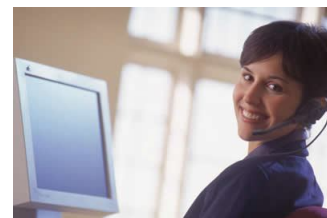
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Go to [www.dhrn.ca](http://www.dhrn.ca) to  
register.

**Conduct Your Own  
Webinar**



Do you have a need to meet with others who are separated by distance? Use our webinar tool and meet online. Interested? Send us an [e-mail](mailto:info@dhrn.ca).

DHRN Benefits

**Location:** Peterborough, Ontario  
[More information](#)

### **Autism Awareness Centre Conference**

**Date:** October 16-17th, 2009  
**Location:** Vancouver, BC  
For more information please contact:  
Ph: 780-474-8355 or Toll Free: 1-866-724-2224 or [email](#)

### **British Columbia Healthcare Workplace Health, Safety & Wellness Conference**

**Date:** September 14- 15, 2009  
**Location:** Kelowna, British Columbia  
[More information](#)

### **2009 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Joint Educational Conference**

**Date:** October 7-11, 2009  
**Location:** Denver, Colorado - Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel  
[More information](#)

### **Also upcoming...**

#### **Population Data BC Workshops**

#### **Space-Time Disease Surveillance**

**Date:** August 24 - 25, 2009  
**Location:** Room A235, Social Sciences & Math Building, University of Victoria, Victoria BC  
[More information](#)

A limited number of travel bursaries are available for applicants travelling long distances to attend training on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register email: [training@popdata.bc.ca](mailto:training@popdata.bc.ca)

#### **BCRRHRN 2nd Annual Conference: "Research To Action: Improving Health in Rural and Remote BC"**

**Date:** September 28 - 29, 2009  
**Location:** Prince George, BC  
[More information](#)

#### **BC Neuropsychiatry Conference**

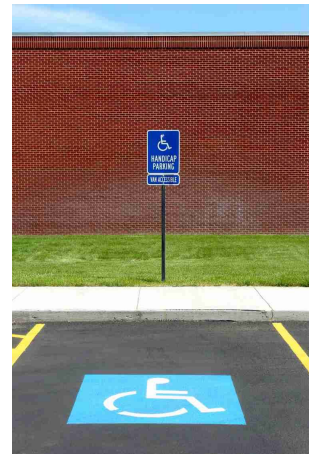
**Date:** October 19, 2009  
**Location:** Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites, Vancouver, B.C.  
[More information](#)

#### **CITIES FIT FOR CHILDREN**

Second Provincial Summit  
**Date:** October 22 - 23, 2009  
**Location:** Langley, BC  
[More information](#)

#### **CYHRNet's Fourth Annual Conference & AGM**

**Date:** November 2 - 3, 2009  
**Location:** Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa  
[More information](#)



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## Funding Opportunities

### **National Aboriginal Health Organization-First Nations Single Parent Health Careers Bursary**

**Details:** This program will give out a minimum of five \$1,000 cash bursaries to First Nation students currently enrolled and attending health related post-secondary programs during the 2009-2010 school year, who are single parents and in need of financial support.

[More information](#)

### **CIHR- New Investigator Salary Award 2009-2010**

**Details:** The purpose of the New Investigator Salary Award program is to provide New Investigators the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their independence in initiating and conducting health research through provision of a contribution to their salary. A New Investigator is defined as a researcher who has held a full time research appointment for a period of 0 to 60 months as of the September competition deadline.

**Application Deadline:** September 15th, 2009

**Notice of decision:** April 15th, 2009

[More information](#)

### **Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Awards and Grants.**

**Details:** The CCFF offers several medical and scientific grants and awards throughout the year. The calls for applications are usually announced three months prior to an application deadline.

**Next deadline:** October 1, 2009

[More information](#)

### **Canada-UK Aging Initiative**

**Deadline:** September 1, 2009

[More information](#)

### **American Association for the Advancement of Science**

[Searchable database for international funding opportunities](#)

### **Top Funders - Top 100 U.S. Foundations by Asset Size**

This resource contains a top 100 U.S. foundations list, and may be a good site to start a search for philanthropic grants.

[More information](#)

## Call for Abstracts

### **Working Together for Optimum Health**

#### **CALL FOR POSTERBOARDS**

**Date:** September 25-26, 2009

**Location:** MacEwan Student Centre, University of Calgary

**Details:** Posterboards will showcase new and innovative approaches or research studies in the fields of spirituality and health. Storyboards will be displayed in the MacEwan Hall Foyer and will be allotted 5 minute oral presentation times during one of the lunch periods.

**Deadline:** September 11, 2009

**Submit to:** [spirit@ucalgary.ca](mailto:spirit@ucalgary.ca)

[More information](#)

## **7th Biennial International Conference in Organisational Behaviour in Health Care (OBHC)**

"Mind the Gap: Policy and practice in the reform of health care"

**Date:** April 11-14, 2010

**Location:** University of Birmingham, UK

**Details:** Suggested themes:

How might healthcare organisations shape developments in policy in practice?

Resistance of developments in healthcare policy and practice

Innovation, management and leadership

Adaptation of healthcare policy and practice

Networks and communities and practice

Performance and professionalism

**Deadline:** September 27, 2009

[More information](#)

## **Fourth National Biennial Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

**Date:** April 14-17, 2010

**Location:** The Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, Canada

**Details:** This conference will bring together a diverse group of professionals and families to share research, experience and practice in order to sustain and enhance the lives of adolescents and adults with FASD, their families, service providers, and communities.

**Deadline for Presentation Submission:**

September 15, 2009

[More information](#)

## **5th ASEAN Rehabilitation Medicine Association Congress - "Towards Better Life, Beyond the Horizon"**

**Date:** December 10-12, 2009

**Location:** Bangkok, Thailand

**Details:** This Congress will provide a good opportunity to share the latest knowledge and experience with many highly distinguished international speakers. There will be a pharmaceutical and industrial exhibition in conjunction with ARMA 2009.

**Deadline for Abstracts:** September 30, 2009

[More information](#)

## **Worth Checking Out**

### **Research Opportunities**

Research Opportunities is designed to circulate a brief description of available and planned policy research opportunities to the broad external research community. To add your name to the distribution list contact:

[nc-hrsdc-research-gd@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:nc-hrsdc-research-gd@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

### **New Publication: Critical Disability Theory: Essays in Philosophy, Politics, Policy and Law.**

Pothier, D. and R. Devlin, eds., 2006. University of British Columbia Press

Twenty-four scholars from a variety of disciplines identify problems with traditional approaches to disability and provide new directions. The essays range from focused empirical and experiential studies of different disabilities, to policy analyses, legal interrogations, and philosophical reconsiderations.

## Canadian Disability Links

### BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

If you are a person living with HIV/AIDS and have some experience with one or more of the topics below, the BCCPD want to hear from you. We'll be creating a series of booklets on the HEAL approach to living with HIV/AIDS and:

1. Depression
2. Bipolar disorder
3. Substance abuse/harm reduction
4. Stigma
5. Episodic disability

Interested in hearing more? Contact Shelley at BCCPD

Phone 604-875-0188 or toll-free to leave a message 1-877-232-7400 Fax 604-875-9227 [Email](#) [Link](#)

### Wheelchair users needed for research study

The Rehabilitation Sciences Research Graduate Program at the UBC is conducting a study about confidence with wheelchair mobility. You are invited to take part if you use a manual wheelchair, live in the community, and are at least 19 years of age. A stipend will be provided. For more information or to take part in this study, please call Paula Rushton at 604-737-6311.

### Registered Disability Savings Plan Press Archive

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a new tax-deferred savings tool that will assist in planning for the long-term financial security for people with disabilities. Anyone, family and friends, can contribute to someone's RDSP. Contributions are matched by the federal government through Canada Disability Savings Grants. [Link](#)

### Aboriginal Community Hub

Children and family services, mental and physical health support - the newly opened Aboriginal Community Hub provides a wide range of support mechanisms in Abbotsford.

[Link](#)

### Global Disability Links

[Autism Speaks- E-Speaks newsletter](#)

### Disability Cultural Projects

The aim of this organisation is to further the cultural equality of Deaf and Disabled people and the Deaf, Disability arts practice in the UK and internationally, and to evolve new approaches to the way these are delivered. [Link](#)

## Publications

### New Cognitive Telerehabilitation Program Uses Virtual Reality

The Guttmann Institute, the Biomedical Engineering Research Center (CREB) and the Department of Software of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) in Spain as well as other science and technology partners, are working on a telerehabilitation program for treating people with cognitive deficits caused by acquired brain damage. [Link](#)

### Factors Predicting Discharge Home from Inpatient Rehabilitation After Stroke

This report explores factors associated with discharge destination following stroke rehabilitation in participating inpatient rehabilitation

facilities across Canada. [Link](#)

## Disability Research

### Community Living Research Project

The Community Living Research Project is based in the School of Social Work at UBC. In the fall of 2005, the Project began exploring Community Living supports and services for adults (19+ years). [Link](#)

## Arts and Culture

[Listening to music with your whole body: Evelyn Glennie](#)

[Wii Remote + wheelchair: Digital Wheel Art](#)

[Jill Bolte Taylor's stroke of insight](#)

[Aimee Mullins and her 12 pairs of legs](#)

## August Theme Days

### August 9th, 2009

[International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#)

### August 12th, 2009

[International Youth Day](#)



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