



DHRN E-Newsletter

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Thanks for attending the **DHRN 2nd Annual Graduate Student Conference** January 19, 2009

January's conference was a great opportunity for networking, workshoping and learning about exciting Graduate Student research at the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre!

Special thanks to our keynote speakers, presenters and facilitators:

[Janice Ollerton](#), University of Western Sydney, Australia, "The Penrith Photo-voice Project" and inclusive disability research methods.

[Chris Molineux](#), Comedian and Public Speaking Coach, who shared his expertise in effective public speaking and public presentation skill-building, in research and community settings.

[Len Atwood](#), PowerPoint Expert: "Making Your PowerPoint Really Deliver"

[Jennifer Jasper](#) and [Desirée Mou](#): Networking facilitators

Also, thank you to those who participated in our Show n' Tell Presentations and Poster Display.

The following participants were selected by our Keynote speakers for their presentations:

For best PowerPoint Slide presentation:

Mineko Wada- "Perceptions of Balance of Dual-Income Parents" (Slide #10).

For best Poster presentation:

Grace Boutilier- "The Segway Personal Transport: Alternative Mobility?" (Poster #12)

Job Opportunity with the DHRN
Communications Officer

Location: UBC Okanagan (Kelowna, BC)

Contract: Full-Time Position (5 days per week)

March 1st to September 30th, 2009

(possibility of extension, dependent on grant funding)

Deadline: February 16, 2009 or until position is filled

Details: The Communications Officer will be responsible for coordinating many DHRN program productions and events, and maintaining the website, including updates and content editing.

Qualifications & Experience

- Undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline required (communications, marketing, public relations or journalism preferred).
- Minimum of 3 years related experience, or the equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Experience with Disability health related work or life experience desirable.

Application Process

Please submit an electronic cover letter, a brief writing sample (200 word maximum) and a CV by the deadline date of February 16th, 2009 to Sylvie Zebroff, Director of Programs, at dhrn.info@ubc.ca.

For more information: [DHRN Communications Officer](#)

Deadline Reminders

International Conference on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference Date: August 12th-15th, 2009

Location: Vancouver, B.C.

Proposal Deadline: **February 15th, 2009**

Details: This is an International multidisciplinary conference on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury. Six themes will make up the program:

Sports Concussions, Diagnosis and Treatment, Rehabilitation, Combat Injuries, Motor Vehicle Accidents, and Litigation.

For information and submission guidelines write to: info@mtbi2009.org

or visit: <http://www.mtbi2009.org/>

4th Annual Interior Health Research Conference Part 1: "Knowledge Translation in Aging, Chronic Disease Management, and Frailty "

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Conference Date: Friday, March 27th, 2009

Location: Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna B.C.

Deadline for abstracts: **February 16th, 2009**

Details: This conference is sponsored in part by the Michael Smith Foundation and the BC Network for Aging Research.

For more information visit: <http://www.interiorhealth.ca/information.aspx?id=750>

STUDENT TRAVEL SUBSIDY FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

DHRN/Michael Smith Foundation

Submission Deadline: **March 16, 2009**

Details: Travel subsidies for International Conference travel valued at up to \$1,500 and Subsidies for National conference travel available up to \$1,000.

Eligibility requirements:

- a) the thematic content of the conference attended must relate to disabilities health research
- b) the student must be a registered conference attendee and poster or paper presenter
- c) students will be asked fully complete the application form, which includes a brief (150 words) description how their research/conference participation relates to the DHRN core value of making BC disability research a priority.

Applications are welcome from all applicable discipline categories.

For further details contact Sylvie Zebroff: dhrn.info@ubc.ca

Or visit: <http://dhrn.ca/projects/student-travel-subsidy-for-conference-participation>

Workshop Opportunities

CIHR's Institute of Gender and Health- Summer institute

Date: June 23rd-26th, 2009

Location: University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Details: This is a unique opportunity for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to take part in a residential workshop that will provide an increased understanding of methods for, and applications of, gender, sex and health research. The Summer Institute will also provide networking and mentoring opportunities for participants.

Application deadline: **March 1, 2009**

Application forms and further information: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38612.html>

Call for Interest: 2010 Initiatives Working Group (BCEOHRN)

The aim of this working group is to conduct research surrounding the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver and Whistler (February 12-28 and March 12-21, 2010). This group has developed the following topical areas for teams to develop projects around:

- Air pollution / Torch Footprint /Greenhouse Gases / Long-distance Transportation
- Activity / Public Health Exercise / Promotion / Sustainable Transportation
- Relationships between Emergency Planning & Surge Capacity for Health System
- Infectious disease monitoring (inc. food & water)
- First Nations
- Jobs / Labour
- Housing

A conference is also being planned for Spring 2009 which will highlight the impacts of the games in Beijing and Atlanta, and will include projects being carried out in Vancouver-Whistler.

For more information or to get involved:

<http://www.bceohrn.ca/2010+Research+Educational+Events>

Learning Disabilities Association of BC- "Walk A Mile In My Shoes" Workshop

Date: Flexible

Location: Vancouver

This flexible workshop is designed to provide an effective way to understand learning disabilities. It can be constructed to accommodate a variety schedules groups and interest areas and is based on a number of interactive exercises and simulations led by a trained facilitator. To book your group call 1.604.873.8139.

For more information visit the LDA Vancouver Chapter website: <http://www.ldav.ca/index.html>

Conference News

Autism Vancouver Biennial Congress- "Autism Through the Lifespan"

Date: **February 26th - March 1st, 2009**

Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, B.C.

Details: Learn from 18 of the world's leading autism experts on a variety of topics including:

- Bio-medical and educational intervention
- Current intervention methodologies

- Comprehensive evidence-based information
- Resources needed for recovery, advocacy, and education to achieve a better quality of life

For more information and to register visit: <http://www.autismvancouver.com/>

**3rd International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder:
Integrating Research, Policy and Promising Practice Around the World- A Catalyst for Change**

Date: March 11-14, 2009

Location: The Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC, Canada

<http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/FASD09.htm>

2009 Disability Resource Network Conference - "Sustaining Access and Growth: Our Next Endeavour"

Date: February 16th and 17th, 2009

Location: Vancouver Museum- 100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Details: Be a part of the DRN Forum, an exciting two days of networking and professional development. For more information or to submit a session proposal email delorisgpiper@gmail.com. Online registration and event details coming soon

Website: <http://www.drNBC.org>

GTA Rehab Network Conference

"Best Practices Day 2009: Rehabilitation Transforming Healthcare"

Date: March 9th, 2009

Location: Toronto, Ontario

Details: This conference will explore the role that rehabilitation plays in transforming the healthcare system and will explore the following themes: New Models or Programs of Care in Rehabilitation, Interprofessional Approaches to Rehabilitation, Technological Developments, Rehabilitation and Complex Chronic Disease, and E-health Applications.

For more information: <http://www.gtarehabnetwork.ca/bpd2009.asp>

First Annual International Conference on Culture, Ethnicity & Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Date: March 12th and 13th

Location: Arlington, Virginia

Details: This conference will bring together experts from around the world to collaborate regarding effective assessment, intervention and research practices with diverse and multi-ethnic patient populations. The format of the conference will be a combination of lectures, workshops, panel presentations, and posters where neurobehavioral, cognitive, functional, vocational, psychosocial, family and medical aspects of rehabilitation will be addressed lectures, workshops, panel presentations, and posters.

For conference brochure and registration information visit:

<http://www.tbiconferences.org/conferences/index.html>

Funding/Employment Opportunities

Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF)

Health Services Research Advancement Award

Deadline: March 12th, 2009

Details: This award is aimed at any individual, team, or organization that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the health services research community in Canada.

For eligibility criteria and nomination procedure visit:

http://www.chsrf.ca/funding_opportunities/hsraa/index_e.php

WorkSafeBC Research Training Awards

Details: Training awards are intended to aid Masters and PhD students to undertake full-time research training with a focus on preventing and/or reducing occupational illness, injury and disability in BC.

For guidelines and application form visit:

http://www.worksafebc.com/contact_us/research/research_program/research_training_awards/Default.asp

CIHR- Team Grant- "Vision, Hearing and Communication Disorders"

Letter of Intent Deadline: March 16th, 2009

Details: A joint objective of the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA), and the Institute of Aging with the purpose of strengthening research on vision, hearing and communication disorders. This research is expected to lead to improved prevention, better treatment and more effective rehabilitation strategies.

For more information on letter of intent and application procedure visit: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?prog=635&view=search&terms=disability&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25#howtoapply>

BC Environmental and Occupational Health Research Network (BCEOHRN) Networking Facilitation Fund Grant

Deadline: March 31, 2009

Details: Funding up to a maximum of \$2500 is provided for networking purposes; to bring together members of the BCEOHRN and facilitate research grant preparation relevant to environmental and occupational health research themes.

For more information and to download application visit: <http://www.bceohrn.ca/funding>

Top Funders - Top 100 U.S. Foundations by Asset Size: This link will take you to the Foundation Center website. This site contains a top 100 U.S. foundations list, and may be a good site to start a search for philanthropic grants. <http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/topfunders/top100assets.html>

Disability and the Arts

Theatre Terrific Presents:

"The Glass Box"

The Glass Box follows a 54-year-old wife and mother, a 23-year-old woman living with quadriplegia and a 32-year-old man with Down Syndrome who find themselves trapped in an off-beat talk show. They are given the chance to be the iconic figure of their fantasies.

Theatre Terrific is a theatre company whose mission is to provide opportunities to transform lives through the power of theatre. They envision a world where the artistic voice of disabled artists is seen, heard, challenged and respected.

Dates: February 19th through February 28th

Location: Vancouver, B.C.

Playwright's Theatre Centre Studio, 3rd Floor, 1398 Cartwright St, Granville Island.

Tickets: call 604-684-2787 or online at www.ticketstonight.ca

For more information on Theatre Terrific visit: <http://www.theatretterrific.ca/>

Media Links and Information

New Federal Budget and what it means for Disability

[CCD Online](#)

New Project Researching Financial Barriers Faced by Students with Disabilities

Centre for the Study of Students in Postsecondary Education at U of T and NEADS (National Educational

Association of Disabled Students)

http://www.neads.ca/en/about/media/2009_finbar.php

Institute for Community inclusion

<http://www.communityinclusion.org/>

"British Columbia opening doors to employment to those with disabilities" from the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work

[CCRW News Brief](#)

Research Participant Portal

To connect health researchers and research participants.

<http://mhanet.ca/portal/>

International Disability Film Festival: Feb 9-11- Calgary, Alberta

[Picture This Film Festival](#)

Population Data BC

Save the Date: March 17-18, 2009 for Population Data BC Launch!

The team of Population Data BC would like to let you know about some of our recent successes and upcoming projects. As we get closer to our launch of services, we've hosted a few public events in order to raise awareness about PopData, but more importantly to gather input from researchers as to your needs when it comes to data access, training and education.

<http://www.popdata.bc.ca/researchers>

Visitability Canada

Working to bring people together and collect information around issues of sustainable and accessible housing for all Canadians.

<http://www.visitablehousingcanada.com/>

Alliance for Community Living

The Alliance for Community Living is a gathering of people and organizations who are committed to the empowerment of individuals and families to make decisions what affects their communities.

<http://www.communitylivingcoalition.bc.ca>

BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society

BCANDS mandate is to provide support services and resources for BC's aboriginal people for those with disabilities, and those associated with the disabled.

<http://www.bcands.bc.ca>

BC Association for Community Living

The BC Association for Community Living advocates for children, youth and adults and their families in the area of developmental disability to facilitate justice, rights and opportunities in all aspects of living.

www.bcacl.org

Community Living Research Project

The Community Living Research Project is based in the School of Social Work at the University of British Columbia. In the fall of 2005, the Project began exploring Community Living supports and services for adults (19+ years) in four general topic areas: young adults transitioning from high school, residential alternatives to group homes, non-residential supports, and services for seniors. We invite you to visit our website <http://www.communitylivingresearch.swfs.ubc.ca/> where you can download a range of documents.

Interprovincial Directory of Researchers

The Interprovincial Directory of Researchers is a multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional and bilingual directory of researchers working in Canada. The Directory can be used to locate researchers with specific expertise and interests, and facilitate networking between researchers.

Webstite: <http://www.repar.veille.qc.ca/url.php?i=1778&f=News&l=En>

United Nations Enable - The Division for Social Policy and Development of the United Nations Secretariat in New York is the focal point within the United Nations system on matters relating to disability. It is also

the focal point for activities related to global social development, to youth, older persons and the family. The Division for Social Policy and Development works closely with major international non-governmental organizations dealing with disability issues and supports technical co-operation activities, which are jointly prepared with them. In addition, the Division organizes or collaborates in international expert meetings on disability matters. <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/>

Check out the **EnableLink** website at <http://www.enablelink.org/index.html> for excellent website links to resources cross-disability in Canada. There are also links to back issues of ABILITIES, a primary Canadian cross-disability lifestyle magazine. Current publications are available in print and CD (text only and PDF formats) but all past issues can be accessed in the ABILITIES Archives section of the ENABLELINK website.

WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT!

E-letter

We welcome information from our readers. If you would like to submit information for inclusion in the DHRN e-letter, please contact us directly at dhrn.info@ubc.ca. We welcome your participation!

Website

Is there a page you would like added? Would you like to see more photos? We will be making changes to the DHRN website and would love our input. Your opinion is important to us!

Please follow this link to provide suggestions

<http://dhrn.ca/websuggestions>

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