



## Greetings!

The first event in the DHRN Speaker Series was held at UBC Okanagan on January 29, 2010 in Kelowna. DHRN was pleased to host Dr. Tim Stainton, Professor of Social Work at UBC Vancouver to speak to a packed room with an attentive audience of academic researchers, university students, and Okanagan Valley community members. In his presentation, Dr. Stainton highlighted facts and issues related to the topic of Disability, Biotechnology, and the Right to Exist.

DHRN looks forward to the next events in the Speaker Series. Details are provided below. We hope you can attend!

Warm Regards,

Diane Reed, EdD  
DHRN Director of Programs

## Member Profile Videos

We are pleased to present DHRN member profile videos that capture the work of a cross section of our members. These videos range from two to six minutes in length. Here is a sample:

[Dr. Bonita Sawatzky - DHRN Co-Leader](#)

[Laura Hockman, Executive Director, Independent Living Vernon](#)

[David Segal, Power To Be Adventure Therapy Society](#)

These DHRN Member Profiles and more are now available on YouTube!

Click [here](#) to see all DHRN Member Profile Videos.

## Featured Events

### DHRN 2010 Student Conference Communicating for Effective Collaboration

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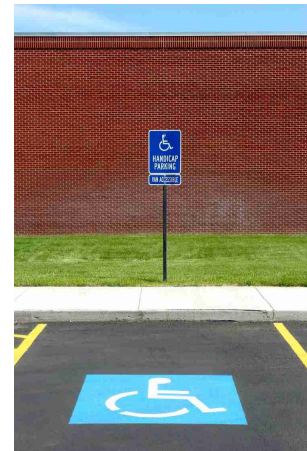
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### DHRN 2010 Student Conference

*Communicating for Effective Collaboration*  
Feb. 4, 2010

### DHRN Speaker Series

**Dr. M. Prince**  
Feb. 3, 2010 - 7pm  
ICORD, Vancouver  
[Register](#)

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### Dr. R. Cowan

Feb. 5, 2010 - 8:45am  
ICORD, Vancouver  
[Register](#)  
Part of the ICORD 2010

**Date:** February 4, 2010  
**Location:** ICORD, Blusson Spinal Cord Centre  
818 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

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## **DHRN Speaker Series**

The second session in the DHRN Speaker Series features Dr. Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development, University of Victoria. The session titled, "Working Together on Employment: People with Disabilities, Labour Markets, Public Policies, and Canadian Federalism", will take place at 7 p.m. at ICORD.

The third session will feature Dr. Rachel Cowan, Post-Doctoral Associate in the Applied Physiology Laboratory at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, University of Miami. The session titled "Maximizing Mobility After SCI: Untangling the Influence of Functional Limitations, Fitness, and Skill" will take place on February 5, 2010 at 8:45 a.m. at ICORD.

**Location:** ICORD - 818 West 10th Ave., Vancouver, BC.

Annual Research Mtg.

DHRN Member Directory Beginning February 3, 2010, our new DHRN Directory will be available for you to enter your contact information and area of disability research focus. This Directory is being populated so that you may continue to collaborate on disabilities health research after March 31st, when the DHRN closes its doors.

Please visit

**AFTER FEB. 3rd**

to input your profile. We invite you to be a part of the continuing collaboration.

**Directory Form**

## Conferences/Workshops

### **Population Data BC**

Admin Data 101 workshop now online

This free online workshop explains the basics of what administrative data are, where they come from, how they can be used for research, what the data produced for a research project actually look like and what skills are needed to work with them.

This workshop also provides an overview of the access policy / application process at Population Data BC.

[Free online workshop](#)

### **Autism Awareness Centre Conference**

**Date:** March 5 - 6, 2010

**Location:** Radisson Hotel Edmonton South,  
4440 Gateway Blvd, Edmonton, Alberta

[More information](#)

### **26th International Seating Symposium**

**Date:** March 10-13

**Location:** Westin Bayshore Vancouver

[More Information](#)

### **Canadian Public Health Association Centennial Conference- Public Health in Canada: Shaping the Future Together**

**Date:** June 13 - 16, 2010

**Location:** Sheraton Centre Toronto

[More information](#)

### **The 25th Annual International Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference**

**Date:** March 22 - 27, 2010

**Location:** Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Diego, CA

[More information](#)

## Funding/Job Opportunities

### Health Services Research Advancement Award

The Health Services Research Advancement Award (HSRA Award) recognizes any individual, team or organization that has contributed significantly to the advancement of health services research in Canada.

**Deadline:** March 10, 2010

[More information](#)

### ALVA Research Grants

The Alva Foundation funds organizations conducting research and/or developing services that address significant risk factors in early childhood development, prenatal through four years of age. Research funded will look into risk factors that limit healthy early childhood development, prenatal to four years old; including but not limited to risk factors of a genetic, medical, societal and neurological nature. Increasingly, new research is proving that healthy early childhood development sets in place, often for life, many neurological, social, and learning factors and abilities.

Applications will be considered from across Canada.

**Deadline:** April 1, 2010

[More information](#)

### Neurodevelopmental Researcher

The National Core for Neuroethics is seeking a Postdoctoral or Masters level researcher to join their vibrant team at the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada, to help lead a new initiative at the interface of ethics and neuroscience, with a focus on neurodevelopmental disorders: Cerebral Palsy, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder. The position will be in collaboration with the new National Centre for Excellence "NeuroDevNet" at UBC and the [IRCM](#) in Montreal.

For more information, or to apply, please contact Ms. Altaira Northe at [altaira.northe@ubc.ca](mailto:altaira.northe@ubc.ca).

### Research Manager- Institute of Aboriginal Health

Location: Vancouver - Point Grey Campus

Employment Group: Management & Professional (AAPS)

Job Category: Research & Facilitation

Classification Title: Research & Facilitation, Level D

Department: Institute of Aboriginal Health

Salary: \$64,369.00 - \$77,274.00 (Annual)

[More information](#)

### CIHR's Autism Research Training (ART) Program

**Details:** Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the ART Program provides training opportunities for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and MD research fellows to produce expertise in the behavioural, educational, psychological, biological, genetic and social facets of autism.

Training activities include direct supervision, a five-day summer school program, knowledge translation and dissemination activities, exchange and travel opportunities for trainees and financial support with funding opportunities of up to \$45,000 per year.

Application deadline: March 12, 2010.

[More information](#)

## Call for Abstracts

### **Canadian Society of Biomechanics/Société Canadienne de Biomécanique (CSB/SCB) 16th biannual meeting**

**Date:** June 9 - 12, 2010

**Location:** Queen's University Campus

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** February 15, 2010

**Notification of Acceptance:** March 29, 2010

Online submission form [coming soon](#)

**For more info:** [e-mail](#)

### **First Nations Perspectives: The Journal of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre**

**Details:** The 2010 edition of First Nations Perspectives: The Journal of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre is intended to create an interdisciplinary dialogue about First Nations education in the Province of Manitoba and western Canada. The editor invites scholarly essays and research papers from scholars, university students, teachers, researchers, and those affiliated with the field of First Nations education including those involved in public and band-controlled schools, post-secondary education, and community educational contexts. Theoretical essays, discussion papers and research articles dealing with historical, philosophical, curricular, and administrative issues will be considered. In order to create a broad dialogue, manuscripts from other fields that are relevant to First Nations education will also be considered. The 2010 edition of the journal will be published in the month of May in print and online. **Deadline:** February 28, 2010.

[More information](#)

### **2nd Conference on Positive Aging**

**Date:** November 26 -27, 2010

**Location:** Vancouver

**Details:** The aim of the 2nd National Conference on Positive Aging is to bring together an interdisciplinary audience of health professionals and researchers to address some of the issues and challenges facing the aging population today.

**Abstract deadline:** March 26, 2010

[More information](#)

### **The Sixth World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders - Addressing Imbalances: Promoting Equity in Mental Health**

**Date:** November 17 - 29, 2010

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Abstract submission deadline:** April 30, 2010

[More information](#)

## Worth Checking Out

### **[Disability Videos - Video Clips on Disabilities](#)**

Disabled World Disability Videos feature information for and about persons with disabilities. The free video clips include such subjects as demonstrations of assistive technology, disability sports, homemade videos, teaching disability topics in classrooms, and general health information. Videos for the deaf and hearing impaired include news items and disability topics in both British Sign Language (BSL), American Sign Language (ASL), and captioning.

Comments may be submitted on each of the videos.

### Kickstart Festival - Configurations

A two-evening presentation is a dance double bill featuring internationally-acclaimed hip hop dance artist Bill Shannon performing Spatial Theory with guest DJ Excess, as well as choreographer Peggy Baker's Geometry of the Circle performed by Alison Denham and Mark Brose. Configurations closes with a Gala Fundraiser that will include a reception, silent auction and an addition to the double bill - special guest and Canadian modern dance legend Peggy Baker performing her work, Earthling.

### Nerve Stimulation Guideline

A new guideline issued by the American Academy of Neurology finds that transcutaneous electric nerve stimulation (TENS), a widely used pain therapy involving a portable device, is not recommended to treat chronic low-back pain that has persisted for three months or longer, because research shows it is not effective. The guideline is published in the December 30, 2009, online issue of Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology

### Disability Arts Chronology

This chronology by Allan Sutherland, covers the major events of disability arts from the movement's inception in the late 1970s / early 1980s to the end of March 2003.

## Picture this...international disability film festival

Nine fine years of incredible films. Picture this! invites you to celebrate their 9th annual festival with them.

**Festival Highlight:** Sexuality and disability film screenings and panel discussion

**Dates:** February 8, 2010 (6-9:30 pm)

Gala awards evening: February 6, 2010 (tickets in advance)

Film screenings: February 8 - 10 (9:30 am to 9:30 pm daily)

**Location:** La Joie de Vivre, 1008 - 14 Street S.E.,  
Calgary, Alberta

[More information](#)

## February Theme Days

February 20th

[World Day of Social Justice](#)

February 1st-7th

[National Therapeutic Recreation Week](#)

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