



DHRN E-Newsletter

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**There's still time to register.....**

## **DHRN 2nd Annual Graduate Student Conference January 19, 2009**

Registration for the conference is **FREE**. Registration capacity is limited however, so we ask that you **REGISTER** as soon as possible.

**TO REGISTER ONLINE NOW SIMPLY CLICK HERE:**

**[DHRN On-Line Conference Registration](#)**

The Disability Health Research Network (**DHRN**) and International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (**ICORD**) are joining forces to cohost a trainee/graduate conference at ICORD's new location, the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre! The DHRN has invited exciting local & international keynote speakers, and will be hosting unique skill-building presentations about the importance of presentation skills in your graduate student/trainee experience and beyond!

### **Opportunities Galore!**

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

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

We are also inviting trainees/graduates to present posters, and join in the very popular **Project Show & Tell** - the One-Minute / One PowerPoint Slide Research Parade - tell us all about what you are working on!

**Afternoon Workshop Sessions** include:

Workshop #1 - **"To Speak Well"** - Public Speaking  
with Chris Molineux

Workshop #2 - **"Making Your PowerPoint Really Deliver"**

with PowerPoint Expert, Len Atwood

**Facilitated-networking sessions** for graduate students interested in disability health research to meet and share ideas across the disciplines as well as direct presentation and poster examination and discussion time.

For full registration and conference program details: [Graduate Student Conference](#)

Registration for the conference is **FREE**. Registration capacity is limited however, so we ask that you REGISTER as soon as possible.

Register **HERE**: [http://dhrn.ca/conference\\_registration](http://dhrn.ca/conference_registration)

## January 4th is World Braille Day

### Related News and links:

#### Braille 200- The Bicentenary of the Birth of Louis Braille

For events, links and essay competition visit: <http://www.braille200.ca/>

#### CNIB Current Research Projects:

- Accounting for Hidden Barriers and Pathways: The Intersection of Culture and Disability in Accessing Community Support Service to Seniors with Vision Loss in Canada: A Case Study
- The Lived Experience of Adults with Vision Loss
- Physical Activity For Youth Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired
- Age-Related Vision Loss

#### To read more visit:

<http://www.cnib.ca/en/research/current-projects/Default.aspx>

#### AJ Brown- Visual artist with hearing impairment and cerebral palsy

<http://deafbc.ca/2008/11/13/video-aj-brown-and-her-arts-5-minutes/>

#### Promoting Braille Literacy

<http://www.ncbi.ie/news/ncbi-news-magazine/ncbi-news-january-february-2007/promoting-braille-literacy-on-world-braille-day>

#### CNIB- Ross Purse Doctoral Fellowship

**Details:** This fellowship is awarded for research in the social sciences, engineering, or other fields of study that are immediately relevant to the field of vision loss. The Ross Purse fellowship has a value of up to CAD\$12,500 (paid in three equal installments)

**Application deadline:** **April 2nd, 2009.**

**For more information and fellowship criteria visit:**

<http://www.cnib.ca/en/research/funding/ross-purse/>

## Deadline Reminders

### Autism Awareness Centre Conference

**Date:** **February 6-7, 2009**

**Location:** Edmonton, AB- Radisson Edmonton South

**Details:** This conference is for parents, educators, occupational therapists or others who work with Autism Spectrum Disorders or other Developmental Disabilities. **Keynote presentations include:**

Paula Kluth

"You're Going to Love This Kid: Teaching & Supporting Children on the Spectrum"

Paula Aquilla

"The Role of Sensory Processing in Learning, Behaviour and Activities of Daily Life"

**For conference details and to register:**

<http://www.autismawarenesscentre.org/autism-awareness-centre-conferences/february-6-7-2009-edmonton-ab.html>

### **Women's Health Research Network Seed Funds for Grant Application Development**

**Deadline: January 30th, 2009**

**Details:** Funding is designed to support the preparation of grant applications and may cover travel expenses, office supplies, professional editing costs, conference calls and statistical consulting.

**For more information, criteria and application procedure visit:**

<http://www.whrn.ca/WHRNgrantguidelines.html>

## **Workshop Opportunities**

### **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>

### **Grant Writing Workshop**

**Date: January 29th, 2009: 8:00am-2:00pm**

**Location:** Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria

**Details:** The BCRRHRN and BIHA are offering a series of workshops for both new and experienced researchers to develop the tools necessary for successful grant application. Lunch is provided.

**For more information and to register visit:** [http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity\\_building.htm](http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity_building.htm)

## **Conference News**

**NEXUS Spring Institute 2009- "Knowledge Exchange: From Research to Social Action"**

and Back"

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Conference Date:** April 16 & 17, 2009

**Location:** Vancouver, B.C.

**Details:** This year's institute aims to take a critical look at knowledge exchange, from ethical and political issues to specific creative methods and practices.

**Deadline for abstract submissions:** **February 2nd, 2009.**

**Submission details:**

<http://nexus.ubc.ca/news/news.aspx#995fc46d10d37bc2b8537372b70b3fae>

**17th Annual Spinal Cord Injuries Conference - Contemporary Forums:**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Conference Date:** **March 17-21, 2009**

**Location:** Orlando, Florida.

**Details:** The emphasis for this conference will be on dual diagnoses- brain and spinal cord injuries. Four pre-conferences will be held examining the following topics:

"Providing Comprehensive Sexual Health Care in Spinal Cord Rehabilitation"

"Evaluation and Classification of Spinal Cord Injury"

"Mobility Progression and ADL Skill Development for Persons with Tetraplegia"

"Managing the Early Phases of Spinal Cord Injury for Successful Rehabilitation Outcomes"

**Deadline for abstract submission:** **January 29, 2008**

**Submission details:** <http://www.cforums.com/m412409/abstracts.asp>

**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](mailto:delorisgpiper@gmail.com). Online registration and event details coming soon

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

**8th Global Conference- Making Sense Of: Health, Illness and Disease**

**Date:** Friday 3rd July - Sunday 5th July 2009

**Location:** Mansfield College, Oxford

**Details:** Call for papers addressing the following general themes:

I. Health, Illness and Disease in a Globalised World

II. Systemic Problems in Health Care

III. Beliefs about Health

IV. Attitudes to medicine/healing

V. Purveyors of information

**Deadline for abstract submission:** **February 6th, 2009.**

**For more information and conference details visit:** <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/mso/hid/hid8/cfp.htm>

## **Funding/Employment Opportunities**

**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>

## **Media Links and Information**

### **Research Participant Portal**

To connect health researchers and research participants.

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

### **Autism Speaks- Public Service Announcement with Toni Braxton [Autism PSA](#)**

### **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/>

### **Women with chronic pain video**

<http://www.cirpd.org/v3/cfm/index.cfm?service=events&page=event0106>

### **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](http://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.

**Webbsite:** <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](mailto: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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