



DHRN E-Newsletter

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### March 8th is International Women's Day

#### Links and Events

**United Nations:** [http://www.unac.org/en/news\\_events/un\\_days/women1.asp](http://www.unac.org/en/news_events/un_days/women1.asp)

#### Free Workshop on Women's Health Research in the North

**Date:** March 26th, 2009. 9:30am - 4:00pm (lunch provided)

**Location:** Fort St. John- Northern Lights College

**Details:** This one-day workshop will explore key issues in women's health research in the north. Join us for a morning session entitled *Exploring the Determinants of Health for Women Living in the North* and an afternoon session on *Using Community-Based Research to Expand Who is Involved in Research and What Questions Get Asked*.

**RSVP:** Connie Kaweesi at [ckaweesi@nlc.bc.ca](mailto:ckaweesi@nlc.bc.ca) or phone 250-785-6981, ext. 2035

**International Women's Day Website:** <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

#### Simon Fraser University Women's Day Events

**Date:** Sunday, March 8th, 2009

**Time:** 1:45 am TO 5:30 pm

**Location:** SFU Surrey Campus, King George HWY & 102 AVE

**Website:** <http://www.safa.ca/>

#### Deadline Reminders

##### 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](mailto:dhrn.info@ubc.ca)

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

## York University- Critical Disability Discourse- a graduate student journal

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Abstract deadline:** April 1st, 2009

**Details:** This interdisciplinary graduate journal will launch in the Fall of 2009, will include articles in both French and English and will focus on the experiences of disability within a Canadian context.

**Journal website and submission details:** [Critical Disability Discourse](#)

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

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Abstract submission deadline:** April 3, 2009

**Conference date:** September 28-29, 2009

**Location:** Prince George, B.C.

**Details:** This two day event will focus on the following themes:

- \* Aboriginal Health
- \* Rural People's Health
- \* Health Human Resources
- \* Access to Health Services
- \* Rural Health Across the Lifespan
- \* Environmental Health
- \* Mental Health
- \* Technology and Health

**Abstracts can be submitted online through our website:**

[http://bccrhrn.ca/index.php?option=com\\_chronocontact&chronoformname=Abstract](http://bccrhrn.ca/index.php?option=com_chronocontact&chronoformname=Abstract)

## Workshop Opportunities

### CIHR Café Scientifique Presents - "The Unhurried Family: Reducing Stress and Enhancing Life Balance"

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 7:15-9:30pm

**Location:** Juliet's Café, 1905 Cornwall Avenue (just west of Burrard Bridge), Vancouver B.C.

**Details:** Come for discussion, debate, and refreshments and hear three short talks on research into stress and coping in infants, couples, and families, and strategies to enhance life balance, health and well-being.

**Experts:** Dr. Liisa Holsti, Dr. Catherine Backman, and Dr. Anita DeLongis

**Moderator:** Dr. Melinda Suto

**Please RSVP:** [osot.wellcafe@ubc.ca](mailto:osot.wellcafe@ubc.ca) (Seating is limited)

**For more information:** [http://www.ot.med.ubc.ca/clinical\\_community/events.htm](http://www.ot.med.ubc.ca/clinical_community/events.htm)

### PRESENTATION

**"Human brain development research with MEG"** by Yoshio Okada, Ph.D., recipient of the Josephine Mills Excellence in MEG Research in Developmental Neuroscience Award.

**Date:** March 26th, 2009 at 10:00am.

**Location:** Down Syndrome Research Foundation, 1409 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

**RSVP:** [hina@dsrf.org](mailto:hina@dsrf.org) by March 23rd

### WorkSafeBC Nursing Conference: "Changing the Landscape of Disability Management"

**Date:** May 13th, 2009

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

**Details:** Includes an interactive workshop, "Developing Nursing Disability Management Best Practices" with well-known author, Dianne Dyck. Workshop contributions will be a part of Dianne's new book, *Disability Management: Theory, Strategy & Industry Practice*.

Register before March 31st, to take advantage of the early bird fee.

**For more information contact Jocelyne Fidyk**

Phone: 604 231-8651

Toll-free: 1 877 231-8675

or visit: <http://www.changingthelandscape2009.com/>

### **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.

There are a number of projects to get involved in:

1. Participating in planning these events as a Working Group member
2. Participating in developing research projects
3. Presenting at the March workshop

For more information:

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

or email: [patherton@bceohrn.ca](mailto:patherton@bceohrn.ca)

### **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 of 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**

### **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>

### **4th Annual Interior Health**

**Research Conference - Part 1: "Knowledge Translation in Aging, Chronic Disease Management, and Frailty"**

**Date:** **Friday, March 27th, 2009**

**Location:** Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna, B.C.

**Details:** This conference is sponsored by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and the BC Rural and Remote Health Research Network. The purpose of the conference is to illustrate how research evidence can inform practice, program, and/or policy in the areas of aging, chronic disease management & frailty. The conference will also provide many opportunities for networking.

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

### **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>

### **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>

### **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

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

## **Funding/Employment Opportunities**

### **BC Paraplegic Foundation**

**Individual Grants:** To benefit people with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities. Grants are provided for equipment, small renovation projects, and miscellaneous disability related participation. Grant maximum is \$3,000

**Next deadline:** **May 1st, 2009**

**Research grants:** For researchers who focus on Community Based Rehab and Quality of Life enhancement for people with mobility impairments

**Next deadline:** **May 1st, 2009**

**For application criteria and procedure visit:** <http://www.bcpara.org/bcpa.aspx?id=297>

### **Statistics Canada- Post-Doctoral Position**

**Description:** This position is an opportunity to conduct policy-relevant health research while benefiting from mentoring and training opportunities. It will also provide postdoctoral researchers access to survey and administrative data holdings as well as promote awareness and use of these data holdings in the general research community.

**Application procedure:** Applications must submit a 2-3 page research proposal using Statistics Canada data to address a policy relevant topic in one of the following health domains: population health, mental health, child health and development, health measurement or health services research. Proposals must address the following component of the intended study:

1. research question or hypothesis;
2. theoretical framework;
3. data source;
4. methods and
5. potential policy relevance.

**Deadline: March 31st, 2009.**

**For more details regarding the Postdoctoral program in Health Research please email us at:** hird@statcan.gc.ca.

**Info:** <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/employment-emploi/postdoc-eng.htm>

#### **CIHR- Team Grant: Vision, Hearing and Communication Disorders**

**Letter of intent deadline: March 16th, 2009**

**Application deadline: January 15th, 2010**

**Details:** The purpose of this funding opportunity is to further strengthen research on vision, hearing and communication disorders leading to improved prevention, treatment and rehabilitation strategies.

**For more information visit:** [Team Grant- Vision, Hearing and Communication Disorders](#)

#### **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](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](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-](http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?)

[prog=635&view=search&terms=disability&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25#howtoapply](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**

*Knowledge to Action: A Knowledge Translation Casebook.*

This series of knowledge translation (KT) cases spans the breadth of CIHR's health research themes and showcases just a few of the diverse and interesting KT initiatives embarked upon by health researchers. These initiatives range from engaging the media in an informed public policy debate, improving patient care and reducing wait times through better collaboration and cooperation, to helping some of the world's poorest children receive the nutrients they need to grow and thrive. This KT Casebook provides valuable insights into the real world of researchers and knowledge-users as they do knowledge translation.

**Now available on the CIHR website:** <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29484.html>

### **Community Living BC newsletter**

[Community Living](#)

**"Difference is Normal"** - Arabic Rap Music Video, made in Lebanon, Qatar, and Egypt for the UN

[Difference is Normal](#)

### **Autism Speaks- Public Service Announcement with Toni Braxton**

[Autism PSA](#)

### **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](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.

**Webstite:** <http://www.repar.veille.gc.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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