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**Disabilities Health Research Network**  
*Making BC Disability Research a Priority*

Dear Wendy,

Time passes so quickly and after five years of operation, the DHRN, as we currently know it, will cease on March 31, 2010. What will continue are the recently redesigned DHRN website, and the capacity for ongoing networking through LinkedIn. Read about these initiatives below. We hope that you will participate and continue the collaboration!

Warm Regards,

Dr. Diane Reed  
DHRN Director of Programs

## Featured News

### DHRN Legacy Website Launches with Experts Directory

The DHRN legacy website has launched! Please go to [www.dhrn.ca](http://www.dhrn.ca) to check it out. As part of this exciting launch, we are encouraging your participation in the [Experts Directory](#) which is built into our website. We are encouraging anyone who is involved in disabilities to include themselves in this directory; researchers, community and clinician/practitioners. It is our goal to continue the collaboration that the DHRN has begun partly through this directory. Please go [online](#) to enter your profile.

### DHRN LinkedIn Group

The DHRN is using a networking website called LinkedIn to keep the collaboration going after MSFHR funding ends on March 31,

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## DHRN Experts Directory

The new DHRN Experts Directory is now available. Enter your contact information and area of disability research so that you can continue to collaborate after March 31, 2010 when DHRN closes its doors.

If you have a photo, pdf documents and/or a video that you would also like to share, please send us an [e-mail](#).

To enter your contact info, please go to:

[Directory Form](#)

2010. LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network with over 55 million members and growing rapidly. LinkedIn connects you to your trusted contacts and helps you exchange knowledge, ideas, and opportunities with a broader network of professionals.

[2 min. video - What is LinkedIn?](#)

The DHRN will continue to exist as a group on LinkedIn. Led by DHRN Co-Leader Dr. Bonita Sawatzky, the Disabilities Health Research Network group on LinkedIn will allow the posting of jobs, research, discussions and events of interest to the disability research community. The sharing and collaboration among DHRN members can continue to exchange ideas, information and opportunities! If you want to continue, please go to:

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com), join LinkedIn, search for "Disabilities Health Research Network" under "Groups" and then request to join the group. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail Wendy Creelman at [wjcreelman@gmail.com](mailto:wjcreelman@gmail.com).

## Conferences/Workshops

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

**Date:** March 10-13, 2010

**Location:** Westin Bayshore Vancouver

[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](#)

### **Researchers in Times of Change: 8th Annual Indigenous Graduate Student Symposium**

**Date:** March 27, 2010

**Time:** 8:30am- 4:00pm

**Location:** First Nations House of Learning, 1985 West Mall, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

[More information](#)

### **Making Connections 2010**

The research landscape is changing. Researchers are adapting to meet new criteria and expectations related to increased focus on collaborative teams, added measurements of impact, and emphasis on community/patient input.

At Making Connections 2010 you'll discuss how the changing environments shape health research. Provocative presenters will reference diverse perspectives and funding approaches. There will be plenty of opportunity for you to weigh in on the debate. A summary of our discussion will be presented to the new Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions Board of Directors.

**Date:** May 30 - June 1, 2010

**Location:** Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper Alberta

[More information](#) or [email](#)

### **Canadian Disability Studies Association 7th Annual Conference**

**Date:** June 2, 3 and 4, 2010

**Location:** Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

[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, Ontario

[More information](#)

## Funding/Job Opportunities

### Research Opportunity

Researcher, PhD and Masters students are needed to join a small team of injury prevention researchers and stakeholders. This team will apply for a CIHR Operating Grant to develop an online information portal specific to injury prevention. This research is important because injury is the leading cause of death for First Nations and Inuit children and youth. Please contact [Shannon Piedt](#) for more information.

### 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](#)

### Summer Student Internship

The NAMHR Summer Student Internship Program is a 10-week paid internship. The NAMHR internship projects are designed and supervised by members of the NAMHR. Interns work with these mentors in various aspects of the research process (planning, data collection, analysis, and/or synthesis).

**Deadline:** March 26, 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. 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**

### **Call for Proposal-Defining Patient Safety Issues in First Nations, Inuit and Métis Communities**

**Details:** The CPSI is interested in commissioning research that will ultimately form a background paper to address the issues of patient safety as it applies to the delivery of safer health care to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to invite interested researchers and not-for-profit organizations to submit a detailed proposal that will enable CPSI to select the most qualified organization, individual or team of researchers best suited to complete the project according to the provided criteria and objectives.

**Deadline:** March 19, 2010

[More information](#)

### **Disability and Ethics through the Life Cycle**

**Date:** May 21-22, 2010

**Location:** Union College, Schenectady, NY

**Details:** This conference will offer a forum for bioethicists, disability-rights advocates, and other stakeholders with a different focus for discussing these issues by viewing disability from a life-cycle perspective. People confront disability through the life cycle: infancy, childhood, reproductive years, middle age, and old age. At each age they confront situations with ethical dimensions that present them, their families, and their caregivers and biomedical researchers with ethical challenges. This conference is designed to promote interdisciplinary conversations about these less frequently discussed ethical issues.

**Abstract deadline:** May 15, 2010

**Submit to:** [blooma@union.edu](mailto:blooma@union.edu) with a subject line of "Disability and Bioethics".

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

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

**Location:** Vancouver, BC

**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](#)

### **Disabling the Renaissance: Recovering Early Modern Disability**

Accepted abstracts will lead to scholarly essays (c.5,000-6,000 words) to be included in a proposed book collection tentatively entitled "Disabling the Renaissance: Recovering Early Modern Disability." Essay submissions should call attention to how recent conversation about differences in the early modern period has often overlooked or misidentified disability. This volume will present early modern disability studies as a productive theoretical lens that can reanimate existing scholarly dialogue about Renaissance subjectivities even as it motivates more politically invested classroom pedagogies.

**Abstract deadline:** April 1, 2010 (500 words)

**Submit to:** [ahobgood@willamette.edu](mailto:ahobgood@willamette.edu) and [dwood@nmu.edu](mailto:dwood@nmu.edu)

[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

### **[Integration of healthcare rehabilitation in chronic conditions](#)**

The introduction of the Structural Reform and a new healthcare act in Denmark in 2007 increased the focus on integration of care in chronic conditions and coordination of rehabilitation programmes. The aim of this paper is to describe the process and results of a project that led to the development of new management practices and improvement of existing ones to support integrated care between three healthcare organisations.

### **[New Journal to Be Launched By SAGE: Geriatric Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation](#)**

Geriatric Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation is a new bimonthly journal being launched in September 2010 by SAGE, the world's leading independent academic and professional publisher. Geriatric Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation addresses a broad range of musculoskeletal disorders in the aging patient through peer-reviewed research reports and reviews, technical perspectives, case studies, and other evidence-based articles. Contributors and readers will include orthopaedic surgeons, geriatricians, physiatrists, anesthesiologists, and other physicians specializing in care of the older adult.

### **[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**

**March 8-27, 2010**

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.

## March Theme Days

**Brain Awareness Week** - March 15-21, 2010

**National Social Work Month**

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