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Summer 2009 Health Geomatics Workshops



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Summer Workshops in Health Geomatics, offered through **Population Data BC**, are now open for registration. The following three workshops will be offered:

- **Health and GIS 101** – June 26, 2009 at Simon Fraser University
- **Introduction to Spatial Epidemiology** – July 27-29, 2009 at the University of Victoria
- **Space-Time Disease Surveillance** – August 24-25, 2009 at the University of Victoria

A limited number of travel bursaries are available. For more information, and to register, please click [here](#).

CIHR Café Scientifique Program



Next Application Deadline: June 26, 2009

This funding program is designed to support accessible, informal discussions between the general public and scientists/health professionals about the value and impact of health research on the health of Canadians, the health care system and the economy as a whole. Events take place at publicly accessible venues, such as cafés, pubs and restaurants in order to create an informal atmosphere for a conversation with the public about a particular health topic. The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$3,000. For program details and application guidelines, please click [here](#).

For a complete list of Network and external [funding opportunities](#) and [training opportunities](#), please visit our website.

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FEATURED RESOURCES

CIHR Knowledge Translation Learning Modules

The following online **knowledge translation learning modules** are now freely available on the CIHR website:

- A Guide to Researcher and Knowledge User Collaboration in Health Research
- Introduction to Evidence-Informed Decision Making
- Critical Appraisal of Intervention Studies

Please click [here](#) to access the modules.



CIHR IRSC

Open Access to The Cochrane Library



The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre now offers free public access to the full content of **The Cochrane Library**. This online resource provides access to the best available evidence on the effectiveness of treatment procedures, including plain language summaries, in order to help inform healthcare consumers and providers. Now everyone will be able to benefit from the immense volume of health information found in the Cochrane Library. To access the library please click [here](#).

Enhancing Community-Based Harm Reduction



Learning from Each Other: Enhancing Community-Based Harm Reduction Programs and Practices in Canada was jointly published by the Canadian Harm Reduction Network and the Canadian AIDS Society in 2008. The publication is the culmination of a 17-month research study which included a harm reduction symposium and a series of focus groups, site visits, photo shoots and community walkabouts in nine medium-sized cities across Canada. For more information or to order the publication free of charge, please click [here](#).

Guarding Minds @ Work: A Workplace Guide to Psychological Safety & Health



This guide is a public resource for employers across Canada and is designed to provide managers, supervisors, union representatives, human resource teams and other business leaders with the tools they need to assess risks to psychological health in the workplace and to implement effective and lasting solutions. To view the guide, please click [here](#).

Guarding Minds @ Work was developed by specialist researchers – Drs. Joti Samra, Merv Gilbert, Martin Shain and Dan Bilsker – at the [Consortium for Organizational Mental Healthcare \(COMH\)](#), Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Building Bridges Workshops

June 1-2, 2009 • Langley, BC / June 3-4, 2009 • North Vancouver, BC

As part of the ongoing work of **Building Bridges**, a provincial initiative aimed at improving service provision for women impacted by abuse, substance use and/or mental ill health, the [Woman Abuse Response Program of BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre](#) will be hosting workshops to provide opportunities for frontline service providers and managers within the health, addictions, mental health and anti-violence sectors to explore how these issues intersect to create risks to women's health and safety and add barriers to accessing services. To register, or for more information, please click [here](#).

Wounded Souls and the Vulnerable Self: Trauma and Addiction

October 27-29, 2009 • Vancouver, BC

Presented by [CHÉOS](#) and [UBC Institute of Mental Health](#), this three-day international meeting aims to address addiction pathology as it relates to traumatic experiences. The conference will examine questions of psychological trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder, concurrent disorders, substance type and route of ingestion, best evidence-based treatment and new discoveries in the area of trauma and addiction. For more information, or to register, please contact Kirsten Marchand at kmarchand@mail.cheos.ubc.ca.

Issues of Substance: Pathways and Bridges to Change

November 15-18, 2009 • Halifax, Nova Scotia

The theme for this year's conference is *Pathways and Bridges to Change*. The program will explore the personal 'pathways to change' that individuals can pursue into, and through, a tiered model of treatment that strives to ensure services and supports are matched to individual needs, are provided in a timely fashion, and are evidence-based. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

Into the Light: Transforming Mental Health in Canada

November 29-December 1, 2009 • Vancouver, BC

Call for Abstracts Deadline: November 1, 2009

The Mental Health Commission of Canada, Vancouver Coastal Health and Simon Fraser University are pleased to present this national conference which will bring together members of the mental health community in Canada, representing policy and planning, service providers, consumers, families and community representatives. *Into the Light* will highlight the emerging [Canadian Mental Health Strategy](#) and will feature a policy forum, as well as a general program on best and promising practices. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

5th Annual Mental Health and Addiction Research Showcase

January 27-29, 2010 • Banff, Alberta

This Showcase brings together stakeholders from across Canada in a major forum to explore research, practice and innovation in mental health. The conference promotes applied mental health research, bridges gaps among research, practice and policy, and encourages the use of research findings to continually improve services and outcomes for everyone. Registration details and the Call for Abstracts will be posted soon on the conference [website](#).

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The mission of the **BC Mental Health and Addictions Research Network** is to contribute to the excellence of mental health and addictions research in British Columbia by strengthening relationships among researchers across disciplines, institutions and health services organizations. The Network aims to build research capacity and to foster collaborative research that will inform policy and practice in the field of mental health and addictions.

The Network is funded by the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), hosted by BC Mental Health and Addiction Services (an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority), and operates in partnership with the Centre for Addictions Research of BC (CARBC). It is one of eight [Health of Population Networks](#) funded by MSFHR.

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