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is a national non-governmental organization that works domestically and internationally to reduce global health inequities and strengthen health systems.

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16th Annual Canadian Conference on International Health

CSIH is pleased to announce the 16th Annual Canadian Conference on International Health (CCIH). This year's conference will be held from Sunday, October 25 to Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Ottawa Hotel.

This year's theme is "Health Equity: Our Global Responsibility". Canadians, as global citizens, first declared our commitment to health equity and social justice in 1948 with the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights. Canadians continue the commitment through our participation in the implementation of the Global Call to Action: Closing the Gap in One Generation. In spite of significant progress and improved health status over the last 60 years, as global citizens, we continue to be challenged to live up to our promise.

We have a responsibility to work toward health equity, social justice and universal attainment of human rights. To be effective, communities - with governments, non-government organizations and the private sector - must work in partnership, with a common vision. Addressing the social determinants of health, such as security of food, shelter, safety, education, income, poverty, employment, and access to care, will create the necessary foundations for our solutions.

The 2009 CCIH will examine inequities of health status and the impact on the health of marginalized, vulnerable and Indigenous populations of changing environments, whether these changes are due to climate, technology, the economy or threats to human security.

Addressing these challenges, the 2009 CCIH will consist of daily plenary sessions, several topic-focused symposia, followed by a number of parallel paper sessions and a poster session/reception.

This conference will bring attention to our responsibility as global citizens to take action on progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals and ultimately health equity. The conference will address the best evidence and action on the progress of the MDGs, the role of health diplomacy and the evidence and opportunities for action as we integrate a social determinants of health framework into our policies, programs and action at the global, national and local level

Detailed information on the conference can be found on our website at www.csih.org.



CSIH's Sex and Age Disaggregated Data in Humanitarian Action Project (SADD)



Nurse by Norm Bergisma

In 2006, the United Nations implemented the Cluster Approach as a means to strengthen field responses to emergency humanitarian relief. Eleven global clusters, organized around lead agencies, work with the humanitarian country teams to secure resources and identify and implement the required interventions.

The areas of activity are Nutrition, Health, Water-Sanitation, Emergency Shelter, Education, Agriculture, Camp Coordination-management, Protection and / Management, Education, Early Recovery, Emergency Shelter, Emergency Telecommunications, Health, Nutrition, Protection, Logistics, and Water /Sanitation/Hygiene.

In July of 2008, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on behalf of on behalf of the Inter-Agency

Standing Committee (IASC) Gender Sub-Working Group, and CSIH entered into an agreement to conduct a desk review of all Global Clusters' sex and age information and data sources used in support of humanitarian action during emergency situations.

The Sex and Age Disaggregated Data (SADD) Project was a desk audit review of UN Global Clusters' use of consideration for age and sex disaggregated data to support humanitarian actions during emergency situations. Using an existing range of assessment activities undertaken in sudden onset and protracted complex emergencies or natural disasters, the objectives of this study were:

1. To analyze the obstacles and gaps in the collection, analysis, reporting and use of sex and age disaggregated data in emergencies; and
2. To identify to propose recommendations on how these obstacles and gaps could be addressed.

To achieve these objectives, the SADD project undertook the following activities:

- Conducted a review of key data collection and data management tools and guidance that Global Clusters are developing and supporting.
- Conducted a review of data collected /available and used in recent emergency operations.
- Conducted key informant inter-

views to determine barriers to collecting and reporting data by sex and age.

- Held several consultative meetings with key data/information management actors to ensure full and accurate reflection of the problems concerning the collection and use of sex and age disaggregated data.

A final report has been submitted, results will be available later in the year.

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CSIH Projects

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CSIH Remembers Dr John Dick Fleming MacLean

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of Dr. J. Dick MacLean, Director, McGill Centre for Tropical Diseases and Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, McGill University, on Thursday, January 22, 2009.



Dr. John Dick Fleming MacLean

After more than thirty years of passionate interest and effort, Dr. MacLean was recognized across Canada and internationally as one of the most influential forces in clinical tropical medicine. He built the McGill Centre for Tropical Diseases into a leading clinical, laboratory and research hub. Instead of easing up as he passed retirement age, Dick just kept getting better at what he did, with endless requests from governments for advice, invitations to speak at the continent's most prestigious medical schools and the publication of influential manuscripts in the most important journals. In 2006, this expertise was formally recognized when he was asked to serve as the President of the Clinical Group of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene. Using wit and gentle barbs, Dick freely shared his encyclopedic knowledge of tropical diseases with generations of students, residents and his dedicated staff. His effectiveness as a teacher is best evidenced by the fact that virtually everyone who worked with him was inspired to at least consider pursuing a career in international health or doing work in the tropics. His influence will be felt for decades to come through the many colleagues he inspired not only to be better physicians, but also to be citizens of the world.

Courtesy of The Gazette (Montreal)

Volunteer Opportunities

Canadian Cancer Society

Volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society is a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, be part of a team, share your experience, learn new skills and develop lasting friendships

We will all be affected by cancer, either directly or through family members or friends. One in three Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime

The Canadian Cancer Society is working to eradicate cancer and enhance the quality of life of people living with cancer.

For more information visit the Canadian Cancer Society's website: www.cancer.ca

Uniterra Volunteer Opportunities

Coordinate with Uniterra and work in partnership with various organizations, both in developing countries and in Canada. With Uniterra, you can volunteer for a posting of two weeks to two years, depending on the needs of local cooperation initiatives.

Canadian volunteers for Uniterra must be Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status. Uniterra also offers the possibility for local resources from different program countries to participate in the initiatives and cooperation projects of partner organizations.

These volunteers ensure long term follow-up and the maintenance of knowledge and skills acquired via the Uniterra Program

For more information visit: http://www.uniterra.org/uniterra/en/volunteers/uniterra_volunteers.html

Synergy Job Board

The **Sudbury & District Health Unit** and the **Northern Ontario School of Medicine** invites applications for the position of **Associate Medical Officer of Health/Director of Community Medicine Residency Program**.

This competition will remain open until the position is filled. Qualified candidates are invited to submit resumés in confidence to:

Rachel Quesnel, Executive Assistant
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Sudbury, ON
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Fax (705) 677-9606
Email quesnelr@sdhu.com
Telephone (705) 522-9200, ext. 291.

To view the complete job posting visit:
<http://www.sdhu.com/content/contact/details.asp?job=1212&folder=1&lang=0>

The **Division of Community Health and Humanities, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland** invites applications for a **tenure track position** in **Environmental/ Occupational Health**.

Applications should be addressed to:

Dr. Shree Mulay, Associate Dean,
Division of Community Health and Humanities,
Faculty of Medicine,
Memorial University of Newfoundland
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Applications can be submitted electronically to brendah@mun.ca or by fax: (709) 777-7382. VPA MEDI 2008 006

The application package should include curriculum vitae, contact details of three referees, a letter of application, one sample of scholarly writing, an overview and discussion of qualifications and interests as they relate to the position and a statement of teaching philosophy.

Conferences

Canadian Public Health Association 2009 Annual Conference

Public Health in Canada: Strengthening Connections
June 7-10, 009
Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba
<http://www.cpha.ca/en/conferences/conf2009.aspx>

The 5th International Conference of the International Society for Equity in Health

June 9-11, 2009
Crete, Greece
www.iseqh-conference2009.com

19th World Conference on Disaster Management

Emergency Management and Business Continuity
Working Together
June 21 to 24, 2009
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario
<http://www.wcdm.org/>

16th Annual Canadian Conference on International Health (CIIH)

Health Equity: Our Global Responsibility
October 25 to 28, 2009
Crowne Plaza Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario
<http://www.csih.org>

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