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The Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) is a national non-governmental organization that works domestically and internationally to reduce global health inequities and strengthen health systems.

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Find *Synergy* on the web at: [www.csih.org/synergy](http://www.csih.org/synergy)

## 2008 Canadian Conference on International Health:

### *'Checking In: Health for All or Health for Some?'*

With 2008 marking thirty years since the Alma Ata declaration of "Health for All," the theme for the fifteenth annual Canadian Conference on International Health will be *'Checking In: Health for All or Health for Some?'*

What do we know, and how has Canada contributed? Have we lived up to the collective commitments?

Taking place October 26 to 29, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in Ottawa, the conference will offer a forum in which to re-examine the successes and failures of practice, policies and research. Practitioners, community members, policy makers and researchers will meet to explore new global partnerships and to share visions in primary health care to improve community health, make progress toward improving equity on the social

determinants of health, and strengthen health systems.

Discussion, networking sessions, workshops and presentations will



facilitate dialogue and create opportunities to envision how primary health care intersects with health reform, health rights and the social determinants of health.

### *Abstracts deadline June 15*

The Call for Abstracts form is available online: <http://>

As always, the conference promises to bring together people from the north and the south to create a diverse international group.

Guest speakers will inform and inspire participants through tales of success in health systems, community and national and global policy and practice.

For more information on the conference, see [www.csih.org](http://www.csih.org).

## Global Health at U of T

The Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS) in the Faculty of Medicine at University of Toronto is pleased to announce its new Collaborative Doctoral Program in Global Health.

Click here for more: [http://www.phs.utoronto.ca/Phd\\_Global\\_Health.asp#Collaborating](http://www.phs.utoronto.ca/Phd_Global_Health.asp#Collaborating)

## CSIH Member Spotlight

Who are you? Where are you? Why did you become a member of CSIH?

Members are invited to send in a short bio along with a photo.

Tell us what you've been doing, what you've been working on, and most of all, your interest and experience in global health.

CSIH membership is currently more than 600.

*Did you know?*

Now you can donate to CSIH through

[www.CanadaHelps.org](http://www.CanadaHelps.org)

# Ten Years of Young Professionals Placement Program

This year CSIH is proud to celebrate ten years of its Young Professionals Placement Program (YPPP). YPPP has sent 396 young health professionals to over 70 countries! This is in large part thanks to funding from the government's Youth Employment Strategy (YES). Through partnerships with United Nations agencies, the World Health Organization, Pan-American Health Organization and universities, ministries of health and NGOs worldwide, the alumni of YPPP have had professional and personal experiences in international health that have greatly touched their lives, and those of newfound friends and professional contacts.



Andrea Schertzer and Carlie Germain participated in CSIH's Public Health Strengthening Project in Guyana. Pictured here at Guyana Mash Week as characters representing "Nutrition and Health."

With the 2008 wrap-up of YES, and the end of the federally funded NetCorps program, YPPP hopes to take the program in a new direction and offer opportunities to older, mid-career health professionals who want to volunteer overseas. A proposal for a new program was submitted to the Voluntary Cooperation and Public Engagement Section of CIDA's Voluntary Sector – Programs Directorate (VSPD) in April.

Watch the CSIH site for updates.

*"Guyana was a unique experience that will undoubtedly help with any of our future career endeavors..."*

*It was an amazing, worthwhile experience."*

Andrea Schertzer and Carlie Germain YPPP 2006-07

## Synergy Job Board

### Health Net: Technical Research Trainer, Global Fund Malaria Control Programme

The Technical / Research Trainer is responsible for training and supervising research staff of the Health-Net TPO technical team and staff members of the relevant departments of the **Afghan Ministry of Public Health**, in such a way that these staff members in three years' time are able to implement operational research activities on disease control.

The Technical / Research Trainer will also coordinate and provide the training and supervision on the different aspects of operational research including the development of research protocols, research implementation plan, data collection, data analysis and writing of research reports and publications.

The contract will start as soon as possible and will run until October 31, 2008.

For more information please contact [recruitment@healthnettpo.org](mailto:recruitment@healthnettpo.org) or visit [www.healthnettpo.org](http://www.healthnettpo.org).

## Comings and Goings at CSIH

The first quarter of 2008 has seen many staff changes at CSIH.

**Executive Director Janet-Hatcher Roberts** came back in January from a one-year posting with the International Organization for Migration in Geneva.

In March, Janet's Executive Assistant and Manager of Communications and Membership Outreach, **Lisa Jibson** was made an offer she couldn't refuse by the University of Western Ontario. Lisa was hired to perform the duties of **Director of Administration for the Faculty of Law**. Lisa has packed up her life in Ottawa, handed over her well-organized files and has moved back to Southern Ontario. "It's bittersweet," says Janet, on Lisa's leaving. "We're thrilled for her to land such a terrific job, but CSIH won't be the same without her."

CSIH's new **Conference Manager** is **Virginia Fobert**. Virginia worked with Alcatel and the Canadian Lung Association prior to joining the CSIH team. She also coordinated between no less than four federal government departments to organize the Federal Food Safety and Nutrition Conference from 2001 to 2006.

**Elizabeth Wiebe** has come on board as Janet's new **Executive Assistant**.

CSIH would also like to welcome Jean-**Paul Ruzskowski**, **CSIH's Senior Advisor on Partnerships**, and **Sarah Doig**, who works on the **Ukraine Positive Children's project**.

**Stephanie Regan** has been helping out with **Communications and Membership Outreach**.

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