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Health for All by the Year 2000?

Health for All by the Year 2000? That was the brave theme enunciated by 134 countries at Alma Ata 30 years ago. The date has passed. Are we celebrating, or mourning that 30th anniversary? We hope that members of CSIH and the many people around the world working to improve 'Health for All', will attend the 15th Canadian Conference for International Health, Oct. 26 to Oct. 29, 2008. We trust people will come, not to bury Alma Ata, but to revive a certain spirit that is capable of meeting the challenges imposed by this brave new 21st century world.

What do we really mean by primary health care? How does it differ from primary care? What are the experiences with primary health care around the world?

Does primary health care need a refocusing? How do practitioners know if they are getting it right? And what are the global forces impeding or promoting health for all? All these questions and many more will be confronted by speakers and panellists.

The conference will welcome the presence of Paul Farmer, celebrated activist, author, and speaker on issues of health and human rights.

The World Health Organization will be sending Dr. Tim Evans to discuss WHO plans in both primary health care and social determinants of health over the coming years. Maria Zuniga will give us some insights to the primary health care movements in Latin America, and Miriam Were from Kenya will deepen our appreciation from her years of work on the issues.

We urge you to take a look at the program on the CSIH web site at www.csih.org: we believe this is a conference that will provide food for thought and food for many policy and implementation discussions over the next 30 years!!!

-M. Kagis, CCIH Co-Chair



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CIDA Online News Bulletin

CIDA invites you to subscribe to *CIDA Update*, the monthly online news bulletin of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

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National and International Conferences

Canadian Conference on International Health

The 15th Canadian Conference on International Health (CCIH) is fast approaching. It will be held on October 26 - 29, 2008 at the Ottawa Marriott, 100 Kent St., Ottawa, ON, Canada.

The theme this year is "Checking In: Health for All or Health for Some?"

The deadline for the early registration is September 25. We encourage you to register as soon as possible.

Please visit our website at www.csih.org to register and for regular conference updates.

The Struggle for Health: IPHU Short Course for Health Activists

Applications are now being accepted from health activists from Latin America and beyond wishing to participate in the *Struggle for Health* - a short course for health activists in Porto Alegre, Brazil, September 7-20, 2008.

The 11-day course presented by the International People's Health University (IPHU) and the People's Health Movement (PHM) in association with the School of Public Health of Rio Grande do Sul will be at the Casa de Retiro VilaBetania in Porto Alegre, Brasil. The main language of the course will be Portuguese. The teaching faculty is drawn from Latin America and beyond.

For more about IPHU and the course itself, visit:
www.phmovement.org/iphu

Inquiries can also be directed to the course coordinators:
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Then consider membership in CSIH. We link individuals and organizations from all health sectors, help develop professional skills at home and abroad, advocate for health policy development, and promote awareness of health issues.

For more information,
visit us on the web at: www.csih.org

15th Annual Work and Study Abroad Fair

Brock University is inviting you to participate in their *15th Annual Work and Study Abroad Fair*, scheduled for October 29th, 2008! Last September, their efforts were rewarded with an enthusiastic turnout of internationally minded exhibitors and students. They hope that this year's Fair will be even more successful!

Brock University is a mid-size University, home to 17,000 full-time and part-time graduate and under-

graduate students. Many of these students are interested in the adventure of employment and/or study overseas. As well, Brock University is the academic hub of the Niagara Region, which is home to over 500,000 people. Some of these residents will also be interested in the international experiences that your organization offers.

For more information visit:
<http://www.brocku.ca/>

Synergy Job Board

USC Canada is seeking a Communications Specialist to lend expertise and leadership in an exciting period to engage Canadians (the public, policy makers, the media) on the issues of food, agriculture and the environment. As the ideal candidate, you are experienced in a variety of communications settings and mediums. You would bring skill, passion and depth to our work. Most importantly, you understand the role of communications in social change. Competition closing date is August 1, 2008. For more information visit: <http://usc-canada.org/>

The **Canadian Foundation for the Americas** (FOCAL) is recruiting a Senior Program Director for Democracies that Deliver and Education and Health, Research and Policy – Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Competition closing date is August 4, 2008. For more information visit: www.focal.ca

The **Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)** is currently seeking a Director, National Programs who will oversee the development of new national projects/programs and the management of ongoing projects, while also representing the Association on important national public health issues related to CPHA's areas of work, across Canada. Competition closing date is August 10, 2008. For more information visit: www.cpha.ca