

HELP UPDATE:

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Methodological Issues in Measuring Population Health

When: November 1-3, 2006

Where: Gatineau, Ottawa

Statistics Canada's 23rd International Methodology Symposium

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/symposium2006>

Château Cartier Resort, Gatineau (15 minutes from downtown Ottawa)

This international event addresses statistical methodology issues relevant to the work of a government statistical agency, as well as to a broader statistical community in the health care industry, government, universities and other research organizations. The Symposium will focus on methodological issues related to producing reliable information on population health. The first day is comprised of two concurrent workshops, while the second and third days will each start with a plenary session followed by two streams of parallel sessions.

The two workshops are:

- Record linkage in studies of population health - an overview, Karla Fox and Patricia Whitridge
- Methods for analyzing longitudinal health survey data - Theory and applications, Prof. Mary Thompson

The plenary sessions include the Keynote Address by Dr. Graham Kalton and the Waksberg Award Address by Prof. Alastair Scott.

The parallel sessions include the following topics:

- Small Area Estimation from Health Surveys
- Direct Health Measures Surveys: Problems and Possibilities
- Health Measurement: An International Perspective
- Issues in Weighting, Estimation and Outlier Detection
- Methods for Analysis of Health Data
- Issues in Analysis of Longitudinal Health Data
- Sampling - Theory and Applications
- Analysis of Health Data – Applications
- Combining Data from Different Sources
- Confidentiality and Disclosure Control
- Mode Effects and Data Collection
- Issues in Designing and Implementing Health Surveys

There will also be poster sessions covering a variety of topics such as:

- Health Surveys and Their Utilization
- Issues Relevant for Quality of Health Information
- Additional Topics in Research on Methods for Data Analysis

Please register on line at: <http://www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/symposium2006>. Note that the number of seats for the workshops is limited.

Health and Learning RFP

[Canadian Council on Learning: RFP for Health & Learning](#)

The CCL RFP for health and learning has finally been released. Please see

http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Research/RequestforProposals/RFP_HealthLearning_20060824.htm

for more information in English or

<http://www.ccl->

[cca.ca/CCL/Research/RequestforProposals/RFP_HealthLearning_20060824.htm?Language=FR](http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Research/RequestforProposals/RFP_HealthLearning_20060824.htm?Language=FR)

for more information in French.

Please circulate this information widely. Any questions should be forwarded directly to

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Canadian Health Services Research Foundation 2007 Postdoctoral Awards Competition

The 2007 Postdoctoral Awards Competition Call for Applications, please the link for further information: http://www.chsrf.ca/cadre/pdf/2007-call_e.pdf is now available. Deadline for submission of applications: November 30, 2006. (Note: Brenda Poon received a CHSRF Post-Doctoral Award from CHSRF for her work on early screening with HELP).

WorldForum 2006 Early Bird Rates

When: November 19-22, 2006

Where: Fairmont Hotel, Vancouver

This is a reminder that the closing date for early bird rates is **September 22nd**. Save \$100 and register online before then. Registration for this conference is now at 45%.

Join colleagues from around the world to hear Stephen Lewis' keynote address and the following plenary speakers and their topics: Nigel Fisher (international child and youth issues at UNICEF); Mike de Gagné (Aboriginal child and youth issues); Tink Palmer (internet sexual exploitation); Dr Bruce Perry, (child trauma); Dr Paulo Pinheiro (the UN study on violence against children); Dr. Danya Glaser (neurobiological effects of child maltreatment) and Nico Trocmé (national child incidence study).

A full youth program will be presented along with over 110 oral presentations, 36 poster sessions and a documentary film program.

Register now at www.worldforum2006.ca

Early Child Development Workshops in British Columbia

Registration is free, but pre-registration is mandatory- Lunch will be provided

The Early Child Development (ECD) Mapping Project aims to understand early child development in neighbourhoods across BC. The Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) in collaboration with communities have now compiled baseline information on school readiness and socio-economic factors for each of 469 neighbourhoods identified in the province.

By mapping information by neighbourhood, researchers can better understand how various factors influence children's development and health. Policy makers and community members can use this information to develop effective policies and programs to help children get the best possible start in life.

This presentation will provide an overview of the Early Development Instrument results for the neighbourhoods throughout B.C. This data was collected in February 2006 and will provide an assessment of changes in children's development over the last three years.

In the morning session, Dr. Hertzman will present the results and discuss their implications. This will be followed by time for questions.

The afternoon session will provide an opportunity to examine the results for your own community in more detail. We will look at specific analysis of developmental domains and local populations with lots of opportunity for dialogue and questions. Emphasis will be not only on understanding the results but on developing skills to enable you to share and use the research within your community.

Who should attend: All people who are interested in supporting young children. To include: parents, early childhood educators, school district personnel, community leaders, politicians, social workers, public health nurses, early intervention therapists, community developers, municipal planners, parent educators, family support workers.

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Dates and Locations of Early Child Development Workshops:

Oct. 30th, Kimberley, B.C. – results for School district areas 5 and 6

Nov. 1st, Nelson, B.C. – results for school district areas 8 and 20

Nov. 2nd, Osoyoos, B.C. – results for school district areas 67, 53 and 58

Nov. 10th, Langley, B.C. – results for school district areas 35, 36, 37, 38, 75 and 78

Nov. 14th – New Westminster – results for school district areas 40 and 43

Nov. 15th, North Vancouver – results for school district areas 44, 45, 46 and 47

Nov. 16th, Victoria – results for school district areas 61, 62, 63 and 64

Nov. 17th, Parksville – results for school district areas 79, 68, 69, 71, 72 and 85

Nov. 27th, Fort St. John – results for school district areas 59 and 60

Nov. 28th, Terrace – results for school district areas 82, 50, 49 and 87

Nov. 29th, Kamloops – results for school district area 73

Nov. 30th Vernon – results for school district area 22, 23 and 83

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