



British Columbia  
Environmental and Occupational  
Health Research Network

# Network News

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Occupational Health Research Network

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leader in occupational and  
environmental health research

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## Recent Developments

The BCEOHRN has received funding approval from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research from January 2005-December 2008. A number of planning milestones have already been achieved with many more member services being planned in the next few months.

### New Website Content

Our interim website hosts a variety of features for our members including a comprehensive list of funding announcements for environmental and occupational health researchers and a list of upcoming conferences and workshops that may be of interest to the membership. A new website is being developed and will be launched in the early autumn.

### Research Development Grants

These maximum \$10,000 grants have two purposes: to help new researchers, which includes post-secondary students, develop nationally competitive research proposals and to help develop new research teams that will be able to successfully compete for research funds at the national and international level. Deadline: September 15, 2005. For more details, visit our website under 'Funding Opportunities'.

### Call for Directors

Interested in participating on the Board of Directors to plan the direction of your network?

Contact our office for information.

### Scientific Director Recruitment

Recruitment for the Network's ongoing Scientific Director is underway. The Scientific Director will have a demonstrated capacity for research in environmental and/or occupational health, good organizational skills, good communication skills, a history of collaboration in BC research, and good links to research users. The Scientific Director will have a full time, clinical or adjunct appointment at a university or research institution, or be willing to seek one. The position will be based wherever their current appointment is and will receive one day of course release per week (or equivalent). The Scientific Director is supported by a full time Executive Director and a part time Associate Director. See our website for a more detailed job advertisement. The deadline for submitting your CV for this opportunity is September 30.

### Your Network's Board of Directors:

- Craig Stephen, Centre for Coastal Health, Nanaimo (Scientific Director and Chair)
- Ray Copes, BC Centre for Disease Control, Vancouver
- Melissa Friesen, Student, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- Rick Gallagher, BC Cancer Research Centre, Vancouver
- Henry Harder, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George
- Gabrielle McHugh, Student, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George
- Jack Nickel, Health Canada, Vancouver
- Corinne Ong, BC Centre for Disease Control, Vancouver
- Kay Teschke, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Visit our website at:

<http://www.bceohrn.ca>

## Workshop Announcement

Mark your calendar!

The first BCEOHRN-sponsored workshop will be held:

**Friday, November 4**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Holiday Inn Broadway  
(at Heather)  
Vancouver

### Day-at-a-Glance:

8:30-9:30 Networking Breakfast  
9:30-11:00 Annual General Meeting  
11:00-1:30 Networking Lunch & Poster Session  
1:30-4:30 Educational Workshop

Featuring, among other presenters **Dr. Bruce McManus**, Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health, who will present

*Research Networks:  
From Concept to Birth to Impact*

Registration in the day's events is free to BCEOHRN members.

Network with your colleagues from around the province and learn about the activities being undertaken.

To register, or to seek information on presenting a poster or other details, contact our office or see our website.

### Membership Benefits

Being developed over the next year

- A readily accessible and up-to-date database
- Regular funding and conference alerts
- Travel bursaries to trainees or new investigators to attend BCEOHRN educational events
- Grants to support the development of strong collaborative research teams
- Resources to generate knowledge transfer across research users
- Regional liaison work to ensure that the provincial network is built on strong local interactions

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