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1. UBC FARM DESIGN WORKSHOP on Nov. 22nd (see attached)

Dear Faculty and Staff members,

We feel that you would be a vital contributor to an important workshop for UBC Farm that is being held on **November 22nd from 10:30am to 5:30pm**. This is a chance to contribute to a shared vision for the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm.

Your colleagues Bob Woollard and Margot Parkes were recently involved in leading a very successful tri-university course on ecosystem approaches to health which took place at the UBC Farm. This was an example of exciting collaboration between the UBC Farm and the Faculty of Medicine with great future potential given the links that are increasingly being made between human and ecological health and between healthy food systems and healthy communities. Currently the UBC Farm is the site of a number of health-related projects, including, but not limited to, the Institute for Aboriginal Health garden, a medicinal plants garden and the Urban Aboriginal Community Kitchen Garden Project.

You do not need to have engaged in teaching or research at the UBC Farm to contribute to this design workshop. The idea is for this workshop to be forward-thinking, imagining

what kinds of collaborations and projects could be possible at the UBC Farm in the future.

This workshop is being organized by design professionals, many of whom are UBC alumni. Current partners include: The UBC Design Centre for Sustainability, Bing Thom Architects, Michael Ableman, Ekistics, Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company, the Vancouver Public Space Network, the Dynamic Cities Project and Community Studio. An invitation with more detail is attached. If you are able to attend, we ask that you RSVP to ubcfarmvision@gmail.com by November 10th.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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2. LIFE SCIENCES CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

Date & Time: December 1, 2008, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

You are cordially invited to attend the Life Sciences Centre Open House. Doors open at 6pm.

The evening will commence with the following speakers, followed up with a Q&A session:

Dr. Brett Finlay
Dr. Jane Roskams
Dr. Cal Roskelley
Dr. Joanne Weinberg

Following the speaker session, you will have the opportunity to engage in poster presentations and meet the researchers.

If you have any questions about this upcoming event, please contact me.

Kind Regards,
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LIFE SCIENCES CENTRE
OPEN HOUSE

Featuring:	Interactive Presentations from World-Class Experts
You will:	Learn about the latest in research on diseases and health issues that affect our lives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Cancer · Diabetes · Blood · Imaging · Heart & Stroke · Environment · Infections · Vision
When:	Monday December 1, 2008 6:00pm to 9:30pm Life Sciences Centre 2350 Health Sciences Mall Ground Floor (corner of Agronomy Road)
Admission:	FREE including light refreshments
Register:	http://www.research.ubc.ca/UIEventRegistration.aspx?eventID=207 by Nov 24 th
Hosted by:	Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science, Health Research Resource Office, Life Sciences Institute, Office of the Vice President Research

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3. THE CANADIAN PATIENT SAFETY INSTITUTE (CPSI)

2008 CPSI Research Competition Reminder

Application Deadline: December 2, 2008

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) announced its fourth Research Competition in September 2008, to continue its strategic mandate of increasing the scope and scale of research and evaluation activities in patient safety. The primary goal for CPSI Research Competition is to develop knowledge about patient safety that can be helpful in a variety

of settings and circumstances in organizations across Canada. Research funded will have patient safety as a primary focus.

We are currently accepting applications. The competition closes on December 2, 2008. Please visit our website at for more information on the [2008 Research Competition](#).

Respectfully yours,

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4. THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

New! Transformative R01 Program

Application Submission Period: December 29, 2008 to January 29, 2009

The NIH's new Transformative R01 Program (T-R01s) will allow highly creative, "out-of-the-box" projects to be supported. The T-R01 Program represents a High Risk/High Reward Demonstration Project in which novel approaches to peer review and program management are to be piloted.

The application submission period is from December 29, 2008 to January 29, 2009. See <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/T-R01/> for more information. Send questions to T_R01@mail.nih.gov.

The NIH Roadmap for Medical Research, launched in 2004, is a series of initiatives designed to address fundamental knowledge gaps, develop transformative tools and technologies, and/or foster innovative approaches to complex problems. Funded through the NIH Common Fund, these programs cut across the missions of individual NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) and are intended to accelerate the translation of research to improvements in public health. OPASI, in collaboration with all NIH ICs, oversees programs funded by the Common Fund. Additional information about the NIH Roadmap and Common Fund can be found at <http://www.nihroadmap.nih.gov/>.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) –“The Nation's Medical Research Agency” – includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting

basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit <http://www.nih.gov/>.

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5. CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR)

a) Randomized Controlled Trials

LOI Deadline: January 15, 2009

Application Deadline: February 16, 2009

A Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) is an experiment in which investigators randomly assign eligible subjects (or other units of study, e.g. classrooms, clinics, playgrounds) into groups to receive or not receive one or more interventions that are being compared. The results are analyzed by comparing outcomes in the groups. Applications will be examined for the relevance of the question posed, and the appropriateness of the methodology and of gender representation in the study design and selection of research subjects.

b) Chair: GlaxoSmithKline Partnered (2008-2009)

LOI Deadline: February 2, 2009

Application Deadline: March 2, 2009

GlaxoSmithKline Inc. (GSK), with an investment totaling over \$30M, intends to establish endowed Research Chairs at many of Canada's medical schools (or affiliated research institutes) in disciplines where specific universities are particularly strong, and where GSK and CIHR both have clear scientific interest.

The maximum salary for a single award is \$150,000 (including fringe benefits) per annum, for up to five years.

- Salary contribution: \$70,000 to \$150,000 per annum, including fringe benefits, commensurate with the candidate's experience and with institutional policies.
- Operating grant component: typically \$100,000 per annum.
- This award is renewable once.

For more details please visit: <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/search.do?fodAgency=CIHR&fodLanguage=E&all=1&search=true&org=CIHR&sort=program&masterList=true&view=currentOpps>

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6. RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN GERMANY

The **Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation** offers fellowships to young scholars (no more than twelve years from attaining the Ph.D.) to be held in Germany for anywhere from 6 to 18 months. The monthly minimum amount is €2450 with additional amounts for spouse and child(ren), for research costs, and for some travel. Fellowship holders choose their own project, but need a professor at a German university to sponsor them.

If this is something you might consider, please come to an information meeting at **12 noon on November 18, 2008 in Buchanan D 317**. Should this time not be convenient for you, please get in touch with Dr. Gernot Wieland at gwieland@interchange.ubc.ca or at 2-5749.

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7. WILLIAM WEBBER INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION FELLOSHIP (see attached)

The following message / attachment is sent on behalf of the Department of Family Practice. Please circulate it to faculty members within your unit.

The spirit of the William Webber International Medical Education Fellowship is to foster the sharing of discipline-based content as well as faculty development between faculty in the University of British Columbia and Patan Academy of the Health Sciences (PAHS) in Nepal. The goal of this fellowship is to provide faculty, who will make a substantial commitment to PAHS, with the means to spend time in Vancouver or Nepal engaging in activities that promote academic excellence at PAHS. To further this goal, financial support has been generously provided by the Dr Don Rix Family Foundation.

The deadline for applications is **December 1, 2008**.

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UBC Farm Design Workshop

Visioning the Future of Food, Agriculture + the Urban Environment

The UBC Farm/Centre for Sustainable Food Systems is the following
_Vancouver's last working farm.

_A demonstration of ecological, production-scale agriculture that provides city-dwellers the opportunity to learn hands-on about how changes in the way food is produced and distributed are a key piece in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating climate change, and in creating healthy local communities and economies.

_A place for broad-based research, learning and community engagement which offers one-of-a-kind programs such as an urban Aboriginal community kitchen, a student-run farmer's market, innovative apprenticeships in organic agriculture, elementary school garden projects, and a diverse array of research into creating the sustainable food systems of the future.

_A leader in re-visioning our food system and the links between urban populations and the agricultural land that sustains them in a time of global food crisis.



November 22nd Design Workshop

A group of UBC alumni and students in the urban design professions – planning, landscape architecture and architecture – have come together to envision the future of the UBC Farm.

The aim of the November 22nd workshop will be to create a dialogue through design to illustrate the future role of this one-of-a-kind place. The design workshop will focus on a long term vision for the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems and its direct manifestation on the ground.

This will be the key opportunity to give input into the long-term vision for this one-of-a-kind place. At this critical time for the future of the site, it is vital to get input from all user groups: faculty, students and the broader community. Your participation is key to the success of this process.



Current partners include

The UBC Design Centre for Sustainability, Bing Thom Architects, Michael Ableman, Ekistics, Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company, the Vancouver Public Space Network, the Dynamic Cities Project and Community Studio.

How you can be involved

As a facilitator, expert, participant, or active member of the design team that is developing the workshop on November 22nd.

Details

When: Saturday, Nov 22, 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Where: First Nations House of Learning, UBC

Lunch will be provided.

For more details or to register
ubcfarmvision@gmail.com

Please RSVP by Monday, November 10, 2008.



William Webber

International Medical Education Fellowship

The spirit of the William Webber International Medical Education Fellowship is to foster the sharing of discipline-based content as well as faculty development between faculty in the University of British Columbia and Patan Academy of the Health Sciences (PAHS) in Nepal. The goal of this fellowship is to provide faculty, who will make a substantial commitment to PAHS, with the means to spend time in Vancouver or Nepal engaging in activities that promote academic excellence at PAHS. To further this goal, financial support has been generously provided by the Dr Don Rix Family Foundation.

Eligibility criteria for PAHS Faculty

Persons eligible for this fellowship should :

- have a full-time appointment with PAHS, either as a basic science or clinical faculty member, a medical educator and/or a faculty/program leader.
- have a predetermined goal (either professional or faculty development) for their stay in Vancouver.
- Provide a letter of support confirming their capacity and the appropriateness of their planned activities.
- be prepared to spend a minimum of 3-4 weeks in Vancouver.
- have established a tentative program of study with (a) faculty member(s) at the University of British Columbia including a rough time-line.
- be prepared to give a presentation at the Medical Education Grand Rounds once during their stay. They could also be invited to make a presentation to medical students at an appropriate venue.
- once back in Nepal, to write a descriptive summary of the work they accomplished at UBC and how it has impacted PAHS.
- supply a tentative budget (airfare, food and lodging) in advance.
- Provide ORIGINAL receipts for all expenses within three weeks of return to Nepal.

Eligibility criteria for Faculty at the University of British Columbia

Persons eligible for this fellowship should:

- have either a full or part-time, clinical, basic science and/or educational faculty appointment with UBC.
- have a predetermined goal (either professional or faculty development) for their stay in Nepal.
- Ensure, through appropriate consultation, that their proposed activity is in keeping with the expressed needs and priorities of the PAHS.
- Provide a letter of support confirming their capacity and the appropriateness of their planned activities.

- be prepared to spend a minimum of 3-4 weeks working at/for PAHS in Nepal and/or be prepared to make a substantial contribution to faculty or curriculum development within the PAHS program.
- once back in Canada, write a descriptive summary of the work they accomplished in Nepal and how it has impacted PAHS. In addition they will be expected to make appropriate presentations to UBC faculty and students, perhaps in conjunction with the William Webber memorial luncheon.
- supply a tentative budget (airfare, food and lodging) in advance.
- Provide ORIGINAL receipts for all expenses within three weeks of return to Canada.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Successful applicants will not usually reapply for three years but the Committee will consider such applications as funding and strategic priorities permit.

For Faculty going to Nepal this fellowship will cover the following expenses:

Roundtrip airfare (not to exceed \$2500.00)

Modest accommodation (not to exceed \$250 per week up to a maximum of 5 weeks)

Per Diem (not to exceed \$100 per week up to a maximum of 5 weeks)

For Faculty coming to Vancouver this fellowship will cover the following expenses:

Roundtrip airfare (not to exceed \$2500.00)

Modest accommodation (not to exceed \$900 per week up to a maximum of 4 weeks)

Per Diem (not to exceed \$300.00 per week up to a maximum of 4 weeks)

APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINE

Applications will consist of a letter of intent by the applicant, establishing their eligibility as described above (maximum two pages double-spaced).

Applications should be addressed to the Chair of the Adjudication Committee, Dr. Robert Woollard by email (woollard@familymed.ubc.ca with copy to joan.decker@familymed.ubc.ca). **Deadline for receipt of applications for the first year will be December 1st, 2008.** to cover fellowship activities subsequent to that date.

Successful applicants will be notified by email no later than December 31st. Applications subsequent to that date may be considered as funding and strategic priorities permit.