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#1. WELCOME RECEPTION for the new PGY1 & PGY2 residents

All faculty, residents and staff
are invited to join us for
wine and appetizers
Thursday, July 5
5:00-7:00 P.M.

Peter Wall Institute
6331 Crescent Road - UBC Campus
upstairs in the Leon & Thea Koerner Centre

Please RSVP to:
Lynn Falconer
604-875-4111, x68092
pge@interchange.ubc.ca

#2. Bipolar Disorder Consumer Education Night – July 10, 2007 (attachment)

The MSFHR-funded CREST team and the Department of Psychiatry and the Institute for Mental Health at UBC have organised a **bipolar disorder** education night for consumers and their families. The event will be held between 7 and 9 pm at the UBC Robson Square campus on July 10th 2007. Please distribute the attached poster as you see fit, or contact Heather Armstrong for further details or hard copies.

Best wishes, Erin.

#3. Fidler Research Grant - Deadline July 16, 2007

From: National Resource Center [<mailto:fye@sc.edu>]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 2:01 PM
To: Piper, Martha
Subject: Fidler Research Grant Deadline Approaching -----

As the July 16 proposal submission deadline nears, I would like to invite you to apply or encourage a colleague to apply for the 2007-08 Paul P. Fidler Research Grant. Sponsored by the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, this grant features a comprehensive award package that includes a \$5,000 research stipend, travel to the Center's two National Conferences on Students in Transition in 2007 and 2008, and the potential for publication. The Paul P. Fidler Research Grant promotes the development and dissemination of original research that has the potential for national impact on college student learning and success.

The awarding of this grant the past two years has been among our Center's most exciting work. In only two years, the Paul P. Fidler Research Grant has become a well-respected and highly competitive grant program. In 2006, the Center received 92 proposals from researchers and practitioners from throughout the United States, an increase from the 68 proposals received in 2005.

Dr. Barbara Hofer, Associate Professor of Psychology at Middlebury College in Vermont, was selected as the recipient of the 2006-07 Paul P. Fidler Research Grant. An abstract from Dr. Hofer's winning proposal titled The Electronic Tether: Parental Regulation, Self-Regulation, and the Role of Technology in College Transitions appears at <http://www.sc.edu/fye/research/grant/year/2006.html>. Dr. Christine Kirk-Kuwaye, of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, was selected as the recipient of the inaugural Paul P. Fidler Research Grant in 2005-06. The abstract from Dr. Kirk-Kuwaye's proposal titled First-Semester Patterns of Student Engagement: Lateral and Community College Transfer Students at a Four-Year Institution appears at <http://www.sc.edu/fye/research/grant/year/2005.html>.

Among the outstanding research projects selected as finalists in 2006 were:

- € Heath Boice-Pardee of Rochester Institute of Technology, for his study entitled The Sophomore Transition: A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of Student Development
- € Peter Mather of Ohio University for his study entitled An Investigation of the Experience of Traditional-Age Students Moving From On-campus to Off-campus Living
- € Crystal Park of the University of Connecticut, for her study entitled A Stress and Coping Model of Adjustment to the First Year of Graduate School
- € Susan Sy of California State University, Fullerton for her study entitled The Influence of Family Obligations on Latina Students' College Adjustment

Among the outstanding research projects selected as finalists in 2005 were:

- € Melissa Ousley of the University of Arizona, for her study entitled Millennials and Diversity: Unraveling the Tapestry
- € Jason Johnson & Jeffrey Grigg of the University of Wisconsin, Madison for their study entitled Student Self-Representation in Web-Based Social Networks: University Freshmen and thefacebook.com
- € Joel V. McGee of Texas A&M University, for his study entitled A Mixed

Methods Approach to Understanding Factors which Influence Academic Help-Seeking Among Freshmen and Transfer Students
€ Patrick C. Burns of Valdosta State University, for his study entitled Closing the Gap: Expectations, Importance, and Satisfaction in Academic Advising

The grant is named in memory of Dr. Paul P. Fidler, a faculty member at the University of South Carolina, whose pioneering research on student learning and success had a vital impact on the work being done to promote the success of all students in transition. I encourage you to continue his legacy by applying for this opportunity to promote research with the potential to impact student success. For more information about the Paul P. Fidler Research Grant, please visit <http://www.sc.edu/fye/research/grant/index.html>.

The Paul P. Fidler Research Grant competition is open to faculty, staff, and graduate students who plan to conduct research on issues of college student transitions. Cross-institutional research teams are encouraged to apply. The following individuals are not eligible for the Paul P. Fidler Research Grant and may not be included as part of proposed research teams: National Resource Center staff & fellows; current members of the Center's National Advisory Board; and students, staff, and faculty of the University of South Carolina system.

Mary Stuart Hunter
Executive Director
National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition

#4. Centre For International Child Health Presentation – July 17, 2007 (attachment)

Attached please find our poster for the next local CICH presentation on July 17th, 2007.

We have two presenters, Jack Forbes, "Working in Pediatric HIV in Africa", and William Grut, "Steps to Recovery, A Project with Children in Post-Tsunami Sri Lanka".

#5. Centres of Excellence for Commercialization and Research – Operating Funding – Deadline August 20, 2007

Please note the opportunity for generating operating funds for internationally recognized research groups described in the attachment.

Bipolar Disorder: A review of medication and self-management strategies. An education night for consumers and their families.

Hosted by: Dr. Erin Michalak, PhD., Assistant Professor, Mood Disorders Centre, Department of Psychiatry, UBC and Dr. Allan Young, MB, PhD., Professor, UBC Department of Psychiatry, LEEF Chair in Depression Research and Co-Director, Institute of Mental Health. In conjunction with: The CREST.BD team, the UBC Department of Psychiatry and the UBC Institute of Mental Health

Topics:

- **Medication treatment strategies for BD: Dr. Allan Young**
- **Psychosocial self-management strategies for BD: Dr. Erin Michalak**
- **Question and answer panel: Allan Young, Erin Michalak and members of the CREST.BD team (an interdisciplinary team dedicated to the study of psychosocial issues in BD)**

July 10th, 2007, 7-9pm

**UBC Robson Square Theatre, 800 Robson St. Vancouver
corner of Robson and Howe.**

Please pre-register for this event as seats are limited.

**Send your name and \$5 registration fee (cheque or money
order, cheques to be made out to the UBC Mood Disorders Centre -
waived in cases of financial hardship) to:**

**UBC Mood Disorders Centre
Attn: Heather Armstrong
Room 2C7-2255 Wesbrook Mall
Vancouver, B.C.
V6T 2A1**

**For more information, please contact Heather Armstrong at 604.822.8045
or via email at hla@interchange.ubc.ca**

*The Centre for International Child Health
would like to invite you to the fourth
presentation in the series...*

HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHILD HEALTH... Presentations from the field

Working in Pediatric HIV in Africa

Jack Forbes

Dr. Forbes will discuss his role working with Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and their role in mother to child HIV transmission and treatment of HIV infected children.

Steps to Recovery: a project with children in post-tsunami Sri Lanka

William Grut

The Rose Charities project in Kalmunai on the East Coast of Sri Lanka began 5 days after the tsunami. Using teams of volunteers from B.C. Children's Hospital for training and building local capacity, the project has supported over 10,000 children and their families through the many stages of recovery after the disaster. What have we learned after the tsunami? Is there a greater role for community based organizations in disaster response? This session will look at some of the strengths and weaknesses of large NGO's versus small CBO's in responding to the tsunami.



TUESDAY JULY 17th, 5:30-7:30pm

CHAN AUDITORIUM, BC Children's Hospital site

Enter the BC Children's Hospital site through Gate 1 off Oak Street. Turn left and you will find the Chan Centre on your left hand side.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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MEMORANDUM

TO: UBC Research Community
FROM: John Hepburn & Don Brooks
SUBJECT: **Centres of Excellence for Commercialization and Research:** operating funding for internationally recognized centres of expertise
DATE: June 28, 2007

On June 26 the federal government announced a program of operating fund support for outstanding centres of research and commercialization. The information and Letter of Intent guidelines and forms can be found on the National Centres of Excellence website at http://www.nce.gc.ca/comp/CECR/cecr_e.htm . This program will invest \$165M for a period of five years with a nominal award of \$15M per centre. Obviously this will be hotly contested competition but we urge all who feel they can satisfy the Program Criteria listed at <http://www.nce.gc.ca/comp/CECR/2007-LOIGuide-Final-MLC.pdf> to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI). The LOI are due **August 20, 2007** and those selected for full application must meet the application deadline of **October 31, 2007**. **Note that letters from stakeholders, with no limit on the number of letters, need to be included with the LOI.** Complete schedules and application information can be found at the above sites. This program is designed to (partially) meet the need to provide operating funding for large infrastructure investments that have been made in Canada through, for instance, the CFI or other funding programs. We will be trying to help organize the LOI's and applications from UBC through the VP Research Office, perhaps providing some help with organization and writing. To this end **we would appreciate receiving by July 20, 2007 the names and general research areas of groups (Centres) planning on submitting an LOI.** Please email this information with any questions to don.brooks@ubc.ca .