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1. Sichuan Earth Quake

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your emails and phones calls from all over the world.

The first earthquake hit on Sichuan province (the epicentre Wenchuan is 75 miles from my hometown in China) at 2:28pm on May 12th with magnitude of 7.8. The quake was China's deadliest since 1976. The official death toll climbed past 12,000 in Sichuan province, and the number appeared certain to rise far far higher as rescue and recovery efforts moved forward. In just one place near to the epicenter 18,645 people are still buried in debris and another town 900 students are feared dead in a collapsed school in Juyuan, a part of Sichuan's Dujiangyan city. Heavy rain is impeding rescue efforts. There have been over 4000 aftershocks for past 25 hours with the shocks between magnitude 4 and 6.

I thank you all for your sympathy and offers of help.

The Canadian Red Cross is accepting donations from the Canadian public to support the relief efforts that are already underway (<http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=27348&tid=001>):

Canadians wishing to make a financial donation may give online at www.redcross.ca, call 1-800-418-1111 or contact their local Canadian Red Cross office. The 24-hour toll free line accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Cheques should be made payable to the Canadian Red Cross, earmarked "China Earthquake" and mailed to the

Canadian Red Cross National Office, 170 Metcalfe Street, Suite 300,
Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 2P2.

Thanks again,

Weihong Song

2. Subject: REMINDER - 2009 Killam Prize Nomination (Canada Council)

Attention: Deans, ADRs, Dept. Heads and Directors

RE: Killam Research Prizes (Canada Council) – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Canada Council for the Arts is currently seeking nominations for the 2009 Killam Prizes. These prizes are awarded each year to distinguished Canadian scholars doing research in the following fields: health sciences, natural sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities. Normally, one prize out of each of the 5 categories is awarded each year. Killam Prize recipients receive \$100,000.00 each. Deadlines for the 2009 Killam Prize is June 16, 2008.

All nominations **MUST** go through the Vice President Research Office and contain a letter of support written on behalf of Dr. John Hepburn, VP Research. If you would like to nominate a candidate for this prestigious prize, please be sure to have the support letter and a description of the nomination into the VP Research Office no later than **Monday June 9th**

To download a nomination form or for more information on the prize, please visit:

<http://www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/killam/nf127281699611562500.htm>

If you have questions regarding the nomination process or coordinating a nomination with the VP Research Office, please contact Heidi Taylor at 604-822-6010

The VP Research Office encourages nominations of all deserving candidates

3. Electrical Shutdown notice

From 2300 June 7th to 0900 June 8th the UBC Hospital buildings will be running on emergency generators.

** Normal power will be switched off at 2300 and EMERGENCY POWER ONLY will be available**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact facility maintenance & operations ay 2-2723



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PHCRI Researchers Abroad Lecture Series

This lecture series is designed to bring people from all over Providence together to highlight the international-calibre work being conducted by researchers at the PHC Research Institute.

Featuring Dr. Michael Krausz

UBC/Providence Health Care B.C. Leadership Chair in Addiction Research
Professor of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia

**“Heroin Assisted Treatment – Dead End or
Necessary Treatment Option?”**

DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2008

TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Hurlburt Auditorium, SPH

A light lunch will be served and space is limited.
Please RSVP to research@providencehealth.bc.ca or 604-806-8175.



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