

Today's issue includes the following items. Please note in particular, #4 - the Health Research forum, which is to be held this coming Saturday, March 7:

1. **Tri-University Symposium** → **MAY 13**
2. **Department of Psychiatry 24th Annual Research Day** → **deadline: APR 24**
3. **Library Invitation: Presentation on Scholarly Publishing** → **MAR 5**
4. **Discussion of The Upcoming NSERC Strategic Projects Grant (SPG) Competition** → **MAR 6**
5. **Health Research Forum** → **MAR 7**
6. **Medical Education Grand Rounds - Dr. Richard Hays** → **MAR 6**
7. **Psychiatry IT – Adobe Vulnerability**
8. **UBC Faculty of Medicine Sun Run (2009) Corporate Team Event - Registration Reminder** → **APR 19 (attachment)**
9. **WHRI Upcoming Events** → **MAR 5 & 9 (attachment)**

1. TRI-UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

May 13th, 2009

UBC Department of Psychiatry will host a one day symposium at UBC to showcase research being done in the department and the international collaborate sites such as *Seoul National University* in Korea, the *Institute of Psychiatry* in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and at the *University of Porto Alegre* in Brazil.

The exact location and program details will be available in the near future.

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2. DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY 24th ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY

June 11th, 2009

Join your colleagues and trainees to hear about latest research being conducted at UBC.

There will be opportunities for oral and poster presentations. Present your best research work and get the award (A total of four Awards for best poster and best oral presentations will be available).

Abstract submission deadline for trainees is **April 24th, 2009.**

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3. LIBRARY INVITATION: PRESENTATION ON SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING

March 5th, 2009

You are invited to a presentation about faculty & researcher use of new models of scholarly publishing and communication. UBC faculty and researchers participated in the study, and now the principle investigator will be here to share her findings.

Date: March 5 2-4pm
Location: Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (Dodson Room).

For details and to register, please see:

<http://weblogs.elearning.ubc.ca/lifescienceslib/index.php>

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4. DISCUSSION OF THE UPCOMING NSERC STRATEGIC PROJECTS GRANT (SPG) COMPETITION

March 6th, 2009

Please see the announcement below and attached regarding an NSERC workshop on Friday, March 6 in the Koerner Library Building. The registration deadline is tomorrow (March 4).

On behalf of the VPRO and ORS, Dr. Rabab Ward (NSERC Coordinator) invites you to join her, along with Dr. Pierre Berube (NSERC SPG Committee Member), in a discussion of the upcoming NSERC Strategic Projects Grant (SPG) competition.

The workshop will focus on strategies for building a successful SPG application.

Date: **Friday March 6, 2009**
Time: **9:30am – 11:00am**
Location: **BC Gas Conference Room (Room 742), 7th Floor, Koerner Library Bldg.**
RSVP: Alison.Ariss@ors.ubc.ca (by March 4)

This invitation is open to all researchers interested in the target areas specified by, regardless if you are traditionally funded by NSERC or another tri-council agency. The SPG program allows of up to 30% of the budget to be spent on costs of research outside of NSECR's traditional disciplines, as the SPG projects are expected to answer complex questions with applications (either technology or policy) as potential outcomes.

Target areas:

- 1. Advanced Communications and Management of Information**
- 2. Biomedical Technologies**
- 3. Competitive Manufacturing**
- 4. Healthy Environment and Ecosystems**
- 5. Quality Foods and Novel Bioproducts**
- 6. Safety and Security**
- 7. Sustainable Energy Systems (Production, Distribution and Utilization)**

The link to the NSERC SPG program description:

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/SPG-SPS_eng.aspp

Please RSVP to Alison Ariss at Alison.ariss@ors.ubc.ca by Wednesday March 4th. Light refreshments will be provided.

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5. HEALTH RESEARCH FORUM

March 7th, 2009

CELEBRATE RESEARCH WEEK

Health Research Forum

Saturday, March 7th, 2009

The Kaleidoscope of Public Health

10am to noon

Join faculty members from UBC's new School of Population and Public Health in their discussions of healthier populations and the ongoing research that will get us there. Learn more about how we can improve the health of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens; how we can prevent the next "SARS" from taking lives and shutting down our city; and what we can do to improve our own chances for a longer, healthier life.

Emerging Research Themes in Psychiatry

2pm to 4pm

The mysteries of the mind are endless, particularly when it comes to mental illness. Join some of Canada's most promising young psychiatric researchers for their forum on emerging research themes in this field. You'll learn about the latest research on stress and addiction, mental disorders like depression and bipolar disease, as well as novel drug therapies.

Presenters

Jennifer Lloyd

Playing where the puck is going to be: Integrating multiple approaches to monitoring health & development

Carolyn Gotay

Cancer Prevention 2009: Progress and challenges

Meghan Winters

Cycling for everyone: A bicycle trip planner for Metro Vancouver

Chris Lovato

Anticipated and Perceived Impact: Distributed medical education from the community's perspective

Erica Frank

Teaching Canadian physicians to be healthy (and how that affects Canadian patients)

Patti Janssen

Searching for Truth with Numbers: Epidemiology and biostatistics in public health

Danuta Skowronski

Rapid Response Research – Real-time relevance, rehearsal and readiness for emerging public health threats

Jun-Feng Wang

How do mood stabilizers work? A focus on new molecular approaches

John Ogrodniczuk

Men and depression – An exploration of uncharted waters

Christian G. Schütz

Using nicotine to study the link between stress and addiction

David Bond

What's new in the treatment of bipolar depression?

Saturday, March 7th

UBC ROBSON SQUARE

800 Robson Street

Open to the public No registration necessary



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6. MEDICAL EDUCATION GRAND ROUNDS - DR. RICHARD HAYS

March 6th, 2009



**Centre for Health Education
Scholarship (CHES)
Medical Education Grand
Rounds**

Dr. Richard Hays, a visiting professor and Head of The Keele University School of Medicine, will be presenting at the Medical Education Grand Rounds.

Topic: Longitudinal cohort studies to measure the effectiveness of medical education innovations: Lessons from one Australian experience

Date: Friday, **March 6th**, 2009 12:00 – 13:00

Venue: Diamond Health Care Centre – 11th Floor, Room 2263

Videoconferencing available for:

Victoria: MSB 155

Prince George: PGRH 5005

Lunch will be served

Abstract:

For about 10 years medical education has been in a phase of expansion, with several innovative developments that aim to produce more graduates prepared and willing to work in under-served areas. There have been many different models, including expansions of established schools, partnerships between established and regional universities, and completely new medical schools in regional communities. These developments represent significant investment by governments, universities, the medical profession and regional communities. There is a high level of expectation that regional health workforce problems will be solved, higher quality health care will result for under-served populations, regional communities will develop and access into health careers will improve for local applicants. Clearly it is important that these innovative developments are evaluated to discover if they have been worthwhile. Such evaluations are however not easy, as they require multiple methodologies, considerable resources and substantial time periods. This presentation will discuss the approach to evaluation of innovations in medical education, based on the progress so far of one of the first of the new regional schools – James Cook University in northern Australia. A longitudinal cohort study is under way, graduate workforce patterns are being monitored and the impacts on regional community development are being observed and recorded. This example may be helpful to UBC in planning its own evaluation of the development in northern BC, which is a different and distinctive approach to addressing similar agendas in a somewhat similar context.

Biography:

Richard Hays began his medical career as a rural general practitioner in northern Australia. After 10 years of full-time clinical practice, he almost accidentally entered academic life to pursue a career in teaching and education research at both postgraduate and undergraduate levels. From 1999 to 2005 he guided the development of a new Australian School of Medicine (James Cook University), where there is a focus on regional and rural health care issues. He is now Head of the new School of Medicine at Keele University in the United Kingdom, with responsibility for guiding the development of a new curriculum. He has also acted as a consultant to the development of several other new medical school developments in Australia, Canada and Asia, and is an experienced medical education quality assurance surveyor in Australasia, the United Kingdom and Europe. This interest in educational development and its relationship with health care service delivery, built on academic qualifications in medicine, educational psychology and medical education, has led to a strong research and publishing record, resulting in about 90 research papers, several other academic papers and six books.

Please join us.

Dr. Joanna Bates
Director of CHES

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7. ADOBE VULNERABILITY

Your computer is vulnerable to being taken over, if you open compromised PDF files with Adobe Reader or Acrobat. Please do not open PDF files from untrusted sources, until your copy of Adobe Reader or Acrobat has been patched. It will be a couple of weeks, before Adobe releases patches for this vulnerability. We'll patch all supported D_Psychiatry computers, once the patches are released. Self-supported computer users should check <http://www.adobe.com/support/security/advisories/apsa09-01.html> for availability of the patches.

Colin Bryant

Computer System Coordinator - UBC, Dept. of Psychiatry
604-822-7374 <http://www.psychiatry.ubc.ca/FS/ts.htm>

For new Technical Support issues, please e-mail PsychIT@exchange.ubc.ca and quote your computer's inventory number (front of towers or bottom of notebooks).

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**8. UBC FACULTY OF MEDICINE SUN RUN (2009) CORPORATE TEAM
EVENT – REGISTRATION REMINDER (see attached)**

April 29th, 2009

Join the team for our first...

fun sun run

Part of the Vancouver Sun Run

~ a Faculty of Medicine corporate team
event for faculty, staff and students
[runners and walkers welcome]



Faculty of Medicine

Sunday April 19 2009

Run time @ 9AM.

Georgia St between Thurlow St and Burrard St
Vancouver, BC

Interested? >> RSVP @ sunrun@medd.med.ubc.ca



About the event...

As part of the annual Vancouver Sun Run—and in support of the Faculty's health initiative—the UBC Faculty of Medicine asks you to consider joining our first "corporate team". This run or walk team event is open to all faculty, staff, and students from the Faculty of Medicine.

Cost for participation: \$40. Early bird discount: \$5.

Team registration deadline: Feb 6, 2009.

Last day for internet registration @ sunrun.com: March 6, 2009.

Learn more about the Vancouver Sun Run @ sunrun.com.

Learn more about the Health Initiative @ www.med.ubc.ca.



This is the **25th Anniversary** of the now annual [Vancouver Sun Run](#) – co-founded by members of our Faculty (Jack Taunton & Doug Clement, faculty members in the Department of Family Practice). To celebrate their role and in support of the Faculty’s health initiative, you may wish to consider joining our first “corporate team”. This *run or walk team event* is open to all faculty, staff, and students from the Faculty of Medicine. The date of the Sun Run is Sunday, April 19, 2009. Participants are encouraged to "run with the Faculty" and register - either under our corporate team name ("UBC Faculty of Medicine") or - if you have already registered - simply log on to the website and add your name to the corporate team “UBC Faculty of Medicine”. Further details are below.

Sun Run information:

- **Register** online @ www.sunrun.com. >> (see instructions below)
 - Cost \$40.
 - Early bird registration is February 6, 2009. \$5.00 discount applied.
 - Last day for internet registration is March 6, 2009.
 - We need to contact you about champions in your area and potential practice runs/walks as well as how we meet up on the day.
- **Email** our Faculty's run organizer Christine Veloso (Dean's Office) @ sunrun@medd.med.ubc.ca to her know you're interested in participating.
- **Location:** Vancouver, BC >> Georgia St between Thurlow St and Burrard St
- **Time:** 9AM start. (Team meeting place at 0800 TBA)
- T-shirts with the "UBC Faculty of Medicine" logo will be available on race-day

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Preparing for the Run

- **Who can participate?** Runners/ walkers are both welcome.
- **Is there training?** You may wish to register for a local training clinic through the Sun Run website (above) or join the on-line in-training community (see attached PDF, "Online InTraining for Sun Run 09").
 - We can help you find a running or walking partner once we have your email – look for our new website for the Faculty of Medicine Health Initiative which should be live shortly and will provide more information.

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Registering @ www.sunrun.com

- Select "Registration"
- Select ‘Teams and Members: Corporate’
- Select one of the following: ‘JOIN a Corporate Team’ or ‘JOIN a Corporate Team: InTraining Clinic Only’

- Click 'Add to my Cart'
- Select 'Create New Account'. This will allow you to access your race details and information at any time. If you already have an account this year, enter your login name and password.
After you have created the account, enter the required personal information and remember your 'Login Name' and 'Password'
- Click 'Submit' or 'Submit and Add Account Member'. Click 'Continue'. Click 'Continue' again to proceed with your personal registration.
- Select your Corporate Team from the drop-down list of teams.
- Enter your Team Password (case and space-sensitive). Enter the required information (10k time, t-shirt size, age category).
- If you would like to pay later (before April 15th) select the "Scheduled Payment" option.
- Select 'Continue' once you have entered all of your information.
- Select 'Edit' if you want to change any information, select 'Add Another One' if you'd like to add another registration, select 'Remove' if you want to delete the registration, or select 'Continue' to proceed to checkout.
- Accept the waiver and enter credit card information if you are paying now.
- Select 'Continue' to complete your registration(s).

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9. WHRI UPCOMING EVENTS (see attached)

The Women's Health Research Institute cordially invites you to attend the following two special events:

The Women's Health Research Institute cordially invites you to attend a knowledge-sharing symposium about the role of Vaginal Microbiota in Health & Disease and the novel molecular tool - chaperonin-60 (CPN-60) based sequencing technology - that our team is using to investigate complex microbial communities. Assisted by funding from a MSFHR-funded Team Planning Grant, we are pleased to have several of our multidisciplinary team members present on their areas of research/expertise.

Date: **Thursday, March 5, 2009**
 Time: **1:00 - 5:00 pm**
 Location: **Room D308, BC Women's Hospital Health Centre**

Agenda attached

The Women's Health Research Institute is hosting a public symposium on **Monday, March 9, 2009** at UBC Robson Square (800 Robson Street, Vancouver) as part of the University's Celebrate Research Week 2009. Our event entitled "Navigating the Uncertain World of Women's Health - How Research can Inform Disease Prevention: The HPV Vaccine as a Study" will begin at **6:00 pm** and feature HPV researchers from the Greater Vancouver area.

This event is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the HPV Vaccine. Please feel free to distribute this email or print off multiple copies of the attached flyer to post in several areas around your facility. We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues, neighbours, friends & family. Thank you for your support.

Please contact us with any questions or comments. We look forward to seeing you on March 9, 2009.

All are welcome! Please post and distribute this information as appropriate. RSVP to whri@cw.bc.ca or call 604-875-3459 for more information.

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InTraining Online for Sun Run 2009

Want to train for The Vancouver Sun Run, but don't have access, or the time, to join one of the many Sun Run InTraining Clinics? Is your high school planning on taking part in the school division of the Sun Run? Do you have a group of co-workers you would like to coordinate a regular training schedule leading up to the Sun Run?

Starting January 17, 2009 join one of SportMedBC's resident Olympians Lynn Kanuka (Bronze medallist in 1984) and start training for The Vancouver Sun Run with SportMedBC's unique online support.

You will have access to SportMedBC's proven 13-week training schedules and will be provided with valuable coaching advice every step of the way. You can train anywhere and at anytime — all you need is a computer and a good pair of runners!

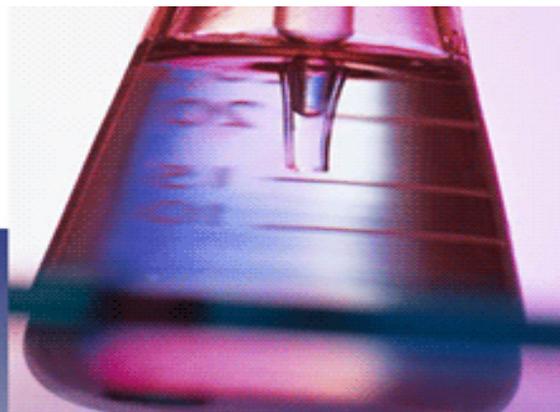
Your registration fee - \$129, plus GST - includes:

- Sun Run InTraining Logbook
- New Balance Lightning Dry Tempo long sleeve
- 13-week detailed training programs for all levels
- An individual entry for the Sun Run
- Coaching advice from Olympian Lynn Kanuka
- Weekly fitness advice on nutrition, injury prevention and more

For more information call SportMedBC at (604) 903-3883 or (604) 903-3882, or go to www.sportmedbc.com.



WOMEN'S HEALTH
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Vaginal Microbiota in Health & Disease

AGENDA

- 13:00 – 13:40** Dr. **Deborah Money**, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, UBC
“Bacterial Vaginosis 101 & Infectious Etiology of Preterm Birth”
- 13:40 – 14:00** Dr. **Pascal Lavoie**, Assistant Professor, Division of Neonatology, UBC
“Infectious Sequelae in the Preterm Neonate”
- 14:00 – 14:20** Dr. **Kenneth Lim**, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, UBC
“Overview of Preterm Birth”
- 14:20 – 14:30** Break
- 14:30 – 14:50** Dr. **Sean Hemmingsen**, Senior Research Officer, NRC Plant Biotechnology Institute, Saskatoon, SK
“Overview of Sequence-Based Approaches for Studying Microbial Communities”
- 14:50 – 15:10** Dr. **Janet Hill**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Microbiology, University of Saskatchewan, SK
“Application of CPN-60 Based Methods to Profiling the Vaginal Microbiota”
- 15:10 – 15:30** Mr. **Matthew Links**, Molecular Bioinformatics Biologist, Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, Saskatoon, SK
“Bioinformatic Challenges and Solutions for Pattern Finding in Complex Data”
- 15:30 – 15:40** Break
- 15:40 – 16:00** Dr. **Gregor Reid**, Professor of Microbiology & Immunology, and Surgery, University of Western Ontario
“Probiotics for Female Health”
- 16:00 – 16:20** Dr. **Patrick Tang**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, UBC
“Viral Etiologies in Cancer”
- 16:20 – 17:00** Discussion

All Are Welcome

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2009
Time: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Room D308, BC Women's Health Centre

Please RSVP to whri@cw.bc.ca or 604-875-3459



HAVE
QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE HPV
VACCINE??



NAVIGATING THE UNCERTAIN WORLD OF WOMEN'S HEALTH

How Research can Inform Disease Prevention: The HPV Vaccine as a Study

Given all the media hype around the new cervical cancer prevention vaccine – the HPV vaccine – this session will address the basic research behind the virus, the diseases it causes and the current HPV vaccine. BC based researchers will present on a series of topics with questions and answer opportunities.

- **Dr. Julie van Schalkwyk**, Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
"What is a virus and how does it cause infections?"
- **Dr. Dianne Miller**, Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
"What is a pap smear and what does it test for?"
- **Dr. Deborah Money**, Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
"What is a vaccine and how does it work?"
- **Dr. Gina Ogilvie**, Public Health & Family Physician
"Who is the HPV vaccine most useful for and why?"

Monday, March 9, 2009
6:00 – 8:00 pm
UBC Robson Square
800 Robson Street,
Vancouver, BC