



## CAHR New HIV Researcher Workshops 2008

Thursday, April 24, 2008

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### ABSTRACT WRITING WORKSHOP

7:30 - 8:00 am **Registration (light breakfast provided)**

8:00 - 10:00 am **Abstract Writing Workshop Part I**

Showcasing research work at conferences is an effective way to share information and findings, and the process of submitting applications to conferences and developing high quality abstracts, posters and presentations can be challenging. This Abstract Writing Workshop is intended for New Researchers with an interest in developing conference abstracts for basic, clinical, epidemiological, socio-behavioural, and health systems/policy research streams. This workshop, facilitated by John Miller Consulting, will help new researchers learn to refine and describe a topic or question; develop a title that will attract the right kind of attention; select relevant information to include in an abstract submission; make work accessible to a range of audiences; and make key messages clear, concise, and interesting.

10:00 -10:20 am **Nutrition Break**

10:20 -11:30 am **Abstract Writing Workshop Part II**

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11:30 - 12:00 pm **Lunch (provided) & Registration**

12:00 -12:10 pm **Welcome and Overview**

Workshop co-chairs will present an overview of the afternoon, introduce the speakers, and provide logistical details for workshop attendees.

12:10 - 1:00 pm **Looking in – Looking Out**

This session will provide an overview of current HIV research in Canada. Two leaders in Canadian HIV research, Dr. Mark Wainberg and Dr. Ted Myers, will provide perspectives on key Canadian contributions to biomedical, epidemiological and social HIV research.

1:00 - 1:45 pm **Finding the Way**

Research ethics are a critical component of planning and implementing sound HIV research. This session will highlight key Canadian research ethics principles, and new HIV researchers will engage in breakout discussions of a multi-disciplinary HIV research case study that illustrates HIV research ethics issues. Session led by Dr. Sarah Flicker and Mr. Adrian Guta.

1:45 - 2:00 pm **Who is Doing What and Where in HIV Research**

This session, led by Dr. Ted Myers and Mr. Andrew Calzavara, will showcase a database tool that new researchers may use to identify Canadian HIV researchers working in their area of interest. The database was developed by CAHR to provide a single source for Canadian HIV research funded since 2001.

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- 2:00 - 3:00 pm     **Funding your Research Program**  
Getting funding for research is a significant challenge particularly for new researchers. In this session Dr. Keith Fowke will provide an overview of the grant application process, including: highlighting components of a strong grant application, reviewing common weaknesses and providing tips for writing a successful research grant, specific to the field of HIV research. Also included will be a mock-peer review panel, where new HIV researchers will participate in small group discussions to evaluate an actual grant proposal. Paired with senior investigators (Drs. Catherine Worthington, Brian Conway, Mark Tyndall and Keith Fowke) this interactive portion of the session will allow new researchers to be reviewers themselves, providing a better understanding of the process by which grant applications are reviewed.
- 3:00 - 3:30 pm     **Networking Break**  
Network with workshop participants, established researchers, session speakers and section co-chairs. Light snack provided.
- 3:30 - 4:15 pm     **Mentorship Garage: The Nuts & Bolts for New Researchers**  
This session will introduce the concept of mentorship, and its value for new researchers. Dr Marina Klein will give a brief talk on mentorship and how to navigate through the maze of obligations and responsibilities of researchers (grants, funding, publication). The majority of the session will be devoted to a question period, where the audience will be encouraged to ask any and all questions to the speaker.
- 4:15 - 4:45 pm     **Breaking New Ground: Community Integrated Research**  
This session will include some practical ways or 'how-to-tips' for researchers to become better linked to work with community throughout all stages and streams of HIV research. The session will be led by Dr. Robb Travers (Scientist & Director of Community-Based Research, The Ontario HIV Treatment Network) and a second speaker (TBA).
- 4:45 - 5:15 pm     **VIP Box Office: An Insiders' Interdisciplinary High-Level Preview of the CAHR 2008 Conference**  
Get a sneak peak into what's HOT this year at CAHR Conference from the track chairs.
- 5:15 pm             **Next steps and close of workshop**
- 9:00 pm             **New HIV Researcher Social Mixer**  
A mixer will be held Thursday evening (April 24) after the CAHR conference Welcome Reception to provide new researchers and their colleagues with an opportunity to mingle and make connections with one another in an informal setting. Attendees will gather over pizza and beers at the Sergent Recruteur microbrewery in the Plateau, one of Montreal's most vibrant neighbourhoods, and a short metro (subway) ride from the conference hotel! This social event is being organized by and for new HIV researchers; other researchers are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend please RSVP by e-mail to Travis Hottes (travis.hottes@mail.mcgill.ca). Complimentary drinks, pizza, and subway transportation to and from the event will be provided, but space is limited, so RSVP soon.