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Learn while you live it up! CHLA / ABSC 2006 comes to Vancouver!

Pearls of Wisdom / Perles de sagesse
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The annual conference of the Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA / ABSC) comes to Vancouver in May 2006. It is the 30th anniversary of CHLA / ABSC, no less, and there is wisdom to share. The Vancouver Conference Planning Committee has been working for the past year and a half to secure an attractive venue and book topnotch speakers.

We're inviting CHLA / ABSC members to join us while we learn more and live it up at the same time — a small pearl of wisdom to start! Here's what you can look forward to.

You can choose from a number of *continuing education courses* being held over 2 days: bioinformatics, clinical librarianship, evidence-based practice, health literacy, copyright, consumer health, leadership, and more.

Three excellent speakers are confirmed:

- Dr. Sherrilynne Fuller is presenting the opening keynote address. Dr. Fuller currently serves as the Director of the Health Sciences Libraries and Information Center, University of Washington. Her areas of research include developing new approaches to mapping scientific research, designing and evaluating information systems to support decision-making at the place and time of need, and designing integrated health sciences information systems.
- Dr. Richard S. Rosenberg is the closing keynote speaker. Currently professor emeritus in the Department of Computer Science, University of British Columbia, his research interests focus on the social impact of computers and on artificial intelligence, with a special interest in natural language interfaces to databases and the Web. His work on the social impact of computers includes privacy, freedom of expression, intellectual property rights, universal access, work, and education.
- Dr. Joe Tennis, assistant professor at the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of

British Columbia, will speak on the evolution of the classification system at the National Library of Medicine. His research interests include the theory of classification and subject analysis, and the history and philosophy of classification.

In addition, colleagues from Canada and abroad will present *papers and posters* on a variety of themes: consumer health, electronic access, expert searching, innovation, evidence-based practice and librarianship, and career development. And of course, be sure to check out the many library vendors participating in the *trade show*.

Out-of-towners can anticipate staying at the *Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown*, the conference venue and hotel. Enjoy a little bit of luxury close to all the city's amenities at affordable rates.

And no conference is complete without *social activities*. The opening reception will be held at the *Vancouver Aquarium*, while the closing banquet will be held at the Marriott, home to award-winning chefs. Entertainment at the banquet promises to be a special treat. Be amazed by *Sawagi Taiko*, a women's drumming group incorporating theatre, movement, and voice.

Re-energize yourself and reconnect with friends and colleagues from British Columbia and beyond. Make a commitment to attend the CHLA / ABSC 2006 Conference. *Bookmark our Web site* at www.chla-absc.ca/2006/ for updates. Watch for further news on CANMEDLIB, including the *conference-at-a-glance* and *online registration form*, so you can plan to gather Pearls of Wisdom come May.

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