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The excitement is building! In just a few weeks you'll be in Hamilton, ON, for the **36th Annual Conference of the Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA/ABSC)**, June 11–15.

By now you've thoroughly perused the conference website (<http://chla-absc.ca/2012/>) picked out your CE courses and planned your days around our exciting speakers. So here are some tidbits to whet your appetite:

Gordon Guyatt, opening keynote – June 13, 9 a.m.

Gordon was recently named an Officer of the Order of Canada for his contributions to the advancement of evidence-based medicine and its teaching. He is a professor in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics and in the Department of Medicine at McMaster University, and a member of CLARITY (**Clinical Advances through Research and Information Translation**). Gordon is a leading exponent of evidence-based approaches to clinical practice, having coined the term “evidence-based medicine” (EBM) in 1990.

Chris Heysel, closing keynote – June 15, 10:30 a.m.

Chris is the Director of Nuclear Operations and Facilities at McMaster University. He is responsible for the safe and effective operation of McMaster's nuclear reactor, which is unique in many ways:

- It is the only one in Canada that can be viewed while in operation: see this link for information about public tours and scroll down to take a virtual tour with Chris at <http://mnr.mcmaster.ca/index.php/overview/reactor-tours.html>
- McMaster's reactor produces medical isotopes that are sold to medical facilities in countries around the world,

including China, South America and Europe. This material is a crucial element in cancer treatment.

- First developed as a research project by Nobel Prize winning physicist Bertram Brockhouse, the reactor is now a successful educational and commercial enterprise.

Dr. Alan Taniguchi, invited speaker – June 14, 9:30 a.m.

Alan is an award-winning educator and palliative care specialist who will discuss decisions around end-of-life care, including the “Allowing Natural Death” approach. Recently voted by medical students as the outstanding preceptor (instructor) for 2011, Alan is an assistant clinical professor in McMaster University's department of family medicine. He is education director in the division of palliative care and the program director of the palliative medicine fellowship program. Outside of McMaster, Alan is both the medical director and an attending physician at Shalom Village Nursing Home and he is a consultant physician on a palliative care team at Hamilton Health Sciences.

Anne McKeage, invited speaker – June 13, 11 a.m.

Anne is the Archivist / History of Health and Medicine Librarian at the Health Sciences Library at McMaster University. She has a keen instinct for hunting down unique items – ranging from rare, historic anatomy atlases to 1950s baby-care pamphlets – to enhance the library's collection. Anne excels at the challenge of preserving the history of health care in the Hamilton area and ensuring it is accessible to all. Capitalizing on a collection of diverse materials including institutional records, photographs, layman's medical guides and ephemera requires becoming very familiar with the resources and teasing out the subjects for which they will be useful. There is no Library

of Congress Cataloguing-in-Publication Data for this stuff, so this is a challenging – but worthwhile – process.

After hours

Now's also a good time to think about all the fun you can have with us in Hamilton. In addition to conference dine-arounds at fine local restaurants, and daily guided walks/runs, there are many other opportunities for R&R. Here's a look at some intriguing local attractions.

The [City of Waterfalls](#) just keeps getting bigger and better! Six more cascades have been discovered, bringing the total to 133 (and counting). For more info, check the Hamilton Conservation Authority's [Cascades and Waterfalls](#) website, which includes a mobile map. And Tourism Hamilton offers an interactive [Waterfall Hikes](#) guide.

[Hamilton Airshow](#) – June 16-17, Hamilton International Airport. 2012 marks the 40th year of heritage flying in Hamilton by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Expect one of the largest ever gatherings of vintage aircraft in Canada!

[Royal Botanical Gardens](#) – site of our banquet and awards night, this ecological gem features more than 2 400 acres of gardens, restored woodlands, an indoor Mediterranean garden and seasonal attractions including a rose garden, rock gardens, and arboretum.

[Art Gallery of Hamilton](#) – Ontario's third largest public art gallery owns one of the finest collections of art in Canada, featuring over 9500 works including historical European, historical Canadian and contemporary art. Its renovated and award-winning premises present exhibitions that change three times a year, plus visitors can enjoy the always-tempting [Shop at AGH](#) and [Café at AGH](#).

[Dundurn Castle](#) – the magnificent home of Sir Allan Napier MacNab, one of Canada's first premiers. Discover mid-19th-century Hamilton on your tour of more than 40 rooms on three floors. Experience life in a grand country home, as it was for the MacNab family and the servants working below stairs.

[Hamilton Waterfront](#) – a scenic escape just blocks from downtown Hamilton. Great trails, picnic areas, spectacular sunset views and even fishing spots. You can explore the waterfront by foot, wheel or water: take an old-time guided trolley ride around the bay, with its natural and built attractions; or step on board the 200-passenger Harbour Queen or the smaller Hamiltonian for a sightseeing cruise. Be sure to check out the HMCS Haida, a World War II destroyer which welcomes visitors to view Canadian naval history at first hand.

[Hamilton TigerCats](#) – the TiCats are a Steel Town dynasty; check their website for a pre-season game schedule. Sports fans can't miss their chance to visit [Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum](#), another downtown attraction not too far from our conference HQ, the [Sheraton Hamilton Hotel](#).

For more ideas on what to do in Hamilton, check out [Tourism Hamilton](#).

And be sure to stay up-to-date on conference news by following us on our [blog](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@chlaabsc12), [Linkedin](#) and [Google +](#).

See you in June!

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