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### Get Inspired, Collaborate, and Innovate at CHLA/ABSC 2013 in Saskatoon! 22–25 May 2013

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Health Libraries Association/ Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA/ABSC) conference in Saskatoon is almost here! Colleagues from across the country have contributed their ideas and research to our paper, poster, and STAT!Ref Talk sessions in a full and exciting program.

#### Continuing education

The conference begins with a fantastic lineup of continuing education offerings taking place at Murray Library, University of Saskatchewan, a short drive away from the conference hotel. There are half-day sessions on active learning, copyright, peer reviewing journal articles, searching for systematic reviews, and an introduction to study design and critical appraisal. For those librarians who are interested in project management, a full-day session is being offered.

#### Invited speakers

We are delighted to present invited speakers Dr. Brian Goldman, a highly regarded emergency physician at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital and host of the CBC's *White Coat, Black Art*, and André Picard, public health reporter at the *Globe and Mail* and one of Canada's top health and public policy observers and commentators. The University of Saskatchewan's 2013 University Library Dean's Research Lecture will also take place at our conference; it

features Dr. Anita Palepu, a Professor of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine at the University of British Columbia.

#### Fishbowls

We've taken a creative and innovative approach to programming this year by offering two fishbowl sessions. Four "outspoken" delegates will sit in the middle of the room and start a "hot topic" discussion. All other delegates are encouraged to take their place in the middle of the room to continue the conversation. Two concurrent fishbowls will be offered so get there early for a good seat!

#### Opening reception, banquet, and the after-party

The conference officially begins with the Opening Reception held at the beautiful Top of the Inn Ballroom at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel. Come for an EBSCO co-sponsored night of mingling, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment at Saskatoon's only ballroom with a panoramic view of the city and the South Saskatchewan River.

First-time conference attendees will want to come to the First-Timers' Reception to meet and network with other first-time attendees, the CHLA Board, and members of the Conference Planning Committee before heading off to the Opening Reception.

Our Awards Banquet, sponsored by Elsevier and Science Direct, will be held at Saskatoon's Western Development

Museum. This museum preserves and records the economic and cultural development of Saskatchewan. Take a look at the Colbalt-60 Beam Therapy Unit (the “cancer bomb”), which is on permanent display. Walk through Boomtown, an indoor representation of a typical Saskatchewan town at the turn of the century. It promises to be a night filled with great food, fun, and entertainment.

Come celebrate with Login at the conference’s official After-Party at the Top of the Inn at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, and enjoy an evening of music and dancing in the “Paris of the Prairies”.

### **Early-bird registration is ending soon!**

Register for the conference before April 18<sup>th</sup> and have your name entered to win a free iPad-Mini, courtesy of Unbound Medicine. Regular registration rates begin after the deadline, so register early to save money! Book your hotel room early as well to get conferencing pricing at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel.

### **Stay Connected**

Keep up-to-date with the latest conference news and developments by visiting our website at <http://www.chla-absc.ca/conference>. Check out our guides to shopping, eating, and drinking in Saskatoon. Tours of select locations will be available. Connect with us before, during, and after the conference on the CHLA Facebook group ([www.facebook.com/chla.absc](http://www.facebook.com/chla.absc)), follow our Twitter account @chlaabsc13 (<https://twitter.com/chlaabsc13>), and tweet your own conference experiences with #chlaabsc13.

We look forward to welcoming you to Saskatoon in May!

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