

Twelfth Annual Brain Injury Conference

Moving Forward..

Trends in Treatment

Friday, June 19, 2009

FOUR POINTS SHERATON
LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA

Commemorating 23 Years of Providing Service to Persons
Living with the Effects of Acquired Brain Injury

ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

The Brain Injury Association of London & Region is holding its Twelfth Annual Conference on June 19, 2009. Moving Forward..Trends in Treatment will provide service providers, survivors, family members with information on a variety of ABI topics including Aging, Substance Abuse, Vision Rehabilitation and Suicide. As always, this conference will provide an excellent opportunity to explore informative exhibits and network with industry professionals.

SCHEDULE

- 7:30am: Set up Exhibits, Registration, Continental Breakfast
- 8:25am: Welcome & Opening Remarks by **Jim Mays**, Conference Chair
- 8:30am: The Graying of Brain Injury: Aging and Lifespan Issues by **Dr. Rolf Gainer**
- 9:45am: The New Attitude Committee: Working together, building hope for people living with acquired brain injuries and addictions by **Carl Lokko & Cathy Irwin**
- 10:25am: Break and Visit Exhibits
- 10:45am: Substance Abuse by **Dr. Carolyn Lemsky**
- 11:45am: A Survivor's Story by **A.J. Fordham**
- 12:15pm: Lunch, Networking and Visit Exhibits
- 1:00pm: Suicide Attempts Following Traumatic Brain Injury: Identifying & Managing Risk by **Dr. Rolf Gainer**
- 2:00pm: Device -Assisted Vision Rehabilitation for People with ABI by **Dr. Graham Strong**
- 3:00pm: Break & Visit Exhibits
- 3:15pm: Vision Rehabilitation in Brain Injury, A New Perspective of How We See by **Dr. Cheryl Letheren**
- 4:15pm: Closing Remarks by **Donna Thomson**, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of London & Region

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dr. Rolf Gainer is the Chief Executive Officer of Brookhaven Hospital and of the Neurologic Rehabilitation Institute of Ontario. Dr. Gainer is a neuropsychologist who has developed over 25 rehabilitation and supported living programs in both the United States and Canada. He is operating 3 Outcome Studies; 2 of which focus on the long term issues faced by individuals with severe disability caused by brain injury.

Dr. Graham Strong has worked in the field of low vision rehabilitation for the past 37 years. His primary research focuses on evidence-based low vision services and the development of new assistive devices for people with impaired vision. In addition, Dr. Strong is a court-recognized Forensic Optometrist who has been consulted in numerous homicide investigations and prosecutions.



Dr. Carolyn Lemsky is trained as a neuropsychologist, and received her Diploma from the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Neuropsychology in 1993. She is currently the Clinical Director of Community Head Injury Resource Services of Toronto. She is now the project lead on an Ontario Neurotrauma - funded initiative to develop an Ontario-wide research and clinical community of practice for substance use and brain injury service providers.

Dr. Cheryl Letheren graduated from the University of Waterloo's School of Optometry and now has her own private practice in downtown London, Ontario. She is enrolled in the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association for Brain Injuries Fellowship Program and the College of Vision Development Fellowship Program in Pediatrics. Dr. Letheren is part of the first Canadian Hospital based multi-disciplinary centre for visual rehabilitation at Parkwood Hospital in London. This was initiated in September 2007.



A.J. Fordham is a brain injury survivor. On January 20th, 2007, at the age of 16, he sustained a brain injury in a motor vehicle accident. A.J.'s survival story has inspired others to believe that anything can happen. He will share his success story to motivate others to become the best they can be. A.J. will discuss the changes and challenges of his experiences and how they made him the man he is today.

Carl Roderick Lokko completed his Master of Social Work degree from Wilfrid Laurier University and is currently the Clinical Services Manager at Dale Brain Injury Services in London, Ontario. Carl has presented papers at major Brain Injury Rehabilitation conferences in Canada and the United States and is particularly interested in the psychosocial effects of ABI on individuals.



Cathy Irwin is the Program Manager of the Fresh Start Program for Ontario Works Participants at Addiction Services of Thames Valley (ADSTV) since 2006. Prior to the Fresh Start Program, she provided addiction counselling to clients in Elgin and Middlesex County. She is a founding member of the New Attitude Committee since its creation in August 2007 and continues to assist clients affected by both an acquired brain injury and an addictions issue.

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please send completed registration form along with your cheque payable to:

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Or you may APPLY ONLINE at www.braininjurylondon.on.ca

NO registration on the day of the conference.
NO refunds after June 12, 2009, but substitution allowed.

Fees include materials, continental breakfast, lunch and breaks.

PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS

Would you like to receive emails regarding ABI programs and future events? Yes_____ No_____

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING.

CONFERENCE FEES

Professionals and service providers: \$175
Survivors, family members, caregivers, students: \$60
Exhibitor Space (includes one registration): \$300. Check here if electric outlet needed _____

Total payment: \$ _____

Individual Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

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