



The 2007 Cross-Cultural Mental Health Symposium is presented by:  
The Cross-Cultural Psychiatry Program, Department of Psychiatry, VGH / Vancouver Community Mental Health Services ~  
Vancouver Coastal Health ~ Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia ~ S.O.S. ~ S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross-Cultural Mental Health Symposium** **Social Cohesion: Building Capacity for Culturally Responsible Communities**

**Thursday & Friday, September 27 & 28, 2007**  
**Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver**

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### **FEATURING KEYNOTE PANEL: *Innovations in Social Cohesion in the Public and Private Sectors***

**Panelists: Jamie H. Graham, Retired Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department ~ Mary Clare Zak, Director of Social Planning, City of Vancouver ~ Wilma Clarke, Director, BC Institute for Safe Schools and Communities**

#### **MODERATOR: Peter Lomas**

Peter Lomas is a retired academic with a doctoral degree in Anthropology, as well as graduate degrees in Economics and Social Work. He specialized in Ethnic Relations and has a particular interest in the micro-perspective on multiculturalism. Peter believes that multiculturalism has served us quite well, but we should not become complacent about the demographic changes that are occurring and will continue to occur in this ever-changing world.

### **FEATURING MEDIA PANEL: *The Role of Media and It's Influence on Social Cohesion***

**Panelists: Maninder Gill, Managing Director & Sales, Radio India ~ Winnie Hwo, News Director, Fairchild TV ~ Alden Habacon, Manager of Diversity Initiatives, English Television Network, CBC**

#### **MODERATOR: Rafe Mair**

Rafe Mair is a lawyer, cabinet minister, Hall of Fame broadcaster, writer, the author of 7 books the latest of which is *Over the Mountains*. Since 1985 he has been a mental health "consumer" who hates that word as much as he deplores the use of the word drugs for medicine. He is founder of the "Bottom Line" Conference, an annual event dealing with mental illness in the workplace.

**About the Symposium:** The intent of the Cross-Cultural Mental Health Symposium is to promote ongoing dialogue between the mental health and addictions system and cross-cultural communities by exploring current issues and potential solutions/promising practices. Over the past 11 years, we have done so by exploring the implications of different themes or concerns of importance including: Immigrant & Refugee Men; Families in Transition; Stories of Immigrant & Refugee Women; Supports for Immigrant and Refugee Children & Youth. This year, we intend to address Social Cohesion and how it relates to the mental health and well being of immigrants, refugees, and Canadians within an increasingly diverse society.

**What is Social Cohesion?** *...the ongoing and ever-evolving process of developing a community of shared values, shared challenges and equal opportunities within a society, based on a sense of trust, hope and reciprocity. The foundation of social order, whereby the vast majority of citizens respect the law and honour one another's human rights and values.*

Come and explore this theme as we learn from public sector, private institution, media leaders, and community service providers. We will examine this theme from three perspectives: policy, program, and practice. How can we best plan for and respond to issues that arise out of the ever-growing diversity of voices within our organizations, among those whom our organizations serve and more generally in our society?

**About Our Logo:** Our Symposium Logo was designed by Andres Salaz in celebration of the Symposium's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Born in Mexico, Andres is a young fine arts student residing in Canada. He is inspired by nature, different cultures and their people. The characters around the maple leaf are those who have been brought to the light to help form a multicultural society while at the same time protecting their treasure that is Canada.

**Spirit of Hope Award:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spirit of Hope Award will be presented on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm. The goal of the Spirit of Hope Award is to recognize an individual, program, not-for-profit agency or public institution within BC that has made a significant impact on improving the mental health conditions of immigrants and refugees. Along with the award is a donation of \$1,000 to a Mental Health program of the award recipients' choice. Please send us your nominations by September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Venue:** SFU @ Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street. A light breakfast will be served on both mornings, as well as refreshments at breaks. Lunch will be provided, with a vegetarian option included.

**Info: Symposium Coordinator ~ Janey Chang ~ E-mail: [symposium@shaw.ca](mailto:symposium@shaw.ca) ~ Fax: 604.676.2660**



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### Day One: Thursday, September 27, 2007

0800 - 0900	Registration & Breakfast
0900 - 0910	First Nations Opening: <i>Shane Pointe</i> , Musqueam
0910 - 0925	Welcome: <i>Lorna Howes</i> (VCH), <i>Leslie Arnold</i> (PHSA), <i>Trevor Young</i> (UBC Psychiatry)
0925 - 0945	Recognizing the Achievements a Cross-Cultural Visionary
0945 - 1100	<b>Keynote Panel: Innovations in Social Cohesion in the Public and Private Sectors</b> <i>Jamie H. Graham</i> , Retired Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department, <i>Mary Clare Zak</i> , Director of Social Planning, City of Vancouver, <i>Wilma Clarke</i> , Director, BC Institute for Safe Schools and Communities <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Peter Lomas</i> , Retired Professor of Sociology & Anthropology, SFU
1100 - 1130	Refreshment Break
1130 - 1230	Moderated Group Dialogue re: Keynote Panel
1230 - 1330	Lunch (provided)
1330 - 1430	Contemplations of Queer/Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (QLGBT) Migrants: Stories of Dis/Connection, Un/Belonging, and In/Equity: <i>Rainbow Refugee Committee</i>
1430 - 1500	Refreshment Break
1500 - 1600	Enhancing Social Cohesion By Engaging New Immigrants in Volunteering: <i>Stacy Ashton</i>
1600	Wrap Up

### Day Two: Friday, September 28, 2007

0800 - 0900	Registration & Breakfast
0900 - 0910	First Nations Opening: <i>Aaron Nelson-Moody</i> ( <i>Tawx'sin Yexwulla/Poolxtun</i> ), Squamish Nation
0910 - 0925	Welcome & Overview of Day One
0925 - 1040	<b>Media Panel: The Role of Media and It's Influence on Social Cohesion</b> <i>Maninder Singh</i> , Radio India, <i>Winnie Hwo</i> , Fairchild TV, <i>Alden Habacon</i> , Manager of Diversity Initiatives, English Television Network, CBC <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Rafe Mair</i> , Broadcaster
1040 - 1110	Refreshment Break
1110 - 1210	Moderated Group Dialogue re: Media Panel
1210 - 1310	Lunch (provided)
1310 - 1330	Spirit of Hope Award Ceremony
1330 - 1430	Bullying – Cause or Symptom of Poor Social Cohesion?: <i>Carol Battaglio</i>
1430 - 1530	Let Me Tell You: Redefining A Newcomer Youth Community: <i>Pamela Verma &amp; Associates</i>
1530	Wrap Up

***We would like to thank our generous sponsors:***

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please type or print clearly!*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*E-Mail is our primary method of contact. If you have an e-mail address, please provide it!*

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

*We will do our best to accommodate special dietary needs*

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### **REGISTRATION CATEGORIES** (please check the appropriate category):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Support Worker                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Practitioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatrist                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator                               | <input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Clinical Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship Agreement Holder/Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Student                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Liaison Worker  | <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Youth Worker                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Worker    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee, Consumer, Youth*     | <input type="checkbox"/> ESL Teacher                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____            |

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### **EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT** **BEFORE September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

- \$155 – Regular Registration Fee**
- \$105 – VCH & PHSA Employees**
- \$65 – Reduced Rate** (students, not-for-profit organizations registered with the *BC Societies Act*, sponsorship agreement holders)
- Bursary for refugees, consumers, and youth**  
*\*A limited number of bursaries are available for refugees, consumers, and youth on a first-come-first-served basis. You will be notified of your acceptance. Those who are not accepted will be required to pay the \$65 Reduced Rate.*

#### **PAYMENT METHOD**

(Please check one)

- Cheque Enclosed
- Cheque to be Mailed
- Cheque/Cash On-Site

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### **REGISTRATION FEES** **AFTER September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

- \$170 – Regular Registration Fee**
- \$120 – VCH & PHSA Employees**
- \$80 – Reduced Rate** (students, not-for-profit organizations registered with the *BC Societies Act*, sponsorship agreement holders)

**Cancellation Policy:** Full amount less a \$25 administrative fee will be refunded if cancellation is requested, **in writing**, prior to September 8, 2007. No refunds will be granted after September 8, 2007, however substitute registrants are welcome. **A \$25 fee will be charged for NSF cheques.**

Cheques payable to:  
**CROSS-CULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, VGH**  
#103 – 240 Mahon Avenue  
North Vancouver, BC V7M 3H4

*Receipts will be mailed.*

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