



## outREACH News

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### What is REACH?



#### Dear Colleagues,

I am so pleased to have had a chance to see many of you at our annual full-centre meeting this summer. The REACH100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> was a great follow-up to last year's meeting. It was impressive how much work we have accomplished together in just one year. The ambitious 2-day agenda included concurrent meetings for 15 Programs of Research, project teams, working groups and emerging teams.

We also had several exciting capacity building opportunities, including a chance to learn about and participate in Forum Theater - an innovative arts-based methodology; a Deconstructing Data workshop designed to provide REACH members with an understanding of what our partnership with ICES and other cohort datasets really mean and how to use these linkages to strengthen our research; and the Engaging in Aboriginal Research Panel allowed important questions to be asked about Indigenous and Decolonizing Methodologies and what it means to work with Aboriginal communities. This video-taped panel will be turned into an informative video and made available soon.

Our meeting also gave us a chance to reflect on the centre's impact. We explored ways to increase our impact and strengthen our network and position ourselves for new strategic initiatives as a centre. The Capacity Building Committee facilitated a World Café that allowed us to discuss how to work to 'At a Distance'.

We have prepared a brief summary of some of the [highlights from the different meetings and sessions held out our full-centre meeting](#). In this issue of outREACH news we also highlight a few other initiatives underway within REACH this summer and we have included important information on the upcoming fall CIHR funding



[REACH](#) is a national partnership among people with HIV, community-based organizations, front-line service providers, health researchers and federal, provincial and regional policy makers. Our mission is to foster and undertake collaborative interdisciplinary research and training to understand the factors driving the epidemic, find innovative solutions and move research evidence into action.

### Mark your Calendar

CATIE's National Knowledge Exchange Forum - [The Art and Science of Knowledge Exchange](#) - is being held Oct 19-20 in Toronto.

CHWGR is pleased to present a pre-conference workshop - [Learning Across Borders: HIV and Complex Chronic Illnesses as We Age](#) - at the Canadian

competitions.

I hope you are all enjoying a great a summer!

Yours Sincerely,

Sean B. Rourke  
Director, CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS

### CIHR's Fall Competitions Are Upon Us

CIHR has announced its fall funding competitions with many great opportunities for HIV research - including catalyst grants, operating grants and team grants. Visit the [CIHR website](#) or have a look at our [overview of HIV-specific opportunities](#).

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### Within REACH: Riyas Fadel - COCQ-SIDA

[Riyas is a Project Coordinator at COCQ-SIDA in Montreal and a co-Chair of the Interventions Program of Research](#). He is currently completing an MA in Sexology and has several years of experience with community-based research and program delivery.

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### Michael Orsini's Rough Guide to Policy

Michael Orsini is based at the University of Ottawa in Health and Health Policy and is a co-Chair of the Policy Program of Research. [He has a warning for people who want to turn evidence-based research and best practice into policy](#).

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### Introducing Universities Without Walls 3.0

UWW is developing the next generation of HIV researchers in Canada. We recruit the best and the brightest to ensure a better understanding of the complex issues affecting people with HIV. We are excited to [welcome and announce our new fellows for 2011](#).

Universities Without Walls is also still seeking field mentoring placement opportunities for this years Fellows. Visit [www.ohtnweb.ca/uww/Survey/frmLogin.aspx](http://www.ohtnweb.ca/uww/Survey/frmLogin.aspx)

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Association of Gerontology 40th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting & Pan-Am Congress, Oct 21-23, in Ottawa.

The 2011 [OHTN Research Conference](#) is coming up on Nov 14-15 in Toronto. Abstracts are still being accepted until Sept 15th.

[The North American Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit VI](#) will be held in New Orleans, Sept 21-23.

The [10th International Conference on Urban Health](#) will be in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Nov 1-5, 2011. Early bird registration closes sept 5.

[The 26th IUSTI Europe Conference on STIs & HIV/AIDS](#) will be held Sept 8-10th in Riga, Latvia.

[The 2nd Annual Workshop on HIV & Aging](#) will be held once again in Baltimore on Oct 27-28.

REACH Executive Directed Funding and Project Team Meetings Funding Applications are due the first Thursday of each month - the next deadlines are Sept 1, Oct 6 and Nov 3.

REACH Initiative Support Funding Applications are being



## **REACH Scholarship Opportunity**

*The Art and Science of Knowledge Exchange: CATIE National Knowledge Exchange Forum, October 19-20, 2011 in Toronto*

Hear experts, researchers and leaders in programming share their insights into the techniques for sound and innovative HIV and HCV knowledge exchange. REACH and the OHTN are pleased to offer scholarships for researchers based in Canadian universities to attend CATIE's national knowledge exchange forum. Scholarships will include travel to and accommodation in Toronto, registration for the event is open. Please complete the [attached application form](#) and send it to [Meredith Kratzmann](#) by 5 pm on September 16th, 2011. Successful applicants will be notified by September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

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## **Want to contribute to outREACH?**

Do you have an idea for a feature article? Want to share an article, resource or report with REACH members? Have an announcement that you want make, event to promote or funding opportunities that you know of?

To have something included in outREACH contact Meredith Kratzmann, [mkratzmann@centreforreach.ca](mailto:mkratzmann@centreforreach.ca)

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accepted for the next  
quarterly review on Nov  
16th. The deadline for  
submission is Oct 14th.

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