HIHSP RESEARCH TO POLICY CONFERENCE 2012
May 5, 2012 / Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal

Disability and Work: Global Strategies for Equity

8:30 REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:45-9:00 WORDS OF WELCOME
Location: Level C – Salon Duluth-MacKenzie

Jody Heymann: Founding Director, McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy; and Principal Investigator, WORLD Data Centre

Michael Stein: Executive Director, Harvard Law School Project on Disability; and Cabell Research Professor, William & Mary School of Law

9:00-9:50 OPENING KEYNOTES: Setting the Stage: Key Challenges and Strategies Globally

Barbara Murray: Senior Disability Specialist, Skills and Employability Department, ILO Geneva; and former ILO Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, Asian and Pacific Region, ILO Bangkok

Susan Scott-Parker: Founder and Chief Executive, Employers' Forum on Disability; and Chair of the Business Taskforce on Accessible Technology

9:50-10:15 BREAK AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS: Case Studies of Global Innovations
Location: Salon Hochelaga 4
Please help yourself to refreshments and visit the poster presentations by IHSP Policy Fellows.

10:15-12:00 MORNING PLENARY: Getting a Job, But Not Just any Job: Towards Competitive, Meaningful Work
Chair: Tony Dolan, Chairperson, Canadian Council with Disabilities

Frank Rusch: Professor of Education, Pennsylvania State University; and Visiting Scholar, Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawai‘i

Lauren Lindstrom: Director, Secondary Special Education and Transition; and Associate Professor, Family and Human Services, University of Oregon

Joyce Bender: Founder and CEO of Bender Consulting Services in Canada; Chair of the Board, American Association of People with Disabilities; and host of Internet talk radio show, “Disability Matters”

Sophie Mitra: Director of the Social Justice and Policy Research Unit of the Center for International Policy Studies; and Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Fordham University

12:00-13:15 LUNCHEON KEYNOTES: Effective Strategies in Low-Resource Settings
Location: Salon Marquette-Joliette

Daniel Mont: Senior Research Fellow and Leonard Cheshire Disability Fellow, University College of London (UCL); and former member of the World Bank’s Disability and Development Team

Javed Abidi: Chairperson, Disabled People's International; Director, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People; and Founder, Disability Rights Group, India
13:15-14:30  AFTERNOON BREAK-OUT PANELS

PANEL 1:  Effective Funder Strategies: Innovation and Partnerships  
*Location:* Salon Duluth-MacKenzie

*Chair:* Yolanda Muñoz, Disability Rights Fund; and former Coordinator, AQEIPS, Québec

*Molly Harrington:* Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Research Division, Ministry of Social Development, Government of British Colombia

*Hervé Bernard:* Inclusion Unit Manager, Technical Resources Division, Social Services, Livelihoods and Education, Handicap International Federation

*Michael Fembek:* Program Manager, Essl Foundation; and Head of Social Affairs, bauMax Group, Austria

PANEL 2:  On the Job: Promoting Accessibility, Retention and Equity  
*Location:* Salon Hochelaga 3

*Chair:* Harvey Goldberg, Team Leader, Strategic Initiatives, Canadian Human Rights Commission

*Susanne Bruyere:* Director of Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University; and Chair, Global Applied Disability Research and Information Network (GLADNET)

*Joyojeet Pal:* Assistant Professor, School of Information, University of Michigan; and Visiting Researcher, RCAST, University of Tokyo

*Rienk Prins:* Research Director and Senior Consultant, AStri Research and Consultancy Group; and Associate Professor, ProgreSZ University of Applied Sciences in Social Security, the Netherlands

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14:30-15:00  DESSERT BREAK AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS:  Case Studies of Global Innovations  
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15:00:16:45  AFTERNOON PLENARY:  National and Regional Policy Approaches  
*Location:* Salon Duluth-MacKenzie

*Chair:* Nancy Milroy-Swainson, Director General, Office for Disability Issues, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

*David Stapleton:* Director and Senior Fellow, Center for Studying Disability Policy, Mathematica Policy Research; and former Director, Cornell University’s Institute for Policy Research

*Ryoko Sakuraba:* Associate Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University, Japan; and Visiting Scholar, Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge

*Stanislao Maldonado Zambrano:* Researcher, Center of Studies for Development and Participation; and former Consultant, Special Commission on Disability Studies, Congress of the Republic of Peru

*Anna Lawson:* Senior Lecturer, School of Law; and Deputy Director, Centre for Disability Studies, University of Leeds

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16:45-17:10  CLOSING KEYNOTE:  The Way Forward Globally: Rights, Equality, Empowerment and Development

*Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo:* Coordinator, Office for Disability and Inclusive Development, USAID; former Senior Operations Specialist, World Bank; and Commissioner, South African Human Rights Commission

17:10-17:15  NEXT STEPS

*Michael Stein:* Executive Director, Harvard Law School Project on Disability; and Cabell Research Professor, William & Mary School of Law

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