



FEBRUARY 2, 2012

EVENTS

[Criminal sex? Women, HIV and the injustice of the law - Free documentary screening with expert panel discussion](#)

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Canadian AIDS Society

February 6, 2012

Ottawa, ON

[Canadian Symposium on Hepatitis C Virus](#)

National CIHR Research Training Program in Hepatitis C

February 23, 2012

Montreal, QC

New CATIE Resources

[*The Positive Side Winter 2012: Wonder Woman*](#)

The latest issue of *The Positive Side* rings in the new year with a little something for everyone: from the profound to the entertaining, from the truly touching to the hilarious. Chantale Perron, who rocks the cover with her fantastic trademark locks, shares the story of losing her love and of her determination to fight for the rights of drug users. We talk to ex-sailor Simon Thwaites, who first made headlines when he took the Canadian military to court for discriminating against people with HIV, about the power of his painting. And PHAs chat about the dating game—their disaster dates and magical moments.

With many PHAs now working, we take a look at the pitfalls and payoffs of being on the job with HIV. We tell you why it's

[Canadian Students for
Sensible Drug Policy
National Conference 2012 -
Progress not prisons](#)

Canadian Students for
Sensible Drug Policy
March 2 - 4, 2012
Calgary, AB

[2011-2012 Concordia
University Community
Lecture Series on HIV/AIDS
Neoliberalism, Masculinity
and HIV Risk](#)

Concordia University
March 15, 2012
Montreal, QC

[Rainbow Health Ontario
2012](#)

Rainbow Health Ontario
March 20 - 23, 2012
Ottawa, ON

[The Ontario Public Health
Convention \(TOPHC\) 2012](#)

Ontario Public Health
Association
April 2 - 4, 2012
Toronto, ON

[21st Annual Canadian
Conference on HIV
Research - CAHR 2012](#)

Canadian Association for

key for people with HIV to get enough vitamin D and we offer practical information on kidney health. The issue ends with the beautiful photography and words of celebrated Vancouver artist Joe Average.

[TreatmentUpdate 186: HIV and the brain](#)

In this issue of *TreatmentUpdate*, Sean Hosein, our Science and Medicine Editor, explores several recent developments concerning HIV's impact on the brain and possible future avenues to reduce this impact.

Highlights include:

- The need for more research and boosting the brain
- Exercise found to improve memory
- Good news about HIV and the aging brain
- The immune system, HIV and shrinking brains
- Are platelets a window into the brain?
- Can a drug for psoriasis and MS help protect the brain from HIV's toxicity?

CATIE Updates

CHECK OUT THE NEW CATIE ORDERING CENTRE WEBSITE, YOUR ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL RESOURCES!

CATIE is proud to announce the launch of its revamped CATIE Ordering Centre website. Visit orders.catie.ca and enjoy the enhanced navigation and functionality of the site to browse the national collection of HIV and hepatitis C resources from organizations across Canada. Available in English and French, this service offers free online ordering, as well as free shipping within Canada. Downloadable versions of the resources are also available!

PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS SURVEY - DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF A STUDY THAT COULD IMPROVE HIV PREVENTION

HIV Research

April 19 - 22, 2012

Montreal, QC

[Hepatitis C Symposium
2012](#)

Centre Associatif Polyvalent
d'Aide Hépatite C

(CAPHAC)

May 3, 2012

Montreal, QC

[10th Biennial Western
Canadian Sexual Health
Conference, 2012](#)

Alberta Society for the
Promotion of Sexual Health
(ASPSH)

May 3 - 4, 2012

Vancouver, BC

[20th Annual CANAC
Conference, 2012](#)

Canadian Association of
Nurses in AIDS Care
(CANAC)

May 12 - 15, 2012

Victoria, BC

[2012 NCCPH Summer
Institute - Advancing Health
Equity, Building on
Experience](#)

National Collaborating
Centres for Public Health

COUNSELING AND SERVICES?

CATIE, in collaboration with staff from the Hassle Free Clinic and St. Michaels Hospital in Toronto, are conducting a study aimed at understanding AIDS service providers knowledge, beliefs and learning needs regarding Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for prevention of HIV infection. No prior knowledge of PrEP is necessary for participation. We are looking for participants who:

1. Work for a Canadian organization interested in HIV prevention and treatment
2. Work daily in primarily one or more of the following areas:
 1. Direct one-on-one counseling of clients regarding HIV
 2. Facilitating HIV-focused support/counseling groups
 3. HIV-related phone information or support
 4. Preparing educational materials about HIV
 5. HIV education and workshops
 6. Community outreach

Participation involves completion of this 20-30 minute on-line survey: <http://app.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/darrell-tan/aso-prep-survey/>

For more information, please contact prepsurvey@gmail.com.

Highlights from our partners

[Stop criminalizing people living with HIV!](#)

On February 8, the Supreme Court of Canada will hear two landmark cases on the criminalization of HIV non-disclosure: *R v. Mabior* and *R v. DC*. The Court's decisions will have profound implications not only for people living with HIV, but also for Canadian public health, police practice and the criminal justice

(NCCPH)

May 15 - 16, 2012

Kelowna, BC

[34th Annual Guelph](#)

[Sexuality Conference 2012](#)

[Sex in 3D: Dialogue.](#)

[Diversity and Determinants
of Sexual Health](#)

University of Guelph

May 31 - June 1, 2012

Guelph, ON

[CPHA 2012 Annual](#)

[Conference - Public Health](#)

[in Canada: Creating and](#)

[Sustaining Healthy](#)

[Environments](#)

Canadian Public Health

Association (CPHA)

June 11 - 14, 2012

Edmonton, AB

[CAS 2012 People Living](#)

[with HIV/AIDS Forum and](#)

[AGM](#)

Canadian AIDS Society

(CAS)

June 13 - 15, 2012

Toronto, ON

[Social Work and HIV/AIDS](#)

[2012 - The Best Practices in](#)

[Intervention](#)

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system. Currently Canadian criminal law requires people living with HIV to disclose their status before engaging in behaviour that involves a "significant risk" of transmitting the virus. More than 130 people living with HIV have been charged in less than 15 years, including numerous cases where their activity posed no significant risk of HIV transmission. The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network wants to see an end to the over-use of the criminal law, which contributes to a climate of fear, stigma and discrimination around HIV and those living with it. To learn more about these cases, go to www.aidslaw.ca/stopcriminalization.

[The Scholarship Application Kit for CAS' PLWHIV/AIDS Forum and AGM 2012 is now available!](#)

The 2012 People Living with HIV/AIDS Forum and the Canadian AIDS Society AGM will be held June 13-15, 2012 at the Delta Chelsea Hotel in Toronto, ON. Scholarship application forms are [now available on the CAS website](#).

The deadline for submitting a completed scholarship form is **February 17, 2012**.

[CTN Community Advisory Committee call for nominations 2012](#)

The Canadian Trial Network Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is currently seeking nominations from community members to fill three positions and one apprentice position on this nine-person committee. CAC strives to be representative of Canada's geographic regions as well as of Canadian populations most affected by HIV. In order to maintain this balance, CAC is seeking nominations that reflect the diversity of affected population groups from all parts of Canada.

Interested individuals should forward a letter of interest and a

June 14 - 15, 2012
Montreal, QC

[AIDS 2012 - XIX
International AIDS
Conference](#)

International AIDS Society
July 22 - 27, 2012
Washington, DC USA

[OHTN Annual Research
Conference 2012](#)

OHTN
November 12 - 13, 2012
Toronto, ON

JOB POSTINGS

[Office Manager](#)

Canadian Treatment Action
Council (CTAC)
Deadline: February 3, 2012

[Support and Education
Worker - Aboriginal
Community](#)

HIV Edmonton
Deadline: February 5, 2012

[Support and Outreach
Worker](#)

HIV Edmonton
Deadline: February 5, 2012

DID YOU KNOW?

brief resum together with a nomination letter from a community group by **February 10, 2012** to reception@hivnet.ubc.ca.

[International Indigenous Pre-Conference on HIV & AIDS
2012](#)

The International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS (IIWGHA) is pleased to announce the International Indigenous Pre-conference on HIV & AIDS, *To see and be seen*, which will precede the International AIDS Conference also held in Washington from July 22-27, 2012.

The overall goal of the Pre-conference is to increase the visibility of HIV & AIDS in Indigenous communities. HIV & AIDS is disproportionately distributed across global populations, as it hits hardest in areas where structural, economic, and development challenges are greatest and it is especially evident within the Indigenous populations.

- [Pre-conference Call for Abstracts](#)
- [Abstract Submission Form](#)
- [Pre-conference Exhibitor Application Form](#)
- [Pre-conference Registration Form](#)
- [Pre-conference Scholarship Form](#)

For more information, please contact Trevor Stratton at trevor@caan.ca.

[CWGHR Award of Excellence Call for nominations](#)

In 2008, the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) established the CWGHR Award of Excellence in HIV and Rehabilitation to recognize individuals or organizations for their excellence in the area of HIV and rehabilitation. CWGHRs Award of Excellence seeks to highlight outstanding contributions

CATIE also offers tips for [staying on track with hepatitis C treatment](#).

OTHER CATIE E-PUBLICATIONS YOU CAN SUBSCRIBE TO

[TreatmentUpdate](#)

In-depth reports on HIV and hepatitis C research and treatment

[CATIE-News](#)

Bite-sized HIV and HCV news items

[Prevention in Focus](#)

Highlights on prevention research and how it can be integrated into the planning and provision of services

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toward improving the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS and to acknowledge those who embody CWGHRs values and goals.

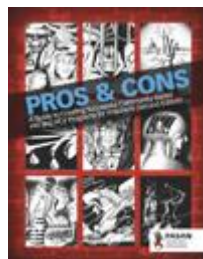
Nominations for the 2012 CWGHR Award of Excellence will be accepted until **February 6, 2012** at 5:00 p.m. EST and must include [a completed nomination form](#). Nominations may be submitted by e-mail to awards@hivandrehab.ca.

New Resources from the Field



[HIV/AIDS Policy & Law Review 15\(3\), October 2011](#)

Written by the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, the *HIV/AIDS Policy & Law Review* provides analysis and summaries of current developments in HIV/AIDS-related policy and law, and promotes education and the exchange of information, ideas, and experiences from an international perspective. Features: Human and health rights of sex workers and the prosecution of HIV non-disclosure.



[PROS & CONS: A Guide to Creating Successful Community-Based HIV and HCV Programs for Prisoners, 2nd Edition](#)

Published by the Prisoners' HIV/AIDS Support Action Network (PASAN), this manual is intended to be a resource and reference guide to provide comprehensive community-based HIV and HCV programming within prisons. Whether you

are new to prison work or want to expand your knowledge, this manual will also guide your efforts for building relationships and trust, facilitating discussions, advocating for your clients and supporting them with pre- and post-release planning.

***The CATIE Exchange* wants to hear from you!**

The CATIE Exchange is a newsletter for you and by you: We encourage you to share information about your events and programs.

We welcome your submissions (150 words or less) for our consideration. If you have questions or would like to contribute to *The CATIE Exchange*, please contact Véronique Destrubé at 1-800-263-1638, ext. 267 or vdestrube@catie.ca.



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