The Global Hepatitis C Network

Réseau mondial de lutte contre l'hépatite C

Building and Enhancing Capacity for Hepatitis C Prevention

November 4th and 5th, 2010
Ottawa, Canada

The Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) invites you to participate in an upcoming workshop on hepatitis C prevention entitled "Building and Enhancing Capacity for Hepatitis C Prevention". The workshop is an activity of the Global Hepatitis C Network, an initiative being funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The workshop will be held on November 4th and 5th in Ottawa, Canada. There will also be an orientation lunch for participants held on November 3rd.

The goal of the Global Hepatitis C Network is to contribute to improved population health through increased awareness and understanding in Canada and abroad of issues related to the global hepatitis C epidemic with a focus on four key areas: research and surveillance, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

The priority theme for this workshop is hepatitis C prevention services and awareness, education, and communication for specific target populations, including vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations (e.g. prevention for prisoners, prevention for people who use drugs etc.) There will also be concurrent sessions on the role of research and surveillance in prevention and awareness for hepatitis C. The workshop will build and enhance the skills of organizations and individuals involved in hepatitis C prevention work both in Canada and internationally. It will also be a venue for knowledge sharing on best practices and innovative models and tools for hepatitis C prevention being used around the world.

There will be participation from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the World Hepatitis Alliance, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Canadian and international universities, and civil society among others. In addition, we hope to have participation from community groups working on HCV at the international, national, provincial, state, and local levels, health professionals, decision-makers, researchers, and people working in the area of healthcare acquired HCV.

Please respond to amarshall@csih.org if you would like to attend this workshop. Once you have confirmed your participation, we will send you further details on the workshop venue and times.

The workshop agenda will be posted on our website (www.globalhepc.net) by Friday, October 1st.

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