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### UBC CAMPAIGN LAUNCH FEATURES THE NGDI AND KISH WASAN

The University of British Columbia has launched an ambitious \$1.5 billion fundraising campaign with a twin goal of doubling the number of alumni engaged in the life of the university by 2015. The campaign, named *start an evolution*, is the largest fundraising campaign in Canadian university history and was launched in Vancouver today with a campus celebration. UBC's campus in the Okanagan aims to raise \$100 million and double its own alumni participation levels as part of the overall UBC campaign goals.

After viewing a short promotional piece for the NGDI and Kish's [Oral AmpB project](#), Kish told the audience the story of discovering neglected diseases through a serendipitous conversation with a [Universities Allied for Essential Medicines](#) student. He ended with a call for students to take up the work on neglected diseases, "My generation isn't going to solve them all, your generation is", he stated.

The Neglected Global Diseases Initiative is a priority project for funding with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences under their international engagement section.

For more information on the startanevolution campaign: [www.startanevolution.ca](http://www.startanevolution.ca).

For the Neglected Global Diseases Initiatives priority page: [Neglected Global Diseases Initiative Fund](#).

### DISTINGUISHED LECTURESHIP SEMINAR FEATURING STEPHEN LEWIS

The NGDI is pleased to invite you to attend our third Distinguished Lectureship Seminar. Stephen Lewis is a Co-Director of **AIDS-Free World**, a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University in Toronto, and the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Health Access Initiative and Emeritus Board Member of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, as well as the author of the best-selling book, *Race Against Time*. Furthermore, he has worked with the United Nations for over two decades and holds more than 35 honorary degrees.

Stephen Lewis will be discussing **the topic of neglected global diseases**. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

**Date:** Friday, October 21, 2011

**Time:** 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**Location:** [Old Auditorium](#), 6344 Memorial Road, UBC Vancouver Campus

Thank you UBC – **the registration is now full** and tickets have been distributed. Please remember to print them out and bring them to the hall.

**If you are unable to attend, please let me know** and we will get your ticket to someone on our lengthy waiting list. [jocelyn.conway@ubc.ca](mailto:jocelyn.conway@ubc.ca)

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### NEW INFORMATION SHEET AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

Our first glossy information sheet has been developed with an eye towards the UBC alumni and development campaign. It features general information about our group and lists a few projects that donors can support.

To view the NGDI sheet, click [here](#). If any members would like copies of this sheet, contact [Jocelyn](#).

We will now begin work on a sheet that will focus more on our research capabilities and research projects.

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## TWITTER ACCOUNT IN FULL SWING

Jocelyn is tweeting the daily news on our new twitter account: [www.twitter.com/ngdiubc](http://www.twitter.com/ngdiubc)

For those that don't yet follow us, get all the latest news by downloading our [Tweets of the Month](#). [\[top\]](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### 2011/2012 BANTING POSTDOC FELLOWSHIPS

The 2011/2012 Banting Postdoc Fellowship (PDF) information has been released. As the most prestigious PDF award in Canada, the Banting Fellowship provides the opportunity to recruit, or retain, top talent as part of the UBC research community. The SPARC Office is working with the PostDoc Office to promote and support this program.

**October 5** – Deadline for applicants to submit internal review package to SPARC at [sparc.ir@ubc.ca](mailto:sparc.ir@ubc.ca)

Oct 26 – Letters sent to candidate

Nov 2 – Banting application deadline

Any general Banting inquiries (including Common CV and ResearchNet support) can be directed to Banting [contacts](#). The [Postdoc office](#) is also here to help. Any UBC Internal Review process inquiries can be forwarded to the SPARC Office, [sparc.ir@ubc.ca](mailto:sparc.ir@ubc.ca).

Key reference documents:

[2011-2012 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships – Memo](#)

[UBC document for Banting fellowship applicants](#)

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### BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND: INVESTIGATORS IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Awards for assistant professors to study infectious disease pathogenesis, with a focus on the intersection of human and pathogen biology. The program is intended to shed light on the overarching issues of how human hosts handle infectious challenge.

Application Deadline: **November 1, 2011**

Candidate eligibility and institutional nomination requirements [\[information\]](#)

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### GRAND CHALLENGES ROUND 8 – THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 8 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health and development solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until **November 17, 2011** on the following topics:

Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at: [www.grandchallenges.org/r8\\_gce](http://www.grandchallenges.org/r8_gce). [\[top\]](#)

## SHASTRI INSTITUTE – SCHOLAR TRAVEL SUBSIDY GRANT 2011

This travel grant assists scholars to participate in conferences and academic meetings through travel subsidies – travel to fall between Dec & March 2011.

The Shastri Institute will provide **50% of the scholar's total travel costs up to CAD\$ 1,200**. Other associated costs, such as costs related to visas, meals, per diem and accommodation are not eligible to this grant. For more information: <http://www.sici.org/programmes/details/scholar-travel-subsidy-grant-2011/>

A total of CAD\$10,000 is available for this competition to use for scholarly travel for the period from December 1st, 2011 to March 30th, 2012.

Application Deadline: **November 1, 2011**

Shastri Institute believes that higher education is one of the major drivers to bring about sustainable development. Therefore, STSG applications showing linkages between the proposed activities (regardless of the nature of conference/meetings, i.e., whether it is pure academic or developmental) and CIDA's development priorities will be given preference. [\[top\]](#)

## UBC GO GLOBAL FUNDING

[Go Global](#), through its network of over 150 partner universities, offers graduate opportunities to study or research abroad, including short-term research programs. Go Global also administers over \$1.4M in international learning awards available to UBC Master's and PhD students on research abroad placement at a [partner institution](#).

**December 9, 2011** (US and UK Leuven)

**Jan 18, 2012** (Asia, Africa, Australia, NZ)

**Jan 20, 2012** (Europe, Canada, Latin America) [\[top\]](#)

## BWF – COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS – for Faculty, Post-Doctoral Fellows & PhD Candidates

The [Burroughs Wellcome Fund](#) provides travel grants (for Canadian/US citizens or permanent residents) that can be used both internationally and domestically to acquire a new research technique, to facilitate/begin collaboration, or to attend a course. (will not support travel to domestic or international meetings)

Candidates must hold a PhD or are studying for a PhD in [mathematics](#), [physics](#), [chemistry](#), [computer science](#), [statistics](#), or [engineering](#) and are interested in investigating research opportunities in the biological sciences - OR - to [biologists](#) interested in working with physical scientists, mathematicians, engineers, chemists, statisticians, or computer scientists.

Award Value: \$15K Travel Grant (incl up to \$500 to cover costs at the host lab).

Application deadline: **December 1, 2011**

Indirect charges may not be charged against the grants.

Travel must be completed by Dec 31, 2013. [\[top\]](#)

## UBC GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH MOBILITY AWARD

**January 10, 2012** – for travel May 1<sup>st</sup> or later

**May 1, 2012** – for travel Aug 1<sup>st</sup> or later

The [Office of the Vice President Research & International](#) is pleased to announce an upcoming Request For Proposals for the [UBC Graduate Student International Research Mobility Award](#). This program was established to build and enhance research collaborations between UBC and research-intensive universities, research institutes or related organizations in areas of mutual excellence. Since the program began in April 2009, more than 85 graduate students have received the award (82 PhD, 4 Master's).

In partnership with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and UBC's Go Global program, we invite applications from UBC graduate students who wish to participate in a research abroad opportunity at a leading institution outside the US and Canada. *Priority is given to PhD students.*

**Value:** \$1500 stipend (+ Go Global fee, for students attending partner institutions). UBC students can also use the \$400 FOGS Travel Fund towards a VPRI-funded research abroad program.

More information: For full program and application details, please review the award guidelines and the FAQ posted on the [web](#).

For any additional questions, please contact Jacqueline Smit at [jacqueline.smit@ubc.ca](mailto:jacqueline.smit@ubc.ca) or 604.822.8136 (*please review the full award guidelines first*).

*Other funding sources for research mobility are also posted at our [website](#) – advance planning is required for most external grants.* [\[top\]](#)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### CENTRE FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE AND THERAPEUTICS – SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

As part of CMMT's 15 year anniversary celebrations, we are hosting the first [CMMT Scientific Symposium](#) on Monday, **November 7, 2011, at 9:00 am - 7:00 pm**, at the [Child & Family Research Institute \(map\)](#). Please Save the Date!

We invite you to submit an abstract for presentation during the poster session. The poster session is open to all faculty, postdoctoral fellows, research associates, trainees and technicians. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **Friday, October 21, 2011 at 4:30 pm**.

For more information on the CMMT Scientific Symposium, please go to: <http://www.cmmt.ubc.ca/events/2011/11/frontiers-genetic-medicine>.

To submit your abstract, please go to: <http://www.cmmt.ubc.ca/frontiers-genetic-medicine-abstract>. [\[top\]](#)

## PROGRAMME FOR GLOBAL PAEDIATRIC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

“The Global Crisis of Childhood Diarrhea” April 30, 2012, Boston, U.S.A.

### Symposium

PGPR’s 12th symposium will be held April 30, 2012 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS). This three-part symposium is entitled:

### Call for Abstracts

PGPR invites submissions of abstracts that relate to childhood diarrhea or to other aspects of global child health. Abstracts are due by Thursday **November 17, 2011** and should be submitted through the PAS website [www.pas-meeting.org](http://www.pas-meeting.org).

*Abstracts should be submitted under the theme "Global Paediatric Research".* Specifying this theme will exempt you from the PAS requirement that you must be a member or sponsored by a member of a designated society to submit an abstract to the PAS/ASPR meeting. Selected abstracts will be chosen for symposium or poster presentations.

If you would like further information about the symposium, or PGPR please contact us.

If you wish to attend the symposium, please register for the PAS Meeting at [www.pas-meeting.org](http://www.pas-meeting.org)

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

### ROUNDS ON INTERNATIONAL SURGERY

**Tuesday October 18, 5:30 to 7 pm**

Venue: CESEI, Room 3600 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) Jim Pattison North-VGH

**Teaching Surgery in Kabul, Afghanistan Today’s Challenge & Wider Implications**

#### Presenter: Dr Ken Foster

Born and raised as a third generation missionary kid in Zambia, Dr Ken Foster completed his surgical training at the University of Western Ontario in 1988. His surgical training includes a hand and upper limb center fellowship at the University of Western Ontario and a clinical scholarship with UBC Plastics. His commitment to Afghanistan began in 1997 where he worked in Kabul’s main orthopedic hospital and the ICRC trauma hospital. Between 2003-05 he worked in Mazar, returning to Kabul in 2007 where he has been teaching surgery for the past three and half years. He has also worked in Angola, Thailand and Yemen. In 2010 he was awarded the Teasdale-Corti humanitarian service award by the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada. Dr Foster likes to “*focus on the conviction that it is not a matter of giving skills or knowledge to individuals but of establishing and promoting a learning community that encourages reflexive learning*”.

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## GAIRDNER SYMPOSIUM

Don't miss this opportunity to listen to two dynamic and high profiled researchers at the 2011 Gairdner Vancouver Symposium. This **free public lecture** will feature: [Dr. Howard Cedar](#) [2011 Canada Gairdner International Award Recipient ], and [Dr. Michael Hayden](#) [2011 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award Recipient]

Details of the event:

Date: **October 24, 2011**

Time: **4-6pm**

Venue: **Life Sciences Centre, Lecture Theatre 1 (LSC 1), UBC, 2350 Health Sciences Mall**

More information about the symposium and poster can be found at

<http://www.cmmt.ubc.ca/events/2011/10/GFNP2011>

More information about the Gairdner Foundation can be found at <http://www.gairdner.org/>

For questions or more information please contact Seetha at [skumaran@cmmt.ubc.ca](mailto:skumaran@cmmt.ubc.ca)

### **Gairdner Lunch (Space is Available, **registration necessary**) of British Columbia with Dr. Michael Hayden**

Hosted by Drs. Yassi and Spiegel

Venue: Michael Smith Labs Room 101

Date: Monday, October 24, 2011

Time 12:30- 2:30 p.m.

For registration and information: Jocelyn Conway at [jocelyn.conway@ubc.ca](mailto:jocelyn.conway@ubc.ca)

### **Lunch at the Child & Family Research Institute with Dr. Howard Cedar**

Hosted by Dr. Michael Kobor

Venue: Room 3113, Child & Family Research Institute

Date: Monday, October 24, 2011

Time 12:30- 2:30 p.m.

For registration and information: Tanya Erb at [tanya@cmmt.ubc.ca](mailto:tanya@cmmt.ubc.ca)

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## THE GRANDEST CHALLENGE: TAKING LIFE-SAVING SCIENCE FROM LAB TO VILLAGE

Department of Family Practice, Faculty of Medicine and the Neglected Global Diseases Initiative University of British Columbia & Random House Canada invites you to attend a discussion with ABDALLAH DAAR & PETER SINGER on their new book. Discussion moderated by **VIDESH KAPOOR**, Family Physician, Assistant Clinical Professor & Director, Division of Global Health

*"Our inspiration comes from one simple fact: If your home is in Canada, the United States or Germany you can expect to live into your eighties. If your home is in Swaziland, Mozambique, or Zambia, your life expectancy is half that long. We are poised to experience a revolution in science, one with extraordinary potential to improve human health and welfare. Will we use our power to benefit the few or for the good of all? That is the quest we explore in this book."*

Date: **Wednesday, October 26 at 5pm**

Michael Smith Laboratories Auditorium, University of British Columbia, 2185 East Mall

RSVP [here](#).

**Books will be available at the event. (\$32.95 via cash/credit card)**

Download the poster [here](#).

**ABDALLAH DAAR** was born in Tanzania. He is a Professor at Dalla Lana School of Public Health and of Surgery at the University of Toronto, and Director of Ethics and Commercialization at the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health. He is the recipient of the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics of Science, and often advises governments and the UN, UNESCO, WHO and OECD on global health.

**PETER SINGER** is Director of the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health, Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto and CEO of Grand Challenges Canada. He has advised the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the UN Secretary-General's Office, the Government of Canada, and Pepsico Inc. He is also a sought-after commentator and public speaker. Singer was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2011 for his contributions to health research and bioethics, and for his dedication to improving the health of people in developing countries. [\[top\]](#)

## 2011 GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE – November 13-15, 2011

Mark your calendars for November 13-15 when the Canadian Society for International Health, the Consortium of Universities for Global Health and the Global Health Education Consortium jointly present the 2011 Global Health Conference in Montreal, Canada. Website: <http://2011globalhealth.org/>

### **Featured speakers include:**

George ALLEYNE, Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and Director Emeritus of the Pan American Health Organization

Romeo DALLAIRE, Senator, Lieutenant-General of the Canadian Armed Forces (retired) and former commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR)

Eric GOOSBY, Global AIDS Coordinator, PEPFAR

Roger GLASS, NIH, Fogarty International Center

Harold VARMUS, Director of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health

Conference registration information: <http://2011globalhealth.org/registration.html>

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