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2009 MEDICAL STUDENTS FORUM

November 20 - 22, 2009

Quality Inn University

Calgary, Alberta

(Sept. 26, 2009) - Canadian Physicians for Life is pleased to announce it will be co-hosting this year's Medical Students Forum with the University of Calgary's pro-life medical students club, VitaMed, November 20-22, in Calgary, Alberta.

We offer to pro-life medical students a broad range of seminars and workshops designed to not only inform them with regards to sensitive and emerging issues, but to equip them with the confidence to 'make their case' when interacting with colleagues and the public who may question their stance on life issues.

Pro-life medical students who are interested in deepening their understanding of the life issues and who want to acquire the knowledge, the skills, and the courage to defend the pro-life ethic in the medical profession are encouraged to apply for a scholarship to attend this event (*for details on the application process, see below.*).

Our last year's Medical Students Forum in Ancaster, Ontario was a great success, and here's what some medical students had to say about it:

Medical students comment on CPL's 2008 Medical Student Forum...

"The conference was excellent.... I found the sessions really useful to provide me with a backbone as I start my career in medicine and holding pro-life views in what increasingly seems to be pro-choice world. The conference gave a lot of food for thought and really evoked important discussions on ethics and how to uphold morals and faith in a secular world. I also gained more insight into the issues surrounding abortion and was able to have important discussions with fellow classmates who were pro-choice around this issue when I came back on Monday from the conference."

(University of Ottawa medical student, Class of 2012)

"I had a wonderful time getting to know students from across Canada and from my own school. I am encouraged that I have colleagues who share my beliefs and that I now know I can rely on should ethical issues in my education arise."

(University of Alberta medical student, Class of 2012)

"I gained a lot of knowledge, such as the health effects of abortion, the development of fetal pain and social issues that are related to abortion. These were issues that I did not know about previously and are not addressed in my medical school curriculum. This conference has caused me to think more deeply about issues of abortion, and together with some other students we are now trying to start a pro-life interest group at our medical school. We feel that more students could benefit from exposure to these issues which are often overlooked and ignored."

(McMaster University medical student, Class of 2011)

What is included in a scholarship?

Canadian Physicians for Life will provide scholarships to as many medical students to attend this event as possible, funds permitting. We will pay for much of the cost involved for students, and approximately half the cost for residents.

Canadian Physicians for Life will pay for:

- 2 nights, shared accommodation at Quality Inn University in Calgary, or billeting with a host student (*see application form for more information on billeting*)
- Conference fees / meals
- A maximum allowance for air/train/bus/car travel, depending on location person is travelling from (*exact amounts to be determined*)

Students will be required to pay any remaining costs including the following:

- The portion of the travel fare over the maximum allowance. Students receiving a scholarship will be responsible for booking and paying for their flights (or other means of transportation) and will be reimbursed up to the maximum allowance upon arriving at the conference in Calgary. Students are encouraged to be on the lookout for seat sales, which can reduce the cost of a flight considerably. Seat sales come and go all the time, so vigilance is recommended in order to get the best deal possible. You can check flight schedules and fares and book online for WestJet and AirCanada at www.westjet.com and www.aircanada.com.
- Shuttle/taxi between airport and conference location.

Application Deadline:

Applications are available for download from our website at <http://www.physiciansforlife.ca/html/students/2009msf.html>.

Completed applications should be received in our office no later than **October 26, 2009**.*

**NOTE: Selection of scholarship recipients will commence before the deadline date, so applicants are encouraged to send their applications in as soon as possible. Space and funding are limited.*

For more Information...

For a list of confirmed speakers to date, see the following page.

Further details of the conference will be posted on our website (www.physiciansforlife.ca) as they become available.

For further information, please contact:

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CANADIAN PHYSICIANS FOR LIFE'S
2009 Medical Students Forum

List of Confirmed Speakers to date

(in alphabetical order)

- **Stephen Genuis**, MD, FRCSC, DABOG, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Alberta
- **Sheila Rutledge Harding**, MD, FRCPC, Professor, Departments of Pathology and Medicine; Associate Dean, Medical Education, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan
- **Will Johnston**, MD, President of Canadian Physicians for Life and Family Physician, Vancouver
- **Wendy Lowe**, Executive Director of the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre
- **Fr. Tom Lynch**, National Director of Priests for Life Canada
- **Sean Murphy**, Administrator of the Protection of Conscience Project (www.consciencelaws.org)
- **José Luis Pereira**, MD, CCFP, Full Professor and Head, Division of Palliative Care, University of Ottawa; Medical Chief, Palliative Medicine, Bruyère Continuing Care / The Ottawa Hospital /
- **Elizabeth Ring-Cassidy**, MA, Psychologist, Researcher for the deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research
- **Margaret Somerville**, AM, FRSC, DCL, Samuel Gale Professor of Law; Professor, Faculty of Medicine; Founding Director of McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law