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2010 MEDICAL STUDENTS FORUM

Friday, Nov. 12 – Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010
Plaza 500 Hotel
Vancouver, British Columbia

(Sept 22, 2010) - Canadian Physicians for Life will be holding this year's Medical Students Forum in Vancouver, British Columbia November 12 – 14, 2010. The forum is co-hosted by UBC Medical Students for Life, the pro-life medical students club at the University of British Columbia.

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.

We offer to 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 particular issues.

The 2009 Medical Students Forum in Calgary, Alberta was a great success, and we are pleased to be able to once again offer scholarships to a limited number of pro-life medical students and residents to attend our 2010 event.

Here's what some medical students had to say about our 2009 Medical Student Forum...

"I found my thinking both challenged and affirmed. Speakers were informed and insightful, and expressed their positions with a refreshing sense of care and concern for patients. I am better equipped to approach the issues discussed."

(University of Western Ontario, Schulich School of Medicine student, Class of 2012)

"It's one of my favourite weekends of the year - a chance to hear truth spoken, to access information we know exists, but haven't been able to piece together ourselves. It's a chance to meet other students and be so very encouraged by their courage. It's so necessary - and something I've already committed to supporting when I'm in a position to do so."

(McMaster student, Class of 2011)

"Passionate and dynamic speakers who had great approaches to life issues. I felt (and still do) energized after attending those sessions and I really must congratulate CPL on putting together a fantastic conference. This is the kind of message that needs to be heard by as many people as possible because it's about hope and fundamentally about caring for people. As a med student, it was refreshing to know that there are other students who share my views and who are willing to get together to discuss these topics."

(University of Toronto Resident)

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 the Plaza 500 Hotel, Vancouver.
- Conference fees / meals
- A maximum allowance for air/train/bus/car travel, depending on from where person is travelling (*details 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. Vancouver's Sky Train rapid rail Canada Line drops off close to the Plaza 500 Hotel. Schedules, maps, and fares can be found at www.translink.ca

Application Deadline:

Applications will be available for download from our website shortly.

Completed applications must be received in our office by **October 15, 2010**.

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

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CANADIAN PHYSICIANS FOR LIFE'S 2010 Medical Students Forum

List of Speakers*

- **Stephen Genuis**, MD, FRCSC, DABOG, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Alberta
- **John Patrick**, MD, Professor, Augustine College, Ottawa, ON
- **Nuala Kenny**, OC, MD, FRCPC, founding Chair, Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University
- **Will Johnston**, MD, President of Canadian Physicians for Life and Family Physician, Vancouver
- **Stephanie Gray**, co-founder and the executive director of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, Calgary
- **Sean Murphy**, Administrator of the Protection of Conscience Project, Powell River, BC
- **Victoria Greene**, MSW, post-abortive care worker, Ottawa, ON
- **Maureen Brown**, Aboriginal pro-life perspectives speaker, The Pas, MB
- **Larry Reynolds**, MD, CCFP, FCFP Former Head of the Department of Family Medicine, University of Manitoba

* *Subject to change*