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Presents The 2nd Annual

RELAX & LEARN 2009

**"INTERACTIVE COLLABORATIVE
FORUM FOR ABI PROFESSIONALS"**

To Be Held

**Thursday, April 23rd
& Friday, April 24th**

At



Nottawasaga Inn

**Resort & Conference Centre
Alliston, Ontario**

**Visit Our Website www.commsoltd.com
For Registration Information**

RELAX...

RELAX at the beautiful Nottawasaga Inn
Resort & Conference Centre



In addition to comfortable meeting rooms and excellent food, the resort offers guests full use of "The Sports & Leisure Dome" - large indoor pool, 18-hole miniature golf, games room, fitness facility, squash, tennis, racquetball courts, and full spa services.

As part of the conference experience, our generous sponsor Bogoroch & Associates has provided a variety of spa treatments that will be offered to lucky conference participants on a draw basis throughout the event.

Directions From Toronto

1. Take Hwy 400 to Hwy 89 (exit #75)
2. Drive West on 89 for 4 km
3. The Nottawasaga Inn Resort is on the south side of the highway



& LEARN

COLLABORATION...

Linking the limited resources with community partners!

Rehabilitation Teams working in the community with individuals who have sustained an Acquired Brain Injury, often face unique challenges in accessing resources related to the highly complex needs of their clients.

This conference will provide you with practical strategies and tools that you can then apply in the community in order to address the complex needs and challenges presented by individuals with ABI.

LEARN and consult directly with specialists in their specific field of ABI expertise:

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES – *Tim Feeney & Mark Ylvisaker*

BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES – *Tim Feeney*

FAMILY ISSUES & SEXUALITY – *Caron Gan*

SUBSTANCE ABUSE – *Carolyn Lemsky*

PAEDIATRICS – *Dr. Peter Rumney*

NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS – *Dr. Chanth Seyone*

NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS – *Dr. Abe Sniderman*

COGNITIVE COMMUNICATION – *Mark Ylvisaker*

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!

Registration deadline is April 2, 009 - Register Today!

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SUBMIT A CASE STUDY

Participants (rehabilitation teams) will prepare case studies prior to the conference, to be submitted to the speaker/consultant for review.

Sessions will be in the format of a "case conference" with the team and speaker/consultant as a participant.

The focus of the case conference will be on brain-storming and problem-solving with the consultant and small group audience to determine solutions and alternative methods of intervention, treatment, and support for the individual. Take advantage of this interactive learning experience on behalf of your client!



To propose a client for case study review, and/or to register for the conference, please go to our website

www.commsolltd.com

for additional information and applicable form(s).

Important dates to note:

The deadline to propose a client is *March 1st, 2009*.

SPEAKERS/CONSULTANTS

We are privileged to have the following seven, highly respected specialists join us in this unique interactive learning event:

Cognitive Communication – Mark Ylvisaker

Dr. Ylvisaker is Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York. He has over 30 years of clinical and program development experience with children and young adults with neurogenic cognitive, self-regulatory, behavioral, and communication disorders. He is author of over 125 publications, including six books. He serves on the editorial board of six journals, consults to rehabilitation and education programs in 13 countries on five continents, and presents frequently to national and international audiences. Through a grant from the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, he was the primary contributor to a web site created for educators, clinicians and parents who serve students with neurologic impairment. The web site, www.bianys.org/learnit/, earned a distinguished achievement award from the Brain Injury Association of America. Among his many awards, Dr. Ylvisaker received the 2008 Frank R. Kleffner National Lifetime Clinical Career Award from the American Speech Language and Hearing Foundation.

Behavioural Issues – Tim Feeney

Tim Feeney is the Executive Director of School and Community Support Services and, for the past ten years, the Project Director of the New York Neurobehavioral Resource Project at STIC, a New York State Department of Health grant-funded program developed to support individuals with brain injury and significant behavioral challenges to live successfully in their home communities. Over the course of the past 15+ years, Tim has worked in a variety of capacities in human services including: special education teacher, program director of a state program for individuals with autism, coordinator of educational services, coordinator of behavioral services, staff psychologist, consulting behavior specialist, and an Assistant Professor of Special Education. Tim has co-authored over 40 scholarly journal articles and book chapters on brain injury, is co-author of the book *Collaborative Brain Injury Intervention: Positive Everyday Routines*, and speaks and consults the world over on issues related to supporting individuals with brain injury.

Neuropsychiatric Disorders – Dr. Abe Sniderman

Dr. Sniderman holds a specialist certificate in Psychiatry and a sub specialist designation in Neuropsychiatry, both from the University of Toronto. He did training at the University of Manitoba and University of Western Ontario before that. He is the director of the Neuropsychiatry Clinic at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, Neuro-rehabilitation Program where he has worked for the past 12 years. Dr. Sniderman is a consultant to the Acquired Brain Injury, Stroke, Continuing Care and Spinal Cord Programs at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and several community agencies, and has a full time appointment as Clinician Teacher in the Department of Psychiatry and the department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He is a member of the Research Ethics Board at Toronto Rehab and an instructor in the Art and Science of Clinical Medicine Course at the Faculty of Medicine, and is also an examiner in Psychiatry for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Sniderman is a member of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Neuropsychiatric Association, and was co-winner of "The Ivan Silver Award for Excellence in Mental Health Education" 2007 given by the University of Toronto, Dept. of Psychiatry. His expertise is in the areas of the cognitive, emotional and behavioural effects of neurological problems such as multiple sclerosis, stroke, severe traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders and others.

SPEAKERS/CONSULTANTS

Neuropsychiatric Disorders – Dr. Chanth Seyone

Dr. Chanth Seyone became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (Psychiatry) in 1996, following which he did a Fellowship in Neuropsychiatry, Sleep Medicine and Community Psychiatry. He is the Founding Director of the Acquired Brain Injury Clinic, Neuropsychiatry Program, at the Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network. In addition, Dr. Seyone consults to the Peel Halton Acquired Brain Injury Services (PHABIS); the Community Head Injury Resource Services (CHIRS) of Metropolitan Toronto; York Simcoe Brain Injury Services (YSBIS); and various legal and insurance firms. Dr. Seyone is active in teaching undergraduate, as well as graduate students, other doctors and allied health-care professionals. He recently won the prestigious Ivan silver Award for Excellence in Mental Health Education for a workshop titled, "A Road Map to Acquired Brain Injury". He continues to organize CME accredited workshops and has a number of forthcoming presentations. He is involved in research and has numerous publications and presentations to his credit. He represents the University Health Network on the Advisory Committee of the ABI Network.

Family Issues & Sexuality – Caron Gan

Caron Gan is an RN and a marriage and family therapist, registered with the Ontario and American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. For the past 18 years of a 31-year career in health care and rehabilitation, she has worked with clients with ABI providing psychotherapeutic intervention to youth, adults, couples, and families. Currently, she is working with the Family Support Service team at Bloorview Kids Rehab, a community-based program for youth and young adults with ABI and their families. As an Approved Supervisor through the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, she also has clinical supervision and mentoring responsibilities with clinicians around family therapy intervention. She has been principal investigator on studies of family outcome after ABI. For the past 1 ½ years, she has been the lead investigator and developer of Brain Injury Family Intervention for Adolescents (BIFI-A), an empirically based intervention for adolescents with ABI and their families. In addition to these responsibilities, she juggles her time with a busy private practice that is dedicated to clients with ABI and their families.

Paediatrics – Dr. Peter Rumney

Dr. Peter Rumney, is Senior Physician Director-Rehab & Complex Continuing Care at Bloorview Kids Rehab in Toronto. A native of Toronto, he took his medical training at the University of Toronto. He worked at Bloorview MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre and did his Family Practice Residency in Toronto at Sunnybrook. His Paediatric training began at Dalhousie University at the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for children followed by his Paediatric Residency at the University of Toronto at the Hospital for Sick Children. His practice began in 1987 in Paediatric Rehab at Bloorview Kids Rehab. Currently, Dr. Rumney is the Physician Director of the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Team. His practice is focused on acquired brain injury and adolescent rehabilitation. Dr. Rumney is a consultant in Paediatric Neurology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, as well as associate professor of Paediatrics at the University of Toronto.

Substance Abuse – Carolyn Lemsky

Dr. Carolyn Lemsky has over 25 years of experience working in inpatient, outpatient and community-based rehabilitation settings, and is currently the Clinical Director of CHIRS (Community Head Injury Resource Services of Toronto), a publicly funded not-for-profit agency whose mission is to promote community re-integration of people living with the effects of acquired brain injury. Her interest in substance abuse and brain injury developed as the result of her work at CHIRS. She is the recipient of a 2004-2005 Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Transition grant which provided funding to develop the Substance Use and Brain Injury Bridging Project (SUBI) materials. She is now the project lead on an Ontario Neurotrauma – Funded initiative to develop an Ontario-Wide Research and Clinical Community of Practice for substance use and brain injury service providers. In addition to her participation in funded research, Dr. Lemsky has contributed several book chapters and journal articles to the literature in the area of community integration and neuropsychological assessment.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

- 7:30-8:15 - Registration & Breakfast
- 8:15-8:30 - Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 8:30-9:40 - Mark Ylvisaker & Tim Feeney, Keynote
- 9:45-10:45 - Caron Gan, Keynote
- 11:00-12:00 - Dr. Peter Rumney, Keynote
- 12:00-1:00 - Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 - Dr. Chanth Seyone, Keynote
- 2:05-3:25 - Session A
- 3:25-3:40 - Break
- 3:40-5:00 - Session B
- 6:00 - Mix & Mingle (wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

- 7:30-8:15 - Breakfast
- 8:15-8:45 - Richard Bogoroch, Bogoroch & Associates
- 8:45-9:00 - Getaway Draws & Conference Closing Remarks
- 9:00-10:00 - Carolyn Lemsky, Keynote
- 10:00-10:10 - Break
- 10:10-11:10 - Dr. Abe Sniderman, Keynote
- 11:15-12:35 - Session C
- 12:35-1:30 - Lunch
- 1:30-2:50 - Session D
- 2:50-3:00 - Break
- 3:00-4:30 - Panel
- 4:30 - Conference Ends