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Planetary Health: Local and Global

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Welcome to the second BC Coalition Institute (BCCI-2)

Building upon the inaugural BCCI that took place in Kelowna in 2017, we warmly welcome you to this second BC Coalition Institute. We're pleased that you will be joining us to think and learn together about a key challenge: ***Planetary health: local and global.***

This event is hosted by the University of Victoria, coordinated by the university's Global Health Research Discussion Group based at the Centre for Global Studies. The local team worked closely with supportive colleagues on the provincial planning team. Financial contributions for the BCCI-2 have come from all the partner BC universities involved, as well as the Capital Regional District (CRD), and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS).

We see this face-to-face event as only one component of a longer-term collaboration that we have come to call the BC Global Health Research Community of Practice (BC GHR CoP). A special feature of our time together will be an exploration of how a "high income country" (that is Canada, represented by BC) can strengthen links with colleagues and institutions from low income countries, so that together we can address the large challenge of global climate change. We will also explore ways in which global health research can impact more local solution seeking around planetary health.

Special thanks to our planning teams, both local and provincial, and in particular to our event manager, Bernie Paille, as well to our "Phase 3 coordinator", Nicole Spence.

We look forward to a productive and inspirational time together, and to strengthening our provincial and global collaborations.

Vic Neufeld and Nathan Lachowsky

Co-chairs

Pre-Event Preparation

- ✓ Read the [CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research](#).
- ✓ Watch the video on the [CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research](#).
- ✓ Consider the following questions, and be prepared to share your thoughts:
 - How do these principles fit with your own comfort zone? Where do they stretch you the most?
 - What disciplinary values do these principles align well with, confront, or challenge?
 - How could these principles inform different parts of the research process? How do you think practicing the principles might change across the research spectrum?
 - If you think about putting these principles into practice, what points in the research process would doing so be the most challenging? Are there paradoxes that you might encounter?
- ✓ The “Guides” for the main facilitated sessions are now on the [BCCI-2 website](#). To download the guides (and other resource material) go to the “Resources and Tools” page, then click on the “planetary health” pre-workshop prep materials.
- ✓ Send a brief bio and head-shot to Nicole Spence at nicolecspence@gmail.com by no later than *August 6*

What to bring

- ✓ Laptop, tablet or other similar device to ensure you can take full advantage of the Workshops and Group Work opportunities
- ✓ A reusable water bottle and/or mug
- ✓ Business cards

Program-at-a-Glance

	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	
08:30	Arrival	Breakfast			
		Setting the stage for the day	Setting the stage for the day		
		Traditional opening			
09:00		Main session			
		What (on earth) is planetary health? • Paivi Abernethy • Federico Andrade • Shannon Waters	Planetary Health at a Local Level • Trevor Hancock • Todd Litman • Colin Plant	Group reports	
10:30		Break			
10:45		Main session			
		Mobilizing our Commitment to the Future through Equity • Katrina Plamondon • Verena Rossa-Roccor	BC and beyond – an exploration of future research engagement • Vic Neufeld • Jerry Spiegel • Kristy Facer (PICS)	Institutional Group Conversations: Next Steps (Phase 3)	
				Institutional reports; participant feedback; synthesis & follow-up	
				Traditional closing	
12:15	Lunch				
13:00	Open session		Departure		
	Small groups and individual free time	Small groups and individual free time			
	Student presentations (SPPH 581K)				
16:00	Special session		Open space		
	A dialogue with Elizabeth May Leader, Green Party of Canada	Open space			
17:00	End of day synthesis				
19:00	Dinner				
	Getting to know you exercise BBQ dinner at University Club	Dinner at University Club, Leadership dialogue with Trevor Hancock	Dinner at 10 Acres Commons		

More about our activities

Locations

Our activities will take place in two locations. On Thursday and Friday, we will meet at the University Club. For Saturday and Sunday, we will move to the Human and Social Development (HSD) building, A-Wing, Rooms: 250, 264 and 270.

Beginning and Ending with checking in

Each day we will start and end by checking in with the group, giving people a chance to share insights and “aha” moments, and also present announcements and updates.

Facilitated Sessions

As you’ll see in the program, there are four main sessions – two each on Friday and Saturday. As we hope you’ve noted by looking at our website, a **Guide** has been prepared for each session that includes linked information about the facilitators, objectives, recommended resources (readings, websites, videos, and so on). Please study these carefully before each session, so that our “face-to-face” time is used well.

Discussion Groups

A good amount of time has been reserved each afternoon (of the two main days) for discussion groups. Please study the attached Table 1, where you will see information about the discussion groups, and lists of participants allocated to one of five groups.

Special student presentations

An outcome of the first BCCI in 2017, was the creation of an inter-university Masters level course entitled: “Practical Knowledge and Skills for Working in Global Health”. The course was managed through UBC as SPPH 581K DL and was conducted in May and June 2019. A key feature of the course was group work leading to the design of project proposals that demonstrated the use of the CCGHR principles. Of the 26 individuals who completed the course, six (6) are BCCI-2 participants. They will present project summaries at a dedicated session on **Friday August 9 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Roundtable discussion with Elizabeth May

We are particularly pleased to announce that Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada and elected member of Parliament representing Saanich and Gulf Islands, will be with us for a 2-hour session on **Friday, August 9 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Please review the resource guide for this session. It includes Ms. May’s biographical sketch and one of her publications entitled: “We are having the wrong conversation; we are in a climate emergency”.

Open spaces

On Saturday afternoon we have allocated 45-minute blocks of time as “open spaces” to encourage participants to suggest, recommend or lead break-out sessions on topics that arise spontaneously during the institute. Further details will be provided.

Introductory Note:

In their applications, most participants identified an interest area within the broad field of planetary health. Five interest areas emerged from our analysis of the applications. We have used these to allocate participants to study groups. A few applicants did not identify an interest area, so have been allocated somewhat randomly, to some extent so that each group has representatives from several institutions.

Purpose of the Groups:

- To facilitate the learning goals of individual participants;
- To explore a possible focus that represents a shared interest of group members;
- To identify a group challenge to be presented on Sunday [*Suggested group challenge: how to engage with “solution seekers”*]

Table 1 – Discussion Groups

Group # - interest area	Members
1. Deforestation, Energy	Ngozi Joe-Ikechebelu Zeena Yesufu Mareika Kroll Mira Ziolo Krishan Suresh Todi • <i>Barb Astle Facilitator (F)</i> • <i>Katrina Plamondon (F)</i>
2. Air pollution	Nicole Spence Catherine Smith Nicole Moen Natalie Buglioni David Giesbrecht • <i>Nathan Lachowsky (F)</i> • <i>Kate Tairyan (F)</i>
3. Water / WASH	Leigh Borrett Yue Yuan Clair Remington Christiana Onabola Cassandra Parsons Regiane Garcia • <i>Annalee Yassi (F)</i>
4. Food systems, Nutrition	Angela McIntyre Disann Kitende Matt Little Federico Andrade-Rivas Matilde Cervantes Maryam Dehnadi • <i>Paivi Abernethy (F)</i>
5. Education, Training	Amanda Egert Racula Radu Takaia Larsen Rebecca Houweling Tasha-Aliya Kara • <i>Dzifa Dordunoo (F)</i> • <i>Jerry Spiegel (F)</i>

About our evenings

Thursday August 8

This will be a welcome reception at 7:00 p.m. at the University Club, for an outdoor BBQ event. At some point in the evening, you will participate in a special “getting-to-know-you” adventure. Stay tuned!

Friday August 9

Dinner will again be at the University Club at 7:00 p.m. A special feature at some point during the meal will be a “Leadership Dialogue” with Professor Trevor Hancock, one of the BCCI-2 facilitators. Of particular relevance for the BCCI-2 is the fact that Trevor led the team that created the CPHA report of the Ecological Determinants of Health in 2015 and was an external reviewer for the report of the Rockefeller-Lancet Commission on Planetary Health. [Trevor is also chairing the first facilitated session on Saturday morning—see the Guide for this session that also includes more information about Trevor.] The idea of this “leadership dialogue” will be the opportunity to engage with Trevor about his leadership experience over the course of his distinguished career in public health. Trevor won’t make a speech (!), rather he’ll do his best to answer your questions about leadership.

Saturday August 10

Throughout the ‘south island’ (of Vancouver Island) there is a strong tradition of environmentally sustainable local food systems. It is for this reason that the dinner on Saturday evening will be hosted by a local initiative: the **10 Acres Farm and Restaurant Group**. We will have dinner at the Commons restaurant, 614 Humboldt Street. During the course of the dinner, the 10 Acres staff will tell us about the principles that guide the work of this group.

In addition, we have prepared a special reading guide about **Food Systems: Local and Global**. It is available on the BCCI-2 website. We hope you’ll be interested to read this resource some time before our dinner.

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