

British Columbia Coalition Institute – Community of Practice

Recent updates

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How current and future impacts of climate change affects nursing with **Raluca Radu**

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Connections between planetary health, indigenous sovereignty, and sports by **Claire Remington**

[Call to Action](#)

A call for **clinicians** to act on planetary health.

**Please see email attachment for access to the article.*

Working groups

BC Nurses for Planetary Health This group is reviewing which nursing groups in BC are promoting climate change education and action. The members are in the final stages of writing an op-ed with a nursing perspective and the ideas of the *Call to Action* group will be integrated into this Op Ed. Planetary health discussions were held at the University of Fraser Valley. Students were asked to post on social media and ask about “solutions to pollution”. The responses were collated in a poster and it is currently on display in the student atrium. More information to follow on the BCCI blog. Moreover, Trinity Western organized a networking café on the topic of planetary health, please contact **Barb Astle** for more information.

Workshop at Selkirk College **Takaia Larsen** and her colleagues are planning a workshop event within the Rural Pre-Med (RPM) program, to take place in early 2020.



BCCI 2 reunion in Ottawa During the October Canadian Conference on Global Health in Ottawa, BCCI-2 participants attending the conference met for a re-union dinner. Included were: **Barb Astle, Matthew Highfield, Katrina Plamondon, Matt Little, Catherine Smith, Ngozi Joe-Ikechebel, and Vic Neufeld**—along with some other friends. This was a good opportunity to share some “after the event” stories about what we each had learned in August, and about some next steps for our BCCI community.

BC and beyond A working paper about this concept was discussed during our 4th session in August, resulting in helpful feedback from participants. This feedback was used to prepare a CIHR Planning and Dissemination proposal entitled: “*Planning a ‘local-global’ research program on the health impacts of climate change*”. The proposal, with **Katrina Plamondon** as the principal investigator was submitted on September 25th. We are expecting news about the outcome of our submission in late December. Special thanks to the co-investigators (**Paivi Abernethy, Chris Buse, Tim Takaro**), and to all those who provided letters of support.

Other news & opportunities

Are you a student looking for more ways to be involved with the BCCI Community of Practice?

The BCCI is looking to recruit a *Student & Young Professional (SYP) Representative* to work collaboratively with the Community of Practice Coordinator and supervisory team to support planetary health initiatives. This is a voluntary position and represents a special opportunity to strengthen leadership capacities, through individual mentorship from members of the supervisory team. For more information, please contact bcci.community@gmail.com