Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA) Hosts 84th Annual Conference in Vancouver

Ottawa, ON, Wednesday, June 24, 2009 – The Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA) will host its 84th annual conference July 1 - July 5 at the Fairmont Vancouver. Over 215 dermatologists from Canada and abroad are registered to attend.

The four main themes of the 2009 conference will be women’s dermatology, HIV/infectious diseases, photomedicine and connective tissue disease. Guest speakers for these major themes will feature experts of international renown, including Dr. Lynne J. Margesson, Manchester, NH (Women’s Dermatology), Dr. John L. M. Hawk, London, England (Photomedicine), Dr. Toby Maurer, San Francisco, CA (HIV Infection), Dr. Rafael Falabella, Cali, Columbia (Photomedicine & Clinical Dermatology) and Dr. Julie Schaffer, New York, NY (Connective Tissue Disease & Contact Dermatitis).

The number of Canadians with diseases of the skin, hair and nails continues to increase and CDA’s Annual Conference is where dermatologists learn about the latest research and treatment options.

Attached is an overview of scientific sessions of particular public interest. Further details on the scientific programs, biographies of keynote speakers and the media accreditation form can be found at http://www.dermatology.ca/Vancouver_2009 and will be included in the full program provided at registration.

About CDA
The Canadian Dermatology Association, founded in 1925, represents Canadian dermatologists. The association exists to advance the science and art of medicine and surgery related to the care of the skin, hair and nails; provide continuing professional development for its members; support and advance patient care; provide public education on sun protection and other aspects of skin health; and promote a lifetime of healthier skin, hair and nails.

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Wednesday, July 01
1:20 – 1:30 PM The Amazing Vanishing Canadian Dermatologist: Results from the 2006 CDA Member Survey (Pacific ballroom)
3:30 – 5:00 PM Modern Management of Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma (Pacific ballroom) (Speaker: Dr. Madeleine Duvic, Houston, Texas)

Thursday, July 02
8:45 – 10:30 AM PLENARY SESSION - HIV Infection (Pacific ballroom) Of particular interest:
     8:45-9:20 Royal College Lecture: Women and HIV-Dermatologic Perspectives (Keynote: Dr. Toby Maurer, San Francisco, California)
     9:40-9:50 Cutaneous leishmaniasis in Canadian soldiers returning from Afghanistan
     10-10:10 Cutaneous Disease Burden and Demographic Characteristics of an Urban Canadian HIV Dermatology Practice
11 – 12:30 PM PLENARY SESSION - Women’s Dermatology (Pacific ballroom) Of particular interest:
     11:55-12:05 Update on the Safety of Hair Dyes
     12:15-12:30 Update on Cosmetic Allergens

12:45 –1:15 PM NEWS CONFERENCE: The CDA President and National Director of CDA’s Sun Awareness Program address the impact wait times have on the diagnosis of skin cancer. Two guests will be on hand to answer questions about their personal experiences with melanoma skin cancer. (Waddington Room, further details on page 3)

1:30 – 3:00 PM PLENARY SESSION – Photomedicine (Pacific ballroom) Of particular interest:
     2:45-3:00 Update on Melanocyte Transplantation for Vitiligo (Keynote: Dr. Rafael Falabella, Cali, Colombia)

Friday, July 03
8:45 – 10:30 AM PLENARY SESSION - Connective Tissue Disease and Contact Dermatitis (Pacific ballroom)
     Of particular interest:
     8:50 –9:20 Cutaneous Manifestations of Rheumatoid Arthritis (Keynote: Dr. Julie Schaffer, New York, NY)
     9:40 –9:50 Antimalarial-induced psychiatric disorders
     10:20 –10:30 Repeat Mechanical Trauma to the Hands: The Use of Anti-Impaction Gloves for Treatment and Prevention
11:00 – 12:30 PM PLENARY SESSION - Clinical Dermatology (Pacific ballroom)
     Of particular interest:
     11:30 –11:40 Complementary medicine in Canadian pediatric patients with atopic dermatitis: a cross sectional survey

Saturday, July 04
7:00 – 9:00 AM Contact Dermatitis Session: (Pacific Ballroom)
     7:00 –7:30 Contact Dermatitis to Amputation Prostheses
     8:10 – 8:20 A Case Series of Metal Prostheses Allergy
     Innovations in Dermatology Education: Teaching the CanMEDS role (Waddington Room)
     Surgery Session (Saturna Island Room)
9:00 – 11:00 AM Pediatric Dermatology Session (Pacific Ballroom)
     Wound Healing Session (Saturna Island Room)
Each panelist will be available for media interviews and Q&As.

1. The current shortage of dermatologist in Canada and patient wait times
   - Dr. Larry Warshawski, President of the Canadian Dermatology Association and a clinical professor in Dermatology and Skin Science at the University of British Columbia.
   - Dr. Yves Poulin, Vice President of the Canadian Dermatology Association, associate clinical professor, Department of Medicine, Laval University.

2. CDA’s National Sun Awareness Program: an ongoing public education campaign to reduce the incidence of skin cancers, including melanoma.
   - Dr. Cheryl Rosen, National Director of the CDA’s Sun Awareness Program, Head of Dermatology at Toronto Western Hospital and University Health Network Hospitals.

3. Q&A with real life victims of melanoma
   - Ms. Dona Cadman, MP (Surrey North); who lost her husband to melanoma and works with CDA to promote early detection of skin cancer with events held at Parliament Hill and in her own riding.
   - Brynessa Gradley; a 21-year-old from West Vancouver who was diagnosed with an invasive form of melanoma just over a year ago. She represents an alarming and increasing number of young women diagnosed with melanoma in Canada.

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