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Re: "Active Aging and the Built Environment: Health for All"
June 8-9, 2007, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia

Dear Colleague

I am writing to invite you to participate in an international symposium that will be held on June 8-9, 2007 at Simon Fraser University, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The symposium is being sponsored by the Simon Fraser University Gerontology Research Centre (GRC). Established in 1982, the GRC has an international reputation for its research and knowledge broker activities in five areas: Aging and the Built Environment, Health Promotion/Population Health and Aging, Changing Demographics and LifeStyles, Prevention of Crime and Victimization of the Elderly and Culture and Aging. The June symposium builds on all five of these areas of expertise, but most especially the first two.

Please find attached an overview of the event. In addition to learning about leading edge experiences from around the world in creating urban and rural settings that will promote active aging, this will be an opportunity for you to link up or renew your connections with the British Columbia Network for Aging Research, international networks on falls and injury prevention, the WHO age-friendly cities project, and more.

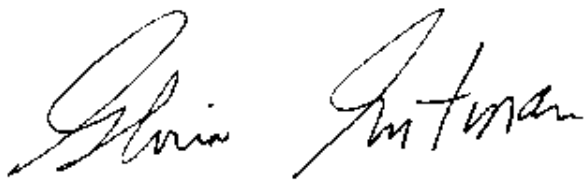
Additionally, there is an opportunity for delegates who wish to bring a poster to display their own work related to active aging and the built environment. We will provide a 4 ft high x 3 ft wide poster board. If you will be bringing a poster, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can reserve a poster board for you. You will also need to send us a 200 word abstract. The abstract should describe the background of the project, the method employed in conducting it and the results.

The registration fee for the symposium is \$95 with a special rate of only \$45 for students and seniors. Lunch on June 8 is included in the fee. Modest cost accommodation (\$75 per night + tax) is available at the Downtown Ramada Hotel, located one block from SFU's Vancouver campus where the symposium will be held.

Please register on-line at: <https://webform.sfu.ca/form/gero.friesen.conf.2007>

If you are unable to register on line or have logistical questions, please e-mail Jennifer McMullen at jemcmull@sfu.ca or telephone 1+ (604) 291-5244. If you plan to bring a poster, e-mail your abstract to Jennifer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria Gutman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gloria" and the last name "Gutman" clearly distinguishable.

Gloria M. Gutman, PhD
Symposium Coordinator

Note: The 19th World Conference of the International Union of Health Promotion and Health Education is being held in Vancouver later in the same week (June 10-15). We urge you to consider attending that conference as well as our symposium or to send someone else from your organization so that it can be represented at both events. The attached pdf presents a description of our symposium as well as a listing of ageing-related sessions that will take place during the IUHPE conference. For information or to register for the IUHPE conference go to www.iuhpeconference.org

Sincerely,

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