



## **WELCOME NEW CANADIAN OBSERVATORY MEMBERS**

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## **CANADIAN OBSERVATORY HOLDS THIRD FACE-TO-FACE MEETING IN GUELPH**

On November 7, 2009 the Canadian observatory held its third face-to-face meeting of members in Guelph, Ontario. The majority of our time together was given to the development of a program of research for the Canadian observatory. The postdoctoral fellows, Cheryl Fraehlich, Elisabeth Wells, and Lanette Ruff presented their research. The international team, comprised of Robyn Holder (Australia), Liz Kelly (UK), and Michael Rempel and Robyn Mazur (US), presented on the pilot of the data collection grid. Margaret Jackson reported on the policy audit and RDI (Research Development Initiative) grant application. Carmen Gill and Joe Hornick reported on data collection in New Brunswick and Yukon. Holly Johnson reported on the new victim-based research team.

## **INTERNATIONAL DATA COLLECTION RESULTS OF SUCCESSFUL PILOT**

In 2009, the Canadian observatory received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (i.e., International Opportunities Fund) to conduct a pilot project designed to test the feasibility of an international data collection grid. Team members conducting the pilots: in Australia, Paul Mazerolle & Robyn Holder; in UK, Liz Kelly & Linda Regan; in USA Michael Rempel & Robyn Mazur. Reports on the findings from the pilot studies are now available on the website of the Canadian observatory (members only login).

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## APPLYING FOR FUNDING

This winter the Canadian observatory will submit a letter of intent to develop a program of research under the SSHRC-based Major Collaborative Research Initiatives. The MCRI “supports leading-edge research with true potential for intellectual breakthrough that addresses broad and critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance through the effective coordination and integration of diverse research activities and research results”. The objectives of the program are in line with our current mandate to develop a program of research that relates to the justice response to intimate partner violence:

- conduct collaborative research that makes a significant contribution;
- develop a program of research that is both international and interdisciplinary;
- develop active community partnerships & create greater linkages with stake holders.

The maximum value of an LOI grant is \$20,000. Deadline for the LOI is February 21, 2010.

## CANADIAN OBSERVATORY LAUNCHES ONLINE SELF-REPORT EVALUATION

The Canadian observatory launched a mid-term self-report evaluation in November 2009. Developed in collaboration by Elizabeth Blaney, Sonia Gauthier, Joseph Hornick, and Margaret Jackson, the evaluation tool will provide the network with information to help the Canadian observatory to create and maintain processes that reflect and enhance participatory practice. A mid-term report will be available to members in spring 2010.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

HomeFront and the University of Calgary Faculty of Social Work will co-host the second annual, Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference in Calgary, Alberta on June 9-11, 2010. A Conference to Enhance Research, Practice Collaboration & Prevent Domestic Homicides, will have a national and international focus, bringing together presenters with a wide array of knowledge and current research to enhance strategies in the prevention of domestic homicides in Canada. Keynote speaker, Dr. Neil Websdale, will explore the recent escalation in familicide. Canadian observatory members who will be speaking include Carmen Gill, Leslie Tutty, and Jane Ursel. More information can be found at: [www.homicideprevention.com](http://www.homicideprevention.com)

The 2nd National Research Day on Intimate Partner Violence, organized by the Canadian Alliance of Research Centres on Violence, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre, and Canadian observatory will be held in Fredericton November 3-5, 2010. Confirmed speakers are Professor Elizabeth Stanko, Senior Advisory, London Metropolitan Police Service and Dr. Holly Johnson, University of Ottawa. More information to come.

## Reminder

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