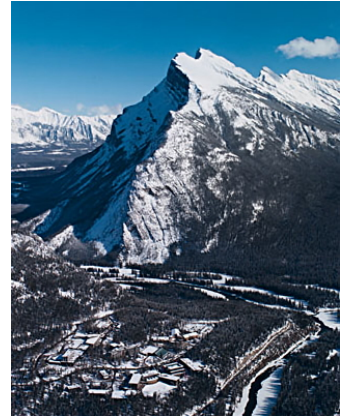


The 42nd Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science

Autism Spectrum Disorders: New Directions in Research, Clinical Practice and Policy March 21-24, 2010 Banff, Alberta, Canada

This three-day conference will present addresses and workshops on the latest research findings and clinical applications in the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in children, adolescents, and adults. Once considered rare, autism affects 1 in 150 individuals and is characterized by difficulties in responding appropriately to the environment, developing relationships, and communicating effectively, as well as resistance to change and repetitive behaviours. To date there is no definitive cause or cure for this complex neuro-developmental disorder. Leading researchers and practitioners from across North America will describe current research including important advances in neuroscience and genetics. The conference will also examine the importance of early diagnosis, effective interventions and policies in enhancing outcomes for individuals and families impacted by autism. The target audience for this conference includes researchers, clinicians and policy makers working in the field of autism.



The Banff Centre's signature shot - winter
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Keynote Addresses

Whence and Whither? Challenges and Opportunities for Autism Research in the Next Decade -
Peter Szatmari, McMaster University

Neurobiological Mechanisms in ASD - Pat Levitt, University of Southern California

What Do We Know and Where Are We Going with Autism Treatment? - Pat Mirenda, University of British Columbia

Early Identification: Strategies and Challenges - Wendy Stone, Vanderbilt University

Growing Up with Autism: Outcome Data, Lifespan Issues and Service Needs - Susan Bryson, Dalhousie University

ABA and Older Learners with Autism: Applications to Promote Competencies and Quality of Life -
Peter Gerhardt, Organization for Autism Research

Workshops

The Assessment and Treatment of Comorbid Mental Health Problems in ASD -
Peter Szatmari, McMaster University

The Social ABCs: A Parent-Mediated Intervention for Toddlers with Suspected Autism -
Susan Bryson, Dalhousie University and Jessica Brian, University of Toronto

Early Behavioral Intervention: Neuroscience Principles and Practical Applications -
Wendy Stone, Vanderbilt University and Pat Levitt, University of Southern California

Planting Two Trees with One Seed: Communication Supports for Problem Behavior -
Pat Mirenda, University of British Columbia

Risk and Early Development in ASD - Lonnie Zwaigenbaum, University of Alberta

Examining Maternal and Family Care for Young Persons with Autism: Shifts over Time -
David Nicholas, University of Calgary

Technology and Community Based Instruction to Support Older Learners with Autism -
Peter Gerhardt, Organization for Autism Research, and Avi Glickman, PAAL (Preparing Adolescents for Adult Life)

Asperger Syndrome: Parent and Provider Perspectives -
Susan Carpenter, University of Calgary and Sharon Nagel, Sinneave Family Foundation

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Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Banff Centre. An Accommodation/Meal Package has been arranged for March 21-24, 2010. The package includes nightly accommodation for three nights (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday), three buffet breakfasts, three buffet dinners, plated banquet (Tuesday March 23), service charges, wireless internet access in bedrooms, parking, and access to the Sally Borden Recreation Facility. Package commences the night of Sunday, March 21, with buffet dinner and ends with buffet dinner on Wednesday, March 24. Superior room package rates are SINGLE: \$614.61 CAD/per person and DOUBLE: \$427.11 CAD/per person. Standard room package rates are SINGLE: \$584.61 CAD/per person and DOUBLE: \$412.11 CAD/per person. In addition, the room only rate for the night of Wednesday, March 24 is SINGLE: \$132.00 CAD/per person (DOUBLE: \$69.50/per person) for a superior room and SINGLE: \$122.00 CAD/per person (DOUBLE: \$64.50/per person) for a standard room. These prices are exclusive of 5% GST, 4% Alberta Tourism Levy Tax, 2% Tourism Improvement Fee and are quoted in Canadian Dollars (CAD). Single room rates apply to one conference delegate staying alone or sharing the room with a companion who is not a conference delegate.

Conference Registration

The registration fee is \$350 CAD until February 26, 2010, and \$380 CAD for registrations postmarked after this date. For full-time students, residents and interns, the registration fee is \$120 CAD until February 26, 2010, and \$135 CAD for registrations postmarked after this date. For those requesting the student rates, you will be asked to provide current student identification at the conference registration desk. The conference registration does not include workshop fees (\$55 CAD/workshop). The one day registration fee is \$135 CAD. Full registration fee is required if booking more than one day. All registrations must be prepaid. Please make your cheque payable to 'The Banff Centre'. A \$68.25 CAD processing fee will be charged for all cancellations before February 26, 2010, and no refunds will be given after this date. The Conference is organized by Banff Conferences on Behavioural Science, a nonprofit organization.

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Call for Papers - Abstracts due February 26, 2010

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