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A CANADA-WIDE MOVEMENT TO ELIMINATE THE PREVENTABLE CAUSES OF CANCER

## SPECIAL CONFERENCE ISSUE

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### DON'T MISS OUT!

**CANCER: IT'S ABOUT PREVENTION. IT'S ABOUT TIME!**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Click [HERE](#) to register.

The conference program is posted on the Prevent Cancer Now website.  
You can view the program [HERE](#)

Prevent Cancer Now has reserved a block of rooms for conference participants, but you must make arrangements directly with the university.

**IT IS A VERY BUSY WEEKEND IN OTTAWA, AND HOTELS BOOK UP FULLY, SO MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS EARLY!!!**

To download an accommodation registration form, visit [Prevent Cancer Now](#) and follow the links to the conference web pages.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on accommodations at the University of Ottawa, or to make an email reservation at the University.

### CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

A special children's program is offered for children of participants, provided by environmental educators [CanaDIANA UnlimiTED](#). The Children's program will feature a complementary curriculum exploring the links between the environment and human and other species health. The program is offered FREE for children 5-12 years of age, but children must be pre-registered in order to attend. Please be sure to list your children's names and ages when you are registering.

### RUN, WALK, and ROLL FOR CANCER PREVENTION!

**T**he Run, Walk & Roll is *the one and only event* in Canada that focuses solely on PREVENTION, which is the best single opportunity to stop the cancer epidemic in Canada. The mission of the *Run, Walk & Roll for Cancer Prevention* is to raise funds to educate

all Canadians — including governments — about prevention, then inspire action to stop the cancer epidemic that strikes so many Canadians.

It's our commitment, as organizers of **Cancer: It's About Prevention. It's**

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**About Time!** to help everyone who wishes to attend this conference — no matter where you live in Canada or how limited your resources — to be with us from May 24-27 in Ottawa.

RW&R participants who raise \$1000 or more are eligible to seek

40% of these funds to apply to conference registration, travel and accommodation, to a maximum of \$1000. [Click HERE](#) to find out more about raising funds to support your conference attendance.

Whether or not you are able to attend the conference, we hope you will participate in the Run,

Walk, and Roll. [Click HERE](#) to find out how choose to apply for funds to pay your conference & travel expenses, we'd love to have you on our Prevent Cancer Now Team to support Canadian cancer prevention initiatives, including the conference!

## CANADIAN TOXIC CHEMICAL ACTION: MISLEADING ADVERTISING?

**A**n article in the February 13 edition of the Canadian Medical Association Journal examines the response by the scientific and medical communities' reaction to the December 7<sup>th</sup> announcement by Stephen Harper on toxic chemical management. The article cites prominent

scientists and doctors, including **PCN Advisory Board Member Dr. Warren Bell**, who detail the weaknesses of the government's action, or lack of it, on chemicals.

[Read the whole article...](#)

## ENDOCRINE DISRUPTOR HAS A LASTING LEGACY

**E**xperiments with mice show that exposure during pregnancy to very low doses of bisphenol A scrambles the chromosomes of their daughters' fertilized embryos, ie., the pregnant female's grandchildren. This 3rd-generation effect is possible because the eggs of a female mammal, including human, are formed while the female is still in the womb. Exposure to BPA at comparable levels appears widespread among people in the United States, because of its use in common consumer products, including polycarbonate plastic and food cans.

[More...](#)

## NOT A PRETTY PICTURE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COSMETICS

**C**osmetics are so much a part of some people's daily regimen that they probably never think twice about them. But at least some of what's in cosmetics might not be so good for you. One example is the family of chemicals known as phthalates, which may be linked to developmental and reproductive health risks. Industry says phthalates are safe, but some companies have dropped them in response to public concern.

[Find out what Consumer Reports has to say about chemicals in cosmetics.](#)

## IN THE NEWS:

Click on title to follow link to more information

### Districts Cleaning Schools Without Harsh Chemicals.

Harsh scrubbing powders, caustic cleaning fluids and pungent disinfectant sprays may be headed the way of the chalkboard in classrooms, as more and more schools trade conventional cleaning products for less toxic and

more environmentally friendly alternatives. [Bergen County Record](#), New Jersey.

### [Choking Toxic Sand Storms Head for S Korea.](#)

South Korea said a pall of sand mixed with toxic dust from China could make its way to the Korean peninsula late on Thursday, starting a seasonal event blamed for scores of deaths and billions of dollars in damages.

## ABOUT PREVENT CANCER NOW (PCN)

**Our purpose** is to build and sustain a Canada-wide movement that will generate the resolve and the actions required to eliminate the preventable causes of cancer.

**Our goals** are:

- To create a broadly-based, national movement for cancer prevention and environmental health promotion encompassing environmental, labour, business, health, science, aboriginal, women's, children's, and other sectors of Canadian society.
- To work toward the eradication of environmental and workplace exposures to carcinogens and other health hazards that cause thousands of Canadians to become ill and die from cancers that could be prevented.
- To educate the public on the dangers of cancer-causing exposures, and actions that individuals, businesses, governments, and society as a whole can take to reduce or eliminate these exposures.
- To promote and improve existing and new federal, provincial and municipal legislation, standards, regulations, and policies that will protect both public health and the health of workers exposed to carcinogens on the job.
- To promote the use of the precautionary principle to protect Canada's people and environment from exposures that cause cancer and undermine immunity.
- To foster local, provincial, national, and international connections to broaden and deepen Canada's cancer prevention movement.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN CANCER PREVENTION.

We hope you will join us in making cancer prevention a priority in Canada and around the world.

With your donation, Prevent Cancer Now will be a leading advocate for changing the way we all approach the cancer issue. Together, we can

shift the focus from dealing with the tail end of the problem of cancer at the expense of preventing it.

PLEASE support our work so that we can continue to advocate for cancer prevention with government and other decision makers, to foster a growing network of groups and

individuals sharing a common goal of prevention, and to bring together the latest research and experts at our national Cancer Prevention Conference in 2007.

Thanks so much, and keep in touch!

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