The Centre for Blood Research announces

The 1st Norman Bethune Symposium

"I have an idea - I think we should organize an ambulant blood transfusion service."

Norman Bethune 1936

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Vancouver Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard St.

Poster Abstract submissions by students/trainees are strongly encouraged!!

Dr. (Henry) Norman Bethune (1890-1939) was a Canadian physician who in the 1930s spearheaded the implementation of the first practical mobile blood collection and distribution system. His approaches were novel and shaped blood transfusion practices throughout the world. He was one of the first to promote universal access to health care. His creativity in the fields of surgery and blood transfusion were applied during the Spanish Civil War and in China during the Sino-Japanese War, helping to shape modern approaches to critical care on the battlefield. This symposium is held in his honour.

Program

7:45 - 8:30  Registration & Coffee
8:30 - 8:40  Ed Conway, UBC: Opening remarks
8:40 - 9:20  Scott Davidson, Manager, Bethune Memorial House: Life and times of Norman Bethune
9:20 - 9:30  Grant Stewart, President, Bethune Bai Qiuën Canadian Alliance (BBCA)
9:30 -10:10  Mark Yazer, U of Pittsburgh: It's not just sheep and dogs anymore: Transfusion through the ages
10:10 -10:30  Coffee break
10:30 -11:10  Ross Brown, UBC: Transfusion issues for the Canadian military in Afghanistan
11:50 -12:15  Shot-gun abstract presentations
12:15 - 1:40  Buffet Lunch & Poster Presentations
1:40 - 2:10  Graham Sher, CEO, Canadian Blood Services: Future directions in blood services
2:10 - 2:50  Kevin Kain, U of Toronto: New biomarkers and interventions for life-threatening infections: Malaria as a model
2:50 - 3:20  Kate Chipperfield, UBC: Intriguing blood transfusion cases
3:20 - 3:50  John Wu, UBC: Exchange transfusions in the pediatric population
3:50 - 4:20  Tom Neville, UBC: Myelodysplastic syndromes: New therapies and supportive care strategies
4:20 - 4:30  Wrap-up
4:30 - 5:30  Wine & cheese

Registration and Abstract deadline: March 10, 2012 (no fee)
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