

# LET'S TALK

EVIDENCE, EXPERIENCE AND THE  
WISDOM IN THE ROOM



WEDNESDAY APRIL 18

FASD was first identified over 40 years ago and many diagnosed individuals are now at or approaching middle age. A large body of scientific evidence exists about the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure. However, there remains a gap in the scientific research needed to make meaningful changes in policy and practice to improve the lives of older adolescents and adults with FASD. On the other hand, anecdotal, practical and experiential evidence about what is effective and works is becoming available. In order to move this field forward, hard/clinical science must meet with experience and experience must understand the science in order to work together in ways that can lead to improvements in legislation, policy, practice and direction. This pre-conference symposium seeks to bring together those whose research is targeted to the task of finding answers with the wisdom of those who live or work with FASD, including adults themselves. Our hope is that this day can begin the process of developing a shared understanding and response.

Four topics have been chosen in which a number of research/science and clinical experts in each area will present short, high level information segments throughout the day. These will serve as a catalyst for the group discussion that will follow each. Each topic will also be followed by a specific question that delegates will be tasked with considering, discussing and answering.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this session is to create a dialogue among researchers, clinicians and those with practical experience. Our goal is that participants will be able to:

- Summarize the value of presented research, and the potential application of these emerging research areas
- Consider the application and utility of science presented and its relevance and potential impact
- Identify practice-based evidence and its potential role in informing future research
- Reflect on additional potential future research directions that may be relevant and able to inform practice

## WELCOME

On behalf of Interprofessional Continuing Education at the University of British Columbia and the Conference Planning Committees, we welcome you to the pre-conference for the **8th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD: Let's Talk—Evidence, Experience and Wisdom in the Room**. Please read the following information carefully. If it raises any concerns, or if you have questions left unanswered, please visit the conference registration desk or ask any member of the planning committee (identified by a red ribbon on their name tag).

## EVALUATION FORMS

We hope that this conference will provide you with a rewarding experience in all respects, and ask that you provide us with your feedback by filling out the online evaluation that will be sent to your email after the pre-conference. We rely on your full and honest comments to improve subsequent events.

## MAIN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

If you have registered for the Main Conference, you can pick up your registration kit during or after the lunch break.

## EXHIBITS

Most exhibitors will be set up today and will close after luncheon break on Saturday, April 21

The Asante Centre

BC Children's Hospital Research Institute

Canada Revenue Agency

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New Brunswick

FASD Communities

Institute of Health Economics

Lakeland Centre for FASD

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Vancouver Native Housing Society - Skwachays  
Hotel and Gallery

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Family Support Institute

Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

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Adults with FASD

# PROGRAM

8:00 – 8:30 am  
8:30 am – 10:30 am

Registration Open

Welcome & Opening Remarks

**Jan Lutke**, *Conference Chair, Vancouver, BC, Canada*

**Nothing About Us Without Us: Change Makers**

**CJ Lutke**, *FASD Adult Leadership Committee*

**Myles Himmelreich**, *FASD Adult Leadership Committee*

**Katrina Griffin**, *FASD Adult Leadership Committee*

PRE-CONFERENCE FACILITATOR: **Paula Stanghetta**, *Facilitator, Coach, Trainer, Paula Stanghetta & Associates, Kitchener, ON, Canada*

**The Synergistic Effects of Cannabinoids and Alcohol on Birth Defects in Mice and Zebrafish**

**Scott Parnell**, *PhD, Assistant Professor, Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies, Department of Cell Biology and Physiology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA*

**Topic 1: Research with Animal Models: Inflammation and the Immune System**

MODERATORS: **Joanne Weinberg**, *PhD, Professor and Distinguished University Scholar, Emerita, Department of Cellular and Physiological Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada*

**Bill Dunty**, *PhD, Program Director, Division of Metabolism and Health Effects, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA*

**Tamara Bodnar**, *PhD, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Cellular and Physiological Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada*

**Paul D. Drew**, *PhD, Professor, Department of Neurobiology and Developmental Sciences, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR, USA*

**Molly Goodfellow**, *PhD, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, USA*

10:30 - 11:00 am

Break

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

**Topic 2: Brain Sciences - Imaging & Neuro Psychology**

MODERATOR: **Edward Riley**, *PhD, Distinguished Research Professor, Center for Behavioral Teratology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, USA*

**Jeff Wozniak**, *PhD, Associate Professor, Pediatric Neuropsychologist, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Research Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA*

**Claire D. Coles**, *PhD, Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, USA*

**Paul D. Connor**, *PhD, Neuropsychologist, Private Practice; Courtesy Clinical Assistant Professor, Fetal Alcohol and Drug Unit, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA*

12:15 - 1:30 pm

Lunch (on your own) & Exhibits Open

1:30 - 2:45 pm

**Topic 3: Addiction in Adults with FASD**

MODERATOR: **Moira Plant**, *PhD, Emeritus Professor of Alcohol Studies Alcohol & Health Research Unit, University of the West of England, Bristol, UK; Adjunct Professor, Curtin University, Perth, Australia*

**Dan Dubovsky**, *MSW, FASD Specialist, Philadelphia, PA, USA*

**Brenda Knight**, *Registered Psychologist, Private Practice, Vancouver, BC, Canada*

2:45 - 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 - 4:45 pm

**Topic 4: Current Thinking and Social Change**

MODERATOR: **Dorothy Badry**, *PhD, RSW, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada*

**Peter W. Choate**, *PhD, Associate Professor, Social Work, Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB, Canada*

**Christine Loock**, *MD, FRCPC, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of British Columbia; Responsive Intersectoral Community Health, Education, and Research (RICHER), Initiative, BC Children's Hospital & Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children, Vancouver, BC, Canada*

Closing Remarks

**CJ Lutke, Myles Himmelreich, Katrina Griffin**

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