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## CASW Reporter

### Information - Communication – Action

#### Strengthening the Profession

##### **2011 CASW AGM and Related Meetings**

CASW will be holding its annual meetings from June 2-5, 2011 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Items on the agenda include electing a new CASW President and Executive, Policy-Governance, and important discussions with CASW's eight provincial and territorial member organizations on the future directions of CASW. Stay tuned to next month's Reporter for updates on decisions and directions.

##### ***CASW Speaks Up***

CASW continues to ensure the perspective of the social work profession is presented in many arenas. During the May, representatives for CASW participated in the following consultations and assessments:

- The Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) announced the undertaking of new project entitled: *Positive Outlook – Working with HIV, Depression and Rehabilitation*. CASW thanks Allison Chalmers from Manitoba for completing a needs assessment that will inform the development of this two-day workshop on HIV and depression for rehabilitation workers and front-line workers at AIDS Service Organizations.
- CASW thanks Manitoba social workers Ela Minaker and Regan Spencer for contributing to the development and implementation of a voluntary, national monitoring system for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) that is being lead by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). The primary goal of the Canadian Multiple Sclerosis Monitoring System (CMSMS) will be to record, measure and monitor the evolution and treatment of MS in Canada.

##### **Success and Innovation in Social Work Practice**

CASW appreciates the collaboration of social workers who are willing to share their stories of success and innovation for posting on the CASW website. If you share your story of social work success and innovation with the CASW, you will be given a small token of appreciation. Please contact the CASW national office at [casw-socialworker@casw-acts.ca](mailto:casw-socialworker@casw-acts.ca) to share your story.

## Pursuit of Social Justice

### **CASW joins the Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights**

CASW became the 42<sup>nd</sup> organization in to add its support to the Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights that came together in 2006. International Women's Week 2007 was the beginning of an ongoing campaign to reverse the Harper cuts and pressure the federal government and the opposition to commit to concrete and meaningful measures to advance women's equality in Canada. For more information about the Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights please [click here](#) or visit <http://www.womensequality.ca>.

## International

### **Global Agenda Project - New deadline**

The Global Agenda Project Group (IASSW, ICSW, and IFSW) have extended the deadline for comments on the draft Agenda. The new deadline for comments is Friday 3 June, 2011. Social workers are encouraged to submit comments by the new deadline. The development of a Global Agenda gives opportunity to take stock of our past experiences and to articulate a new and crucial vision for engagement. To learn more, please visit the [Global Agenda website](#).

### **Campaign to end child marriage**

In the last decade, 58 million young women in developing countries—one in three—have been married before the age of 18, many against their will and in violation of international laws and conventions on women's rights. Even more disturbing, according to new figures, one in nine girls, or 15 million, has been forced into marriage between the ages of 10 and 14. With limited education and economic opportunities, child brides are often condemned to a life of poverty, social isolation, and powerlessness, infringing on their human rights, health, and well-being. IFSW encourages all social workers to join the Girl Up by signing [the online petition](#) to stop child marriage.

### **IFSW Newsletter – Sign-up**

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) newsletter is on-line. [Click here](#) to sign up for this web-based newsletter or visit [www.ifsw.org](http://www.ifsw.org) to learn more.

## CASW Publications and Membership Benefits

### **CASW Bulletin Spring Edition Available**

The Spring edition of the CASW Bulletin is available on the [CASW Members' Website](#). The Spring *CASW Bulletin* features the 2011 [CASW Distinguished Service Award](#) recipients.

### **CASW 2011 Educational Webcast**

CASW offered a free one-hour National Educational Webcast for social workers on the 2011 NSWM theme, "Social Workers for Dignity and Inclusion: Upholding Human Rights." on March 29, 2011. To view the webcast please [click here](#) and the following link and follow the step-by-step instructions.

### **CASW Liability Insurance**

Need liability insurance? Look no further than the CASW Liability Insurance Program available through Aon Reed Stenhouse that will service your needs from their National Operations Centre in Markham, Ontario where they have invested in technology and expertise to enhance their services to you! Visit the [CASW Member](#) page to learn more.

A few of the services enhancements you will see are:

- Extended service hours at 800-951-2279 (CASW) from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, EST.
- Automatic Call distribution ensuring that you reach a live representative during regular business hours.
- Ability to receive quotes, make coverage changes and bind coverage over the phone.
- A dedicated email for members of CASW's Provincial / Territorial organizations: [casw.insurance@aon.ca](mailto:casw.insurance@aon.ca).

### **CASW Book Draw**

A new list of books for the CASW Book Draw is now available. Don't forget to visit the [Members' website](#) to enter your name for the book of your choice.

### **Canadian Social Work Journal –Special Edition on Settlement and Newcomers to Canada**

The Special Edition of Canadian Social Work Journal (CSW) titled, *Settlement and Newcomers to Canada* (Volume 12/1) is now available on the CASW website. Please [click here](#) to read this new and timely publication.

### **CASW goes Toll-Free**

CASW has become more accessible to social workers across Canada by acquiring a North American wide toll-free number. Update you records with 1-855-729-CASW (2279) to reach CASW national office in Ottawa.

## Relevant Resources

### **Just Released! E-Module for Evidence-Informed HIV Rehabilitation (2011)**

With many people with HIV living longer and facing a multitude of health challenges related to HIV, concurrent health conditions, as well as the side effects of treatment, the role for rehabilitation in the context of HIV continues to grow. This *E-Module for Evidence-Informed Rehabilitation* (e-module) is a comprehensive resource on HIV and rehabilitation for rehabilitation professionals and others to respond to this increasing need. Available online at [www.hivandrehab.ca](http://www.hivandrehab.ca).