

Inspiring Hope.
Enhancing Lives

after Brain Injury

November 13 - 15, 2013
Sheraton on the Falls Hotel
Niagara Falls, Ontario

2013 ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY
PROVINCIAL
CONFERENCE

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OBIA

ONTARIO BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline extended for Abstract Submission to March 25th, 2013.

The Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA) in collaboration with the participating Community Associations is pleased to announce the 2013 Provincial Acquired Brain Injury Conference will be held on November 13th, 14th and 15th, 2013 in Niagara Falls.

"Hope turns your face to the sun when depression has you in darkness. It changes you biochemically triggering the chemicals and hormones that make you happier, calmer, and physically stronger. Your emotional state improves, your thoughts are clearer, and your immune system begins to support optimal wellness".

The Conference theme this year is: Inspiring Hope: Enhancing Lives after Brain Injury

The Provincial Conference Committee is currently seeking presentations from professionals, survivors and caregivers that will reflect this theme. Topic examples could include, but are not limited to: Community, Relationships, Sexuality, Return to Work and Play, Redeveloping Personal Identity, Ethnicity/Multiculturalism/Diversity, Financial Planning and Humour in Recovery.

Our Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Donald Stuss - Coping Strategies after Brain Injury.

Janet Cromer - Empathy, Energy & Balance for Professionals and Family Caregivers.

Dr. Lou Cozolino - The Brain as a Social Organ and how this might be impacted following a brain injury.

Dr. Adrian Owen - Communicating with Patients in a Persistent Vegetative State.

We are inviting potential presenters to submit abstracts for podium presentations. These presentations will occur during five separate concurrent sessions throughout the course of the conference. We would ask that the presentations complement our conference theme and confirmed speakers. We would encourage collaborative presentations that demonstrate links between clinical practice or theoretical issues and the experiences of survivors and caregivers.

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Program Committee for relevance and quality of content, originality and province-wide representation. All abstracts must be submitted to OBIA on the attached forms or completed online at www.obia.on.ca no later than March 25, 2013. If you have any questions about abstract submissions, please e-mail Terry Wilcox at obia@obia.on.ca.

"Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." Helen Keller

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Main Presenter Name (Required*)

Institution/Company (If applicable)

Phone Number*

Email Address (Required*)

Professional

Survivor

Caregiver

Mailing Address

Address 1* _____

Address 2 _____

City* _____

Province* _____ Postal Code* _____

2nd Presenter Name

Institution/Company (If applicable)

Phone Number

Email Address (Required*)

Professional

Survivor

Caregiver

Mailing Address

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____

Province _____ Postal Code* _____

3rd Presenter Name

Institution/Company (If applicable)

Phone Number

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Mailing Address

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____

Province _____ Postal Code* _____

Do you require audio/visual equipment for the podium presentation? Yes No

Please specify the type of equipment you require:

Projection Screen Digital Projector Flip Chart

Other (Specify) _____

Please note that if you are using a Powerpoint type presentation, you must provide your own computer

Please indicate your availability for your presentation.*

November 13th only (Thursday) November 14th only (Friday) Available on both dates

Are you willing to do this presentation more than once? Yes No



Title of Presentation*

Please state the purpose of your work, in no more than two sentences below*

Please state in a few sentences below, how you believe your presentation relates to the 2013 conference theme "Inspiring Hope. Enhancing Lives"*

Does your presentation target a specific population?

Adults Survivors Caregivers Professionals

Children Other (Specify) _____

Do you have print or multi-media materials available for delegates to purchase at the conference? Yes No
If yes, please list details below



Please enter your abstract below*

Abstracts must not exceed 300 words

Note: an abstract summary is used for publication in the conference program books and may be edited by the conference program committee

****If you are using Adobe Acrobat less than 6.0.4, please follow instructions below for fax or**

mail Please return completed form by March 25, 2013 using ONE of the three following

- 1) Click "Submit by Email"
- 2) Click Print and FAX to 905-641-0323;
- 3) Click Print and mail to OBIA, P.O. Box 2338, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 7R9

You will receive a confirmation of receipt of submission via e-mail.

You will be contacted with a response of acceptance/non-acceptance, via email, by April 25, 2013.

Questions regarding abstract submission should be directed to Terry Wilcox at OBIA at 1-800-263-5404 Ext. 234.



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