



Rendez-Vous 2012

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Conference Report
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Message from Dr. Roger Strasser Chair, International Advisory Committee and Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine

On the evening of October 8, 2012, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) community held its breath in great anticipation. The following day marked the opening ceremonies of Rendez-Vous 2012. Hosting a conference of this magnitude was a sincerely exciting endeavour for Canada's newest medical school, and a massive credit to the work and collaboration of numerous members of the six organizations that came together at Rendez-Vous 2012.

During the week of October 9-14, Rendez-Vous 2012 welcomed more than 850 delegates from nearly 50 countries and six continents to the year's most exciting international conference opportunity for health professional education. This conference truly brought the world together in Northern Ontario.

After a week of excitement, dizzying schedules, and exceptional opportunities for learning, NOSM said farewell to the many delegates who travelled thousands of kilometres to participate in Rendez-Vous 2012. During the conference and since, I have heard from many that Rendez-Vous 2012 exceeded all expectations: the quality of sessions was outstanding, the community visits were illuminating, and the volunteers and staff were helpful and friendly.

I am delighted to hear that my international colleagues share my sentiments. It is with great gratitude that I thank the many Rendez-Vous 2012 collaborators for creating such an exceptional conference. Although the conference is over, I know that the events of that magical week in October 2012 will continue to live on and inspire our collective contributions to health professional education.



Message from the Co-Chairs

Sue Berry

Executive Director, Integrated Clinical Learning, NOSM

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Around the globe, governments, as well as health educators, researchers, and organizations are challenged by how to best implement health professional and health service delivery programs in rural and remote locations. Although each context is unique, there is much we can learn from each other. Collaboration allows global partners to synthesize best practices with valuable experience.

These sentiments came alive at Rendez-Vous 2012, in Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario, Canada. With the theme *Community participation in education, research, and service*, the accredited conference highlighted the collaboration of six international organizing partners and their ability to bring together many perspectives from around the world.

Rendez-Vous 2012 was designed to convene international participants interested in the following five areas:

- Rural, remote, and underserved health care and health professional education;
- Integration of individual and population health approaches to education and service;
- Longitudinal integrated curricula;
- Community-engaged health professional education; and,
- Social accountability in health professional education.

It is with great excitement that, as Co-Chairs and on behalf of the Rendez-Vous 2012 Organizing Committee, we share with you the successes of the conference in the pages that follow. We invite you to read on to discover how, *together and engaged*, the Rendez-Vous 2012 conference furthered the vision of building a global community committed to improving health professional education to serve rural and remote locations.

It was a privilege to be part of such a meaningful gathering.



Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario



Rendez-Vous 2012 conference participants.



Together and Engaged in Northern Ontario, Canada

From October 9-14, 2012, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) welcomed the world of health professional education to Thunder Bay and many other communities in Northern Ontario, Canada for Rendez-Vous 2012. The conference, attended by more than 850 delegates, was an outstanding success.

Rendez-Vous 2012 brought together the Wonca World Rural Health Conference and The Network: Towards Unity for Health annual conference, as well as the third NOSM/Flinders Conference on Community-Engaged Medical Education, the Consortium for Longitudinal Integrated Curricula, and the Training for Health Equity Network.





International student, Elkin Cabrera (centre), with Rendez-Vous 2012 staff Cathy Powell (left) and Catherine Vallé (right).



Dr. William Heddle (Flinders University).



Drs. Darlene Kitty (University of Ottawa) and Doris Mitchell (NOSM Alum, Family Physician, and Rendez-Vous 2012 Plenary Speaker).

The Common Thread

Rendez-Vous 2012 was an opportunity for collaboration, networking, and the sharing of innovations between six organizations, which all share a commitment to community engagement as evidenced by their mandates. The partnering organizations are also advocates of health professional education, research, and service in rural and remote regions.

Community Engagement

“Loosely defined, community engagement is the process of working collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interest, or similar situations to address issues affecting the well-being of those people. It is a powerful vehicle for bringing about environmental and behavioral changes that will improve the health of the community and its members. It often involves partnerships and coalitions that help mobilize resources and influence systems, change relationships among partners, and serve as catalysts for changing policies, programs, and practises.”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
(Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/php/pce/part1.htm>)



Dr. Douglas Scott (Nipigon District Family Health Team).



Meet the Partners



Northern Ontario
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du Nord de l'Ontario
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Since its official opening in 2005, NOSM has developed and delivered a distinctive model of distributed, community-engaged, and socially accountable medical education and research. In just over seven years, NOSM has become a world leader in community-engaged medical education and research, while staying true to its social accountability mandate of contributing to improving the health of the people and communities of Northern Ontario.

nosm.ca



Dr. Roger Strasser, Dean
Northern Ontario School of Medicine

"After two years of preparation by many, Rendez-Vous 2012, five world conferences in one, proved to be one of this year's most exciting international conference opportunities for health professional education. It was an honour and a privilege for NOSM to welcome the world to Rendez-Vous 2012 in Northern Ontario, Canada."



The Network: Towards Unity for Health (The Network: TUFH) is a global network of individuals, institutions, and organizations committed to improving the health of the people and their communities. The Network: TUFH is a Non-Governmental Organization, in official relationship with the World Health Organization, and has played an important role in fostering community-oriented innovations, leading to curriculum reforms in education institutions around the globe.

the-networktufh.org



Professor Jan De Maeseneer, Secretary General
The Network: Towards Unity for Health

"Rendez-Vous 2012 illustrated the strategy that is reflected in our name: NETWORKing, searching for links and commonalities, in order to become stronger. Having so many organizations in Thunder Bay multiplied the impact of our vision and mission, and contributes to 'Unity for Health!'"





Ouimet Canyon, Dorion, Ontario



The mission of Wonca, the World Organization of Family Doctors, is to improve the quality of life of the peoples of the world through defining and promoting its values, including respect for universal human rights and including gender equity, and by fostering high standards of care in general practice/family medicine. The Wonca Rural Working Party's mission is Reaching Towards Rural Health, with the vision of Health for All Rural People.

globalfamilydoctor.com



Professor Ian Couper, Chair
Wonca Party on Rural Practice

"A key element in our vision of health for all rural people is community engagement; we need to work alongside communities in improving their health. Thus, the theme of this conference – Community participation in education, research, and service – was very important."



Flinders University School of Medicine has an international reputation for integration and innovation in patient care, education, and research. In addition to the main campus in Adelaide, South Australia, the School has a significant rural and remote presence with clinical training and research activities in regional areas of Australia.

flinders.edu.au/medicine



Professor Paul Worley, Dean
Flinders University School of Medicine

"Experience from around the world has gathered experts on community engagement and social accountability. And with Rendez-Vous 2012, this increased collaborative research and sharing of experiences is proving to be a significant contributor to sustaining health professionals in areas of need."



The Training for Health Equity Network: THEnet is composed of medical schools located in underserved and rural regions. Partnering with others, THEnet seeks to transform medical education, build institutional capacity, and shape policy so as to make health systems around the world more equitable.

thenetcommunity.org



Professor André-Jacques Neusy, Executive Director
Training for Health Unity Network

"This conference was an outstanding success, arising from many dedicated faculty from universities around the world who share a genuine passion for community engagement and social accountability working together. In bringing together learners, educators, and researchers, Rendez-Vous 2012 exemplified Training for Health Equity Network's (THEnet) mission, 'Social Accountability in Action.'"



The Consortium for Longitudinal Integrated Curricula (CLIC) is a group of faculty from medical schools around the world who have or are considering developing, implementing, and studying the longitudinal integrated clerkship model to address core clinical training for undergraduate medical education.

clicmeded.com



Dr. Lori Hansen, Yankton Campus Dean
University of South Dakota Sanford School of
Medicine, Consortium for Longitudinal Curricula (CLIC)

"The conference's name, Rendez-Vous 2012, was fitting, as it truly became our meeting place to explore collaborative research between institutions around the world, build on each other's successes, and expand research possibilities."



Why Rendez-Vous?

In October 2012, the topic worth traversing the globe for was *Community participation in health education, research, and service*. Put simply: community engagement.

Strong evidence suggests that community engagement encourages three essential developments in health-care delivery. First, community engagement improves the supply of skilled workers who are responsive to the needs of the community. Second, it stimulates team functioning, to improve access to care in rural and remote communities. Finally, community engagement encourages health research relevant to the needs of the population. With scores of rural and remote communities across the globe that are in need of enhanced health services, community engagement seems deserving of attention.

Rendez-Vous 2012 brought together many individuals and organizations involved in community engagement in health education, research, and service around the world.

The term “Rendez-Vous” has a very special meaning in the history of Northern Ontario, particularly in relation to Thunder Bay’s Fort William Historical Park. Recognized as one of Canada’s most impressive historical sites, Fort William served as an important “rendez-vous” place for the fur trade in the late 1700s and early 1800s. At its height, Fort William was a bustling community of trading partners, French voyageurs, and Aboriginal peoples.

Although the name “Rendez-Vous” – a French term meaning “a place appointed for assembling or meeting” – suggests a physical place, the conference itself was about so much more than a place to meet: it was an opportunity to empower, and to be empowered.



Kemejika Wala (Windsor University School of Medicine) begins Rendez-Vous 2012 journey at Opening Ceremonies.



The Rendez-Vous 2012 Branding

The Rendez-Vous 2012 branding was specifically designed to visually represent the unique qualities of the conference. The international nature of the conference was represented by transforming the 'O' in '2012' into a globe. Canada's national icon, the maple leaf, represents both the nationality of the conference hosts, as well as the changing of autumn leaves during October in Northern Ontario. The Métis sash, traditionally worn around the waist of the Métis people, served as inspiration for the ribbon-like design and colours. Each strand of colour flows away from the maple leaf like waves on a Canadian waterway, which culminate in the shape of canoes. The canoes pay tribute to the voyageurs, who once travelled Canadian waterways by canoe to gather in Thunder Bay's Fort William for the annual "rendez-vous."

The conference slogan – *Together and Engaged* – is represented in three languages – English, French, and Ojibwe. These three languages visually represent the linguistic and cultural diversity of Northern Ontario.



Rendez-Vous 2012 conference participants.



Extraordinary and Committed Committee Membership

With six organizing partners, inclusivity of educational and logistical planning was of vital importance to achieving the shared dream of Rendez-Vous 2012. The Rendez-Vous 2012 International Advisory and Organizing Committees (inclusive of NOSM Team Lead Groups) were created to ensure that the conference was reflective of the needs and aspirations of all collaborating organizations. Individuals and organizations from across the globe worked together to achieve a shared goal: to develop an exceptional conference for international health professionals, educators, researchers, and students to share perspectives relating to *Community participation in education, research and service*.

Rendez-Vous 2012 International Advisory Committee

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Addressing Issues that Matter to Health Professional Education

An achievement of Rendez-Vous 2012 was the breadth, variety, and quality of educational experiences available to attending delegates. Conference sessions were grouped into six streams, all with relevance to the theme of *Community participation in education, research, and service*.

Community Engagement in Health Professional Education – **96 Sessions!**

Topics in this stream included:

- Innovative, community-engaged preceptor development.
- Models of community engagement.
- Measurement of outcomes and/or evaluation of community engagement.

Transforming Health Professional Education Globally – **50 Sessions!**

Topics in this stream included:

- Innovative approaches in building and/or sustaining community participation.
- Innovative strategies for achieving health equity.
- Collaborative leadership to globally transform health professional education.

Developing a Culture for Interprofessional (IP) Learning and Practice – **41 Sessions!**

Topics in this stream included:

- Research and evaluation methodologies for interprofessional learning (IPL) and interprofessional practice (IPP).
- Embedding IP curriculum with patient, family, and community-centred focus.
- Linking of, and readiness for, rural IPL and IPP.

Innovations in Longitudinal Integrated Curricula – **74 Sessions!**

Topics in this stream included:

- Student and faculty assessment.
- Research and program evaluation.
- Student-centred learning methods.
- Best practices.

Social Accountability in Health Professional Education – **62 Sessions!**

Topics in this stream included:

- Measuring community engagement and social accountability.

Advocacy: Women and Health – **39 Sessions!**

Topics in this stream included:

- Newborn, child, and maternal health.
- Creating female-friendly medical environments.
- Empowerment of women towards health.
- Tackling gender inequities in health.

Lindsay Millar, Medical Student (NOSM).



Jennifer Walker and Sarah McAnally, Medical Students (NOSM).



Dr. Chet Raj Pant (Kathmandu University) speaks to delegate.



Rendez-Vous 2012 Keynote Speaker, Dr. Timothy Evans, inspires delegates.

Rendez-Vous 2012 Plenary Speakers Propose Visions of What Can Be

Keynote Addresses Global Public Health

Kicking off a series of 14 plenary presentations was keynote speaker Dr. Timothy Evans, the Dean of James P. Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University and International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research in Bangladesh.

Evans presented *Does Praxis Make Perfect? Reflections on the Transformation of Global Public Health Education from the Perspective of a Migrant Health Worker*, which highlighted the long history of medical professional shortages around the world, and provided insight into how global public health education must transform to address these shortages.

Preparing Health Professionals for the New Century

Plenary speakers on the morning of October 10, Drs. Barry Kistnasamy, Erica Wheeler, and Ainsley McCaskill each delivered presentations under the theme of *Preparing Health Professionals for the New Century*. Kistnasamy opened his presentation by highlighting some of the determinants of health for the population of South Africa, then discussed the importance of collaboration projects and team-building exercises between interprofessionals. "Let's begin to look at health and healing in a different sense," said Kistnasamy, referring to the need for interprofessional collaboration.

Wheeler's presentation, titled *Transforming and Scaling Up Health Professional Education and Training: Global Policy Recommendations, the World Health Organization Perspective*, presented the World Health Organization's most recent findings and recommendations regarding strengthening the world's health workforce and particularly strengthening the nursing and midwifery workforce.

After discussing the many opportunities for Information Technology (IT) to enhance professional development and learning experiences, McCaskill discussed the accessibility of online health resources to the public, including health professionals. She concluded the morning sessions by encouraging delegates, a number of whom were attending Rendez-Vous 2012 from lower income countries, to take advantage of free resources to continue a lifelong journey of learning.

Comparing Health Challenges Around the World

Plenary presentations continued on the afternoon of October 10, under the theme *Preparing Health Professionals for the New Century*. Dr. Agnes Soucat's presentation outlined the labour market for health-care workers in Africa. "The workforce planning framework that we classically use for health professionals is largely outdated and needs to be revisited," she said. "Like Canada, the deficiency in Africa remains a rural problem."

Following Soucat's presentation, Dr. Elsie Kiguli-Malwadde showcased various initiatives and perceptions of Sub-Saharan African medical schools and the improvement of health professional education. Similar to the curriculum at the Northern Ontario School of



Medicine, Sub-Saharan African medical schools have begun to develop curriculum that includes community-based education and decentralized training to create relevant clinical experiences within local communities.

Finishing the day's plenary sessions, Dr. Gretchen Roedde discussed the challenges of health inequity in global maternal health. She outlined the progress made in promoting professionally assisted births in countries such as Tanzania, New Guinea, and Ghana, and how better community education can lower infant or maternal mortality.

Becoming Socially Accountable by Sustainable Partnerships

The third day of presentations began with plenary speakers Drs. Charles Boelen, Della Yarnold, and Doris Mitchell. Each speaker highlighted the theme of *Becoming Socially Accountable by Sustainable Partnerships*. Boelen, formerly with the World Health Organization for 30 years, opened his presentation by asserting that a socially accountable school is one that responds to current and future health-care needs and challenges. He went on to say, "The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is a vivid example of how, from the beginning, an institution can successfully incorporate social accountability into their mandate."

Yarnold, an Aboriginal Biripi woman from Australia, reminded conference delegates that, although there have been tremendous improvements in addressing health-care issues in Australian rural Aboriginal communities, there are still many to improve upon. Socially accountable medical education, in her opinion, should recognize the strengths that the communities have, and should build on them.

A recent graduate of NOSM, Mitchell spoke about her experiences as an Aboriginal woman, and noted that social accountability in medical education "permeated through every level of [her] training from top to bottom" at the School. She went on to describe the historical experience of Aboriginal peoples in Canada and concluded with the seven Grandfather Teachings: Wisdom, Love, Bravery, Respect, Honesty, Humility, and Truth.

Learning Through Improv at Rendez-Vous 2012

During Rendez-Vous 2012, several hundred delegates actively and enthusiastically participated in an improvisational session presented by NOSM faculty member Dr. Bryan MacLeod, titled *Failing Well and Learning to Laugh About it... Lessons in Regaining Humanity Through Improv Theatre*.

MacLeod highlighted the important intersection between medicine and improvisation – the ability to expect, and even celebrate, the unexpected. At the beginning of his presentation, MacLeod polled the audience to identify the challenges that physicians face: loss of human life, lack of resources, community pressures, and extremely high personal expectations. These factors are significant contributors to physician health and remain unaddressed as taboos of a perfectionist profession. Improv, according to MacLeod, provides an environment in which failure is encouraged, "do-overs" are common, taboos are addressed, and laughter is paramount.

MacLeod explained that improv is being used successfully in medical education across the world to enhance learners' empathy, communication skills, and the ability to work in teams. But most importantly, improv teaches people in the medical profession to always remember to laugh.



Dr. Dan Smith (Smith Clinic P.A.).



Dr. Katharine Meacham (Mars Hill College; UNC SOM-Asheville).



Dr. Bryan MacLeod (NOSM) engages Rendez-Vous 2012 participants.



Dr. Ian Couper (University of the Witwatersrand).

Building on the Success of Innovations in Health Professional Education

Drs. Ted Epperly, Jill Konkin, and Jill Downie provided Rendez-Vous 2012 delegates with insight into innovation in health professional education during the morning plenary sessions on October 12. Epperly, the Program Director and CEO of the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho and ranked one of the 100 most powerful people in health care by *Modern Healthcare*, discussed innovation in family medicine residency in rural settings during his presentation.

Konkin, Associate Dean of Community Engagement in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta, explored the ideas of participation, meaning, and identity as it relates to innovation in undergraduate medical education.

Building on the theme of innovation, Downie, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Education and Professor at Curtin University in Perth, Australia, presented on the topic of community engagement and change management to foster innovation in interprofessional curriculum development.



Dr. Ian Couper (University of the Witwatersrand) and Mrs. Lorna Macleod.

First John Macleod Oration in Honour of Rural Practice

Rural Practitioners Leading Real Change

On October 13, Dr. Ian Couper, Professor of Rural Health, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, provided a plenary address to Rendez-Vous 2012 delegates. Titled *Outsiders, Outlaws, and Outliers: A View from the Inside*, Couper's presentation encouraged conference participants to consider that, while rural practitioners are often positioned outside of mainstream (or, quite literally, urban-centred) medicine, there are advantages to this; namely, the ability and agility to lead positive change with respect to health professional education and practice.

At the end of his presentation, Dr. Ian Couper, Chair of the Wonca Working Party on Rural Practice, was bestowed the first John Macleod Oration Award. The late Dr. John Macleod, who passed away in 2010, was a lifelong crusader for rural practice and founding member of the Wonca Working Party on Rural Practice. Macleod's widow, Lorna, presented Couper with the Inaugural John Macleod Oration Award.



Erika Allard-Ihala, Sarah McAnally, Katherine Knight, and John Tuinema, Medical Students (NOSM).

Student Panel Considers Community Engagement

On October 13, five learners from the Philippines, South Africa, Australia, and Canada comprised a panel to reflect on community engagement as it relates to the education of health professionals. In particular, the panel discussed their community-engaged experiences during their professional training. Panel members included: John Michael Dellariarte, a medical student from Ateneo de Zamboanga School of Medicine, Philippines; Bulelwa Duze, a medical student from Walter Sisulu University, South Africa; Ian Lee, a medical student from Flinders University, Darwin Campus, Australia; Marianne Naria, a medical student from the University of the Philippines, Philippines; and, Laurel Splawski, a dietitian from Thunder Bay, who recently graduated from the Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program (NODIP) at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.





Wonca
Rural Health

Wonca Working Party on Rural Practice Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Wonca Working Party on Rural Practice was formed at the World Family Doctors Conference in Vancouver in 1992. Over the intervening period, there has been growth of interest in, and attention to, rural health and rural practice around the world, with exciting developments in many countries.

Happy Anniversary Wonca Working Party on Rural Practice!



Dr. Rich Roberts, Wonca President.



Professor Jan De Maeseneer welcomed students.

Student Program Engages Learners from Around the World

New Friendships, Strong Networks

A Student Organizing Committee, led by Co-Chairs and NOSM MD students Derek Bos, Vanessa Ellies, and Emily Robinson, organized parallel programming for more than 300 NOSM and international students from many countries, including Australia, Belgium, Nepal, and the Philippines attending Rendez-Vous 2012.

The student program included a preconference workshop, site visits, and social events designed to stimulate dialogue among students from around the globe about current health-care issues affecting people worldwide.



NOSM's East and West student teams play for the Strasser Cup.

Canada's Sport and the Strasser Cup

During Rendez-Vous 2012, medical students from across the globe were able to witness NOSM's East and West campuses battle it out at the annual Strasser Cup hockey game. In the end, Dean Dr. Roger Strasser presented the cup to the 2012 winning team, NOSM's West Campus at Lakehead University. All attending—some very familiar with hockey, and some not at all—had a wonderful time taking part in Canada's favourite sport.



Enjoying a good old-fashioned Canadian hockey game!

NOSM All-Resident Retreat Held on Final Days of Conference

In addition to the MD student program, the first NOSM all-resident retreat was held October 12-13 to coincide with Rendez-Vous 2012. NOSM's social accountability mandate provided the theme for the first day, bringing residents from NOSM's postgraduate programs together in a Teaching Circle, with specific focus on Indigenous community health and culture. The Teaching Circle was led by NOSM Postgraduate Manager and Professor, Dr. Joyce Helmer; Sioux Lookout rural physician, Dr. Len Kelly; and Dr. Darlene Kitty, President of the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada. The second day centred on residents as teachers, with NOSM faculty member, Dr. James Goertzen presenting effective teaching strategies to the group.



NOSM residents participate in workshop.





Delegates interact during improv session.

A Tremendous Response to Call for Abstracts

A Call for Abstracts was released in early November 2011 for presentations that would address the conference theme of *Community participation in education, research, and service*. The Organizing Committee received over 400 abstracts from interested health and education professionals around the globe. In total, the scientific review team accepted 165 oral presentations, 58 workshops, 22 PeArLs, 112 thematic posters, and eight 'Off the Wall' presentations.

Innovative Presentation Formats

The Rendez-Vous 2012 Organizing Committee established five different presentation formats to encourage active and interactive education. The ultimate goal was to inspire change, and to encourage thought-provoking discussions amongst participants. Some of the components were derived from the annual conferences of the six partnering organizations and were used for consistency in style, and also to expose international participants to the ways of the various host organizations.

Inspired Learning

Interactive and engaging full- and half-day workshops delivered core content followed by small-group discussions.

Learning Spaces

Oral presentations highlighted scholarly work in medical and health professional education, service, and research related to the conference themes. The opportunity for questions and comments followed the oral presentations.



Dr. Mark Shephard (Flinders University) and Dr. David Marsh (NOSM).



Professor Judith (Nicky) Hudson (University of New England) and Dr. Leeberk Inbaraj Raja (Christian Medical College) discuss the session.

Learning Colloquium

A forum for groups of up to eight posters clustered into themes allowed for presenters to provide a synopsis of their posters, followed by interactive whole-group discussions led by conference facilitators.

Conversational Inquiries

Personally Arranged Learning sessions (PeArLs) allowed presenters to present their narrative critical dilemma(s) in a way that encouraged the audience to actively participate in problem solving. The presenters conveyed their problems and challenges in two to three minutes, providing the context and highlighting up to three questions for small-group discussion. Subsequently, participants discussed the situation and provided diverse perspectives and authentic problem solving. Through a collaborative process aimed at generating ideas and solutions, small groups discussed issues and presented practical solutions back to the presenter(s).

"Off the Wall" Presentations

Educators and learners were encouraged to conduct their presentations in other innovative formats not currently highlighted in the above presentation formats.





Delegates enjoy roundtable discussion.

Memorable Moderators

Highlighting the Role of the Moderator

Like the lead player in a jazz band, moderators harmoniously lead a group of people who are working toward a shared goal. With the sheer volume of educational sessions at Rendez-Vous 2012, recruiting skilled moderators was equally as important as hosting high-quality speakers. High-calibre moderators were selected through the membership databases of the six partnering organizations in order to appropriately reflect the international nature of the conference. Rendez-Vous 2012 moderators helped navigate technical concerns, fostered a positive learning environment, and ensured presentations followed best practices in adult education.



Dr. Lisa Graves, John Friesen, and Dr. Brian Ross (NOSM).



David Glass (Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness).



Rendez-Vous 2012 inspired many stimulating conversations.



Getting Social with Electronic Media at Rendez-Vous 2012

Exciting technological amenities were prepared for Rendez-Vous 2012 to help delegates stay connected, informed, and engaged throughout the conference.

Keeping the World Connected



An extensive WiFi-enabled network, including an Internet Café, was created to provide delegates free access to the internet throughout the duration of the conference. A custom Rendez-Vous 2012 Mobile App allowed delegates to access the conference program, review speaker biographical information, see exhibitor details, and use social media.



Kaat De Backer (The Network: Towards Unity for Health) is connected with Rendez-Vous 2012 technology.

Twitter and Facebook



Delegates and others followed the conference on Twitter @Rendez-Vous2012, as live news, updates, and information was tweeted from the conference. Many joined the conference on Facebook at Rendez-Vous2012 to connect with speakers and other attendees. Participants were encouraged throughout the conference to continue their conversation on Twitter and Facebook. The exceptional presentations generated lively discussions.



Digital Displays Keep the Pulse

Participants were invited to stay informed and connected with digital displays situated across from the registration area. The displays featured photos from conference events, trips, and collaborations. Monitors also carried a live Twitter feed with comments from conference attendees, recaps of each day's events, and changes to the conference schedule.

Web Streaming

With the wide variety of educational and cultural events available to participants, Rendez-Vous 2012 organizers wanted to ensure that plenary conference sessions were available from any location. Live web streaming of plenaries was established to ensure that participants were able to attend sessions regardless of where their conference engagements led them. Sessions were then archived for those who were unable to attend in real time.

Rendez-Vous 2012 Website



Prior to the conference, a website was created for promotion, information, and registration purposes. The same website now reflects upon the conference and proceedings.

Archived presentations and Rendez-Vous 2012 highlights can be found at:
rendez-vous2012.ca



Exhibits Showcase Health and Community Services

Several municipal, medical, and educational organizations participated in the exhibition space at the conference to provide delegates with information about their services and contributions to the region, and to health care in Canada.

Rendez-Vous 2012 Exhibitors:

- City of Thunder Bay
- The Canadian Medical Association
- GE Healthcare
- Laerdal Medical Canada
- Marathon Family Health Team
- North West Community Care Access Centre
- NorWest Community Health Centres
- Ontario Telemedicine Network
- SIM-one Ontario Simulation Network
- Sonosite Canada
- Supplemental Emergency Medicine Experience
- The College of Family Physicians Canada
- University of Toronto, Centre for Interprofessional Education

Building Relationships at the Gala Dinner

Delegates came together on the evening of Wednesday, October 10 for a Gala Dinner. The gala provided an opportunity for delegates to share an evening of networking and collegiality – and most of all, fun!

Dr. Jon Kim Andrus, Deputy Director of the Pan American Health Organization, agreed to be part of the celebrations and provided an engaging address that explored how medical and health professional schools can become socially accountable by training a primary health-care workforce to meet community needs.



The Sensational Hot Rods perform at Gala Dinner.



Medical Students Michael Watson, Kendra Komsa, Tamara Delorme, Derek Bos, and Emily Robinson (NOSM).



Making Rendez-Vous 2012 Accessible

Global Accountability and Collaborative Support

In the spirit of social accountability, Rendez-Vous 2012 was designed to be accountable to the needs of its participants – both in terms of educational opportunities and accessibility. In order to support global participation, registration fees were tiered based on each delegate's country of origin.

"One of the unique things about Rendez-Vous 2012 was the three-tier registration fee," explains Sue Berry, Rendez-Vous Planning Committee Co-Chair. "Medical schools in low-income countries do not have the means to travel around the world to find out what other schools are doing, so we used the World Bank's classifications of high-, middle-, and low-income countries for our fee schedule. Special arrangements were made to accommodate delegates from developing countries on tighter budgets."

Thanks to the generosity of over 75 conference registrant donors and sponsors, funds were generated to support delegates from low-income countries on their journey to Northern Ontario for Rendez-Vous 2012. In all, over \$65,000 was donated, resulting in sponsorship funds for 16 learners and 14 faculty members from nine different countries around the world.

Homestays Make Participation Possible for Delegates from Low-Income Countries

In order to make attending the conference possible for delegates from low-income countries, the Rendez-Vous 2012 Organizing Committee established a homestay program to provide opportunities for international delegates to stay with host families for the duration of the conference. In all, 45 NOSM staff and faculty, Lakehead University professors, hospital staff, and members of the Thunder Bay community opened their homes to welcome international delegates.





Welcoming the World

Rendez-Vous 2012 brought the whole world of innovation in health professional education to Northern Ontario. More than 850 delegates from six continents and nearly 50 countries attended Rendez-Vous 2012.

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| Europe | 51 |
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| South America | 37 |



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All Aboard *The Portage Express*!

International Delegates Investigate Health, Education, and Cultural Sites of Thunder Bay and Area

Rendez-Vous 2012's Community Journey (also called *The Portage Express*) was a unique educational opportunity. Delegates who stayed in Thunder Bay while *Conference on the Move* was underway had the opportunity to explore and meet some of NOSM's Thunder Bay and area community partners on *The Portage Express*. Delegates were able to experience Aboriginal and Francophone culture, take part in interactive historical displays, trek in the wilderness, and witness health education, research, technology, and even search and rescue in action.

More than 30 locations in Thunder Bay and the surrounding areas welcomed Rendez-Vous 2012 delegates, with some locations such as Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Care Group introducing delegates to various departments across the organization.

The Portage Express was designed to show international delegates:

- The ways in which community agencies and organizations develop relationships to provide service;
- How these organizations work with community partners to provide services for underserved and marginalized populations; and,
- How cultural practices are integrated into learning and service.

The Portage Express provided a literal and metaphorical vehicle for delegates to share the strategies from their context with Northern Ontario's community partners, and also bring back what they found useful from their journey on *The Portage Express* to their own communities, organizations, and service providers.





Experience, Learn, Move

Northern Communities *Host Conference on the Move*

An exciting component of Rendez-Vous 2012 was *Conference on the Move*, which featured four educational bus excursions that brought participants to several of NOSM's distributed community partners throughout the North. Both en route and on location, delegates participated in workshops, tours, and other educational, social, and cultural activities that familiarized them with the realities of living and practising in rural and remote Northern Ontario communities.

Through the *Conference on the Move* experience, delegates were able to traverse some of the most colourful Northern Ontario landscapes while engaging in innovative educational opportunities and lively discussions about health-care, education, and research.

"The Northern Ontario School of Medicine's community partners are an integral piece of our model of distributed, community-engaged learning and research," explains Dr. Roger Strasser, NOSM Dean. "*Conference on the Move* was an opportunity to showcase some of these communities where NOSM learners live and learn, and truly come to understand the needs of Northern populations."



Medical Student Neville John Fields (Flinders University).



Lawrence Ticha (Awa University of KwaZulu-Natal).



Northern Route to Sudbury

On Thursday, October 11, delegates departed Thunder Bay to embark on the northern route to Sudbury. While on the bus, delegates played *The Last Straw*, an interactive and educational board game that promoted discussion about the social determinants of health. Delegates also participated in case study discussions, which investigated the impact of education, culture, and income on health. Together, delegates discussed possible strategies for addressing health disparities in rural and remote communities.

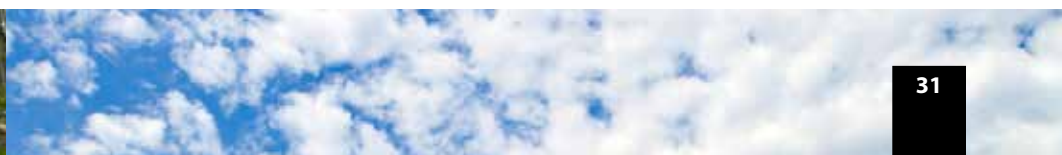
Along the northern route, the bus made stops in Lake Helen, Hearst, Cochrane, and Timmins, where participants were able to investigate cultural and historic sites, and NOSM partner communities. International delegates were particularly excited to visit the Polar Bear Habitat in Cochrane – the only captive bear facility in the world dedicated solely to polar bears.

Southern Route to Sudbury

On Thursday, October 11, a second bus left Thunder Bay, taking the southbound route to Sudbury. Just like their counterparts travelling the northern route, delegates participated in structured educational activities that discussed the relationship between society, culture, race, lifestyle choices, gender, and health. Participants also undertook reflective learning, wherein delegates assessed personal biases on ethnocultural issues, and identified areas for personal growth. These educational discussions were punctuated by stops in Nipigon, White River, Wawa, and M'Chigeeng First Nation. Excited delegates witnessed snow falling during their travels – a novel experience for several South African and Australian delegates.



Amit Yadav and Dr. Sonu Yadav (BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences).



Marathon

On Friday, October 12, several delegates visited the community of Marathon, one of NOSM's partner communities that hosts medical learners undertaking Northern rural placements. As a result of generous contributions made to Lakehead University and NOSM by Barrick Gold - Hemlo Mine, a variety of medical education and recruitment strategies were financially supported in the effort to provide innovative, community-engaged medical education and care in the community of Marathon. Funds were allocated to the creation of a learner suite, upgrades in technological infrastructure, investments in physician recruitment, and the creation of educational bursaries for medical students from Marathon. Barrick Gold Corporation - Hemlo Mine also supported *Conference on the Move* in Marathon, which included accredited workshops focusing on population health issues common to many rural communities in Canada and around the world.

During the journey, delegates had the opportunity to tour Marathon's Wilson Memorial Hospital. There, they learned about NOSM's impact on medical education and physician recruitment in the community. Delegates also experienced a highly interactive and accredited Main-Pro C course, *A Pain and Addictions Primer for Family Physicians in Collaboration with Centres for Pain Management*, which focused on innovative care approaches in the context of rural family medicine.

Sioux Lookout

On Friday, October 12, delegates visited Sioux Lookout, a NOSM partner community that hosts medical students for eight months during their third year of training. The main focus of the education on this route was the impact and results of distributed, community-engaged medical education. Participants toured Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre and learned about the impact that NOSM has had on the community of Sioux Lookout and their health centre. Delegates attended educational sessions that focused on the integration of learners in a community context. Other educational highlights included sessions on narcotic drug use in Aboriginal communities, and a First Nations woman's perspective on menopause.

1,100 Kilometres Later... Two Routes Come Together

Delegates on the northern and southern routes to Sudbury were reunited on Saturday, October 13. Together, delegates experienced a variety of unique community services and organizations in the area, including Sudbury's Dynamic Earth, Maison Vale Hospice, the Apology Cairn, the Vale Living with Lakes Centre at Laurentian University, and the Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre. The final stop was NOSM's East Campus at Laurentian University, where delegates experienced a medical education session involving simulation mannequins.

"*Conference on the Move*... gave us an insight into the challenges of rural health in Ontario, but also into the commitment of the rural physicians," says Dr. HOFFIE Conradie, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.



Highway along Lake Superior, Northern Ontario.



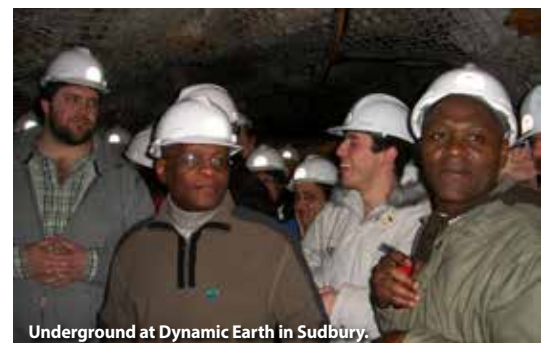
The *Conference on the Move* journey begins.



Delegates on the bus to Sioux Lookout.



Delegates visit Winnie the Pooh in White River.



Underground at Dynamic Earth in Sudbury.



Aboriginal drumming at Laurentian University.



Traditional First Nations dancers wow attendees.

Spotlight on Culture

Delegates Celebrate the Culture of their Conference Hosts

NOSM introduced Rendez-Vous 2012 delegates to the diverse culture of Northern Ontario at a Cultural Evening on Thursday, October 11. After receiving greetings from two NOSM Board members, Tim Pile (on behalf of the Métis Nation of Ontario) and Angèle Brunelle (on behalf of Northwestern Ontario's Francophone community), delegates were invited to enliven their senses with sights, sounds, and tastes that are distinctly Northern Ontario.

Dark Cloud Community Drummers were joined by traditional First Nations dancers, the MacGillivray Pipe Band of Thunder Bay, and Fort William Historical Park Kam Valley Fiddlers. Dishes traditional to the region—poutine, tourtière, fish and chips, bannock with blueberry compote, and Persians (a cinnamon bun-like pastry topped with pink icing, originating from Thunder Bay)—were enjoyed by all.

Also at this event, Dr. Judi Walker, Head of the School of Rural Health at Monash University, recognized the 20th anniversary of Monash University's School of Rural Health.



Fort William Historical Park Kam Valley Fiddlers.



Dr. Judi Walker (Monash University).





Mr. François Boileau addresses delegates at NOSM's Francophone Symposium.
M. François Boileau s'adresse aux délégués au symposium francophone de l'EMNO.



Mr. Dominic Giroux, President, Laurentian University.
M. Dominic Giroux, recteur de l'Université Laurentienne.

Considering Francophone Health

Rendez-Vous 2012 Hosts the Fourth Francophone Symposium

On Wednesday, October 10, NOSM welcomed community stakeholders and Rendez-Vous 2012 conference delegates with an interest in Francophone health to the School's fourth Francophone Symposium. This single day event encouraged participants to examine current best practices and their impact on the health of Francophones in Northern Ontario and around the world.

Throughout the interactive day, conference participants were engaged in group work, individual conversations, and small-group discussions, including the opportunity to:

- Discuss and identify elements and successful strategies to integrate community within the medical education framework in an effort to assist medical schools to meet their social accountability mandates;
- Identify mechanisms in response to the priorities of linguistic and cultural minorities relating to a medical school's social accountability;
- Discuss and identify the elements of collaboration between Francophone community partners and medical schools in the provision of opportunities for service learning;
- Discuss how culture and language impact a population's health status; and,
- Identify partnership strategies from regional, national, and international perspectives for integrating health-care services and delivery within the context of the Francophone global community.

"Ultimately, it is hoped that participants are able to take away ideas to enhance the communities and organizations they represent, whether in Northern Ontario or beyond," says Dr. Roger Strasser, NOSM Dean.

The symposium featured presentations from Dr. Charles Boelen, Angèle Brunelle, Dr. Jan De Maeseneer, Dr. Paul Grand'Maison, France Jodoin, Patrick Legault, Dr. André-Jacques Neusy, Andrée Robichaud, Dr. Hélène Rousseau, and Dr. Aurel Schofield. Mr. François Boileau, Ontario's French Language Services Commissioner, acted as moderator.

La santé des francophones

Rendez-Vous 2012 et le quatrième symposium francophone

Le mercredi 10 octobre, l'EMNO a accueilli pour son quatrième symposium des intervenants communautaires et les délégués à la conférence Rendez-Vous 2012 qui s'intéressent à la santé des francophones. Au cours de cet événement d'une journée, les participants ont été amenés à examiner les pratiques exemplaires et leur incidence sur la santé des francophones du Nord de l'Ontario et de partout au monde.

Au cours de cette séance interactive, les participants ont travaillé en plénière, eu des conversations individuelles et des discussions en petits groupes, y compris la possibilité de :

- discuter et recenser des éléments et des stratégies fructueuses pour intégrer la communauté dans le cadre de formation en médecine afin d'aider les écoles de médecine à honorer leur mandat d'imputabilité sociale;
- recenser des mécanismes pour faire le lien entre les priorités des minorités linguistiques et culturelles et la responsabilité sociale d'une école de médecine;
- discuter et recenser des éléments de collaboration entre les partenaires de la communauté francophone et les écoles de médecine pour fournir des occasions d'apprentissage par le service;
- discuter des effets de la culture et de la langue sur l'état de santé d'une population;
- relever des stratégies de partenariat à l'échelle régionale, nationale et internationale pour intégrer les services et la prestation des soins dans le contexte de la communauté francophone en général.

« En fin de compte, nous espérons que les participants ont pu emporter des idées pour améliorer les communautés et organismes qu'ils représentent, que ce soit dans le Nord de l'Ontario ou ailleurs » a déclaré le Dr Roger Strasser, doyen de l'EMNO.

Au programme du symposium figuraient des présentations des Dr Charles Boelen, Angèle Brunelle, Dr Jan De Maeseneer, Dr Paul Grand'Maison, France Jodoin, Patrick Legault, Dr André-Jacques Neusy, Andrée Robichaud, Dr^e Hélène Rousseau et de Dr Aurel Schofield. M. François Boileau, commissaire aux services en français de l'Ontario, a agi comme animateur de la rencontre.



Jeff Goodyear (Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care) and Dr. Salvatore Spadafora (University of Toronto).

Evaluating Success

Assessing whether or not the sessions offered at Rendez-Vous 2012 met their stated objectives was a key priority for conference organizers. In order to evaluate a conference of this magnitude, electronic evaluations, available through the Rendez-Vous 2012 Mobile App and Rendez-Vous 2012 website, were created to facilitate the collection of delegate feedback. Specifically, there were three different types of evaluations for Rendez-Vous 2012:

- Session Evaluations;
- Conference Evaluations; and,
- *Conference on the Move* Evaluations.

NOSM's Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD) Office collated feedback from conference participants. Session feedback was provided to each speaker for their own professional development.



Martin Green (Institute of Rural Health).



Collecting Thoughts and Generating Actions

In the past, each of the six partnering organizations of the Rendez-Vous 2012 conference have garnered international recognition among world health leaders for their ability to influence change to medical and health professional education.

One of the goals of the Rendez-Vous 2012 conference was to harness the thinking of a variety of engaged parties with shared interests. The ideas generated were meant to guide reflection and future reform of medical education to meet global needs.

Each day, conference participants were asked to create storyboards to encourage insightful exchanges and reflection upon their learning throughout the conference. In a process led by Dr. Bruce Chater, a family physician from rural Queensland, Australia, the collected thoughts were synthesized to create recommendations for positive change to international health education policy and practice.

The result is the *Thunder Bay Communiqué*.



Delegates share ideas during sessions.



Call to Action: *The Thunder Bay Communiqué*

Participants Make Recommendations to Improve Health Worldwide

A series of recommendations were generated by Rendez-Vous 2012 participants, and were collated to form the *Thunder Bay Communiqué: New Ways of Thinking*. The Rendez-Vous 2012 co-hosting organizations, and others, are disseminating this *Communiqué* as a challenge to individuals, organizations, and governments for implementation.

A synopsis of the principles guiding their recommendations include:

- Underserved communities must receive support to grow in their ability to identify and voice their health needs and work to guide institutions educating health practitioners in providing targeted training that will address these needs;
- Communities must be part of generating solutions to their own health-care needs and enabled to be actively involved in implementing these solutions;
- *The Melbourne Manifesto* and subsequent World Health Organization (WHO) *Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel* should be implemented and reported on by governments;
- Health systems should be strengthened through universal coverage leading to improved access;
- The effectiveness of systems such as capitation, fee for service, and pay for performance should be rigorously assessed as the basis for an evidence-based approach to health-care financing;
- Health services should be delivered wherever possible by locally-based health-care teams that include generalist practitioners who are empowered to deliver and coordinate comprehensive care and to integrate the implementation of disease-based programs where they exist; and,
- The improvement of the health of communities requires the empowerment and involvement of women in improving their safety and social, educational, and economic standing.

A full version of the *Thunder Bay Communiqué* can be found on the Rendez-Vous 2012 website at rendez-vous2012.ca.



You Made Rendez-Vous 2012 Possible!

Many organizations and individuals in Northern Ontario and from across the globe came together to make this an outstanding conference. Your contributions were truly appreciated.

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OPTIONS northwest

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St. Joseph's Care Group – Manor House

St. Joseph's Care Group and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC)

Mental Health and Addictions Services – Sister Margaret Smith Centre

Superior North Emergency Medical Services

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre

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