



# CPATH

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## President's Message



This has been a busy few months. We have organized all of our committees ...**so I ask you to join one!** We have produced new content for our newsletter ...**don't stop**

**contributing!** We have rebuilt our website with a sleek new look ...**please visit frequently!** We have added a membership web-portal ...**yes it is time to renew for 2010!** And our draft conference program is almost done ...so mark your calendars and **plan to join us in Montreal April 30 and May 1!**

Our objective is to increase our numbers such that we are a force to reckon with... the community needs it now more than ever.

And it would be impossible for me to mention community without remembering our dear friend and advocate, BC's **Catherine White Holman**. Our member spotlight will focus on her work for, and commitment to, the Trans Community over her 25 year career.

Trevor Corneil MD

## Message du Président

*Cela a été un mois bien remplis de projets. Nous avons organisé toutes nos comités ... **donc je vous demander d'en rejoindre!** Nous avons produit de contenu nouveau pour notre lettre d'information ... **ne cessez pas de cotiser!** Nous avons refait notre site web avec un nouveau style ... **s'il vous plaît visitez fréquemment!** Nous avons ajouté une application d'inscription web ... **oui il est temps de renouveler pour 2010!** Et notre programme de la conférence est presque finie ... marquez vos calendriers et **nous rejoindre à Montréal le 30 avril et le 1 mai!***

*Notre objectif ce mois est d'augmenter notre nombre pour que nous sommes une force formidable ... la communauté a besoin maintenant plus que jamais.*

*Et il serait impossible pour moi de parler de communauté sans se souvenir de notre chère amie et avocate, **Catherine White Holman**. Le 'focus de membre' se concentrera sur son travail et engagement dans la Communauté Trans pendant ses 20 ans de carrière.*

Trevor Corneil MD





## COMITÉS

### BOARD UPDATE

Helen Seibel

The committee chairs have been identified, and we are ready to launch the **distributed and inclusive approach to business** that we have been dreaming of! BUT to accomplish this we ask that **every member consider joining a committee** and volunteer a few hours of time in 2010. Please see the website for co-chair names, and email [board@cpath.ca](mailto:board@cpath.ca) for additional information. We have also **approved 3 new committees**: Youth Health, Community Agency, and Education... Chairs TBA.

### COMMUNICATION

Rebecca Hammond

*Nous sommes, bien entendu, très fiers de notre **nouveau style Internet**. Cliquez [www.cpath.ca](http://www.cpath.ca). Nous continuons à publier le bulletin régulièrement. Si vous avez besoin d'information, de nouvelles, ou si vous voulez contacter avec un collègue, envoyez un courriel à [info@cpath.ca](mailto:info@cpath.ca). Finalement, **nous recherchons des bénévoles parlant FRANÇAIS pour nous aider avec nos communications** ... quelqu'un là-bas dans PQ?*

### CONFERENCE 2010 MONTREAL

Gail Knudson

Our Past President and local organizing committee have been hard at work preparing what will be a **world class program**, including: [Ira Haraldsen](#) (Norway), [Jaime Grant](#) (Washington DC), [Marci Bowers](#) (Colorado), and [Walter Bockting](#) (Minnesota)... ! Congratulations to Ira and Gail for their success in receiving a CIHR **Lectureship Award**. Abstracts for our symposia will be accepted in January 2010.

### MEMBERSHIP/INSCRIPTION

Julian Young

We are now ready to accept both **renewals and new applications** for membership via the internet for the 2010 year. Remember, your membership is not only good for CPATH, but good for you and includes a discount rate for the conference as well as other benefits. Go to [www.cpath.ca](http://www.cpath.ca) and click on membership.

*Nous sommes maintenant prêts à accepter à la fois **les renouvellements et les nouvelles applications** par Internet pour l'année 2010. N'oubliez pas que votre inscription n'est pas seulement bon pour CPATH, mais bon pour vous et comprend un taux d'actualisation de la conférence ainsi que d'autres avantages. Allez au site [www.cpath.ca](http://www.cpath.ca) et cliquez sur l'inscription.*



## CATHERINE WHITE HOLMAN

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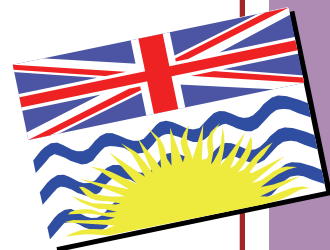
Social worker Catherine White Holman was a pioneer in Vancouver's Downtown neighbourhoods, bringing health services to the most marginalized people in the city, according to long-time colleague Trevor Corneil.

"Catherine was a remarkable person," said Corneil, a physician at Three Bridges Community Health Centre where Holman was a founding staff member. "I have

worked with Catherine for 15 years, since I started out as a resident, and I have seen her help thousands of people." Holman was among the six people killed when their seaplane crashed soon after takeoff near Saturna Island Sunday November 29th.

Holman was a strong advocate for her clients at the clinic and an activist for the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender community and was openly lesbian. She is survived by her spouse Shaira Holman. "Her marriage was a great celebratory moment for her," said Corneil. "It was the one time she enjoyed what she always insisted on for her clients, equality."

Holman was a founding staff member at the Three Bridges clinic and worked on the frontlines of the HIV epidemic when the disease began to spread among IV drug users in the 90s. The clinic employs several physicians, social workers, counsellors and advocates working on a model that combines medical services with a entire suite of mental health and community support services, from counselling to finding a place to live or securing disability benefits and finding childcare. She wrote the book, literally, on best practices in the care of GLBT patients, when she penned *Guidelines for Transgender Care and Care of Transgender Adolescents*, which describe standards and practices for care used by medical professionals all over the world.



"I wouldn't use the word driven to describe her," Three Bridges mental health counsellor Margaret Drewlo. "She was more joyous high energy." Working with her was great, a privilege," Drewlo said. "When she was at work she was totally at work and when she was off work she was having huge fun in the other part of her life." "She lived big and she loved big," said Drewlo. "She was always so expressive of her love for her partner, Shaira," she said.






**!CLICK / CLIQUEZ!**

With some open source software, a professional web studio, and a few late nights, the communications committee is very pleased to present to you our new website! This month we are excited to send you to the internet for a fresh new web ...

[www.cpath.ca](http://www.cpath.ca)

## December 2009 décembre

Calendar of Events	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dec 7:</b> Weblaunch</li> <li><b>Dec 31:</b> Membership Registration Milestone</li> </ul>	6	7 	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Statutory Holidays</b></li> </ul>	27	28	29	30	31 	1 	

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