



**Canada-California Infectious Diseases  
Collaboration Workshop  
March 2, 2008 - Los Angeles (CA)**

**"Bringing the Best of Research in Canada and California  
to Discover, Develop and Deliver."**

**Date:** Sunday March 2, 2008

**Location:** Los Angeles, California

**Hotel Crowne Plaza, Los Angeles International Airport** (easy access from LAX airport)  
Website and map: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/laxap?requestid=90522>  
A block of room has been reserved, reg. rooms at \$129 plus tax; reserve before Feb.12.  
Tel: 888-315-3700 or 310-642-7500; mention "Canada-California Infectious Diseases Workshop"

There is a free Airport-Crowne Plaza shuttle.

Guests arriving by car get discounted parking rate (self-park at \$8, valet at \$10).

Car rental (if needed), rate from Hertz: 800-654-2240, [www.hetz.com](http://www.hertz.com) : ID# CV 022R1941

**Registration:** ATTN: Eric Holdrinet, Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles  
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**Tracks:**

1. **Infectious Diseases Vaccines**
2. **Infectious Diseases Diagnostics**
3. **Infectious Diseases Surveillance, Coupling with Research**

Should other aspects of Infectious Diseases research come up which are especially opportune for Canada-California collaboration, they may certainly be presented and discussed. The tracks have been chosen to help focus the debate, because they are the most likely to align with the aims of the workshop, and because there is world-level strength of research in those fields in both Canada and California.

**Format: Essentially, roundtable discussion about enhancing existing or new R&D projects. Bring your own!**

This will not be about papers presentations. It will be about opportunities, goals, and resources - both physical and human. Multi-partner, academia-industry projects are a natural fit.

Do not hesitate to advise us of projects you want to present for discussion; advance work and networking could add efficiency.

**Who should participate:**

- **Researchers** looking to expand research opportunities by sharing work, data and resources with top partners.
- **Technical leaders of companies** with a strong interest in those sectors.
- **Potential funders** for such research and recipients of transferred technologies.

There will be no registration cost. Breakfast & lunch are provided.

**Preliminary Agenda:**

**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>:**

19:00 Networking Reception

**Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

7:30 *Breakfast*

8:15 Welcome, Introduction from CCSIP Steering Committee representatives

8:30 Plenary: The State of Infectious Diseases Research in Canada and California (selected subjects)

9:15 Plenary: Government Support for Collaborative Research in Infectious Diseases  
Dr. Gregory Milman, Director, Office for Innovation and Special Programs,  
Division of Extramural Activities, NIH-NIAID  
Dr. Bhagirath Singh, Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity

10:00 *Break*

10:15 Breakout Sessions: Potential collaboration projects.  
Tracks: 1. Vaccines, 2. Diagnostics, 3. Surveillance, Coupling with Research

12:00 *Lunch*

13:00 (During Lunch): Short presentation of projects discussed in AM breakouts.

13:30 Breakout Sessions: Potential collaboration projects.  
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15:00 *Break*

15:15 Breakout Sessions: Simulations of government grant application for selected projects discussed in earlier breakouts; key components.

16:30 Plenary: Report on potential collaborations, Next steps.

17:00 Closing.

**Other contiguous key event:**

On **March 3-4**, Immediately following our workshop, the Regional Centers of Excellence for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research of UC Irvine will hold a ***Diagnostics workshop*** at the same hotel. Title: “**Biology and Medicine Meet Engineering and Physics**”.

Details: <http://www.pswrce.uci.edu/pdf/diagnosticsflyer1.pdf>

Kill two birds with one stone, attend both events! (Places limited).

**Background:**

The **Canada-California Infectious Diseases Collaboration Workshop** is an initiative of the **Canada-California Strategic Innovation Partnership (CCSIP)** which aims to assemble the best of Research, Development and Delivery (transfer and commercialization) in selected

technology areas that are strategic to Canada and California, and where there is world-level strength of research in both jurisdictions. Project partners come from Academia, Industry and Governments.

Great success has been achieved since CCSIP's launch in 2006: 1) Linking the very-high-speed Internet infrastructures of Canada and California, 2) Founding (and starting funding) the Cancer Stem Cell Consortium, 3) Delivering industry briefings on cross-border investment barriers and on IP strategy for Canada-US collaborative projects. Numerous smaller collaborative endeavours are in motion.

We are now looking at the Infectious Diseases strategic sector to take advantage of the same positive factors that have brought success to other areas of collaboration. Definite intention to participate has already been communicated by several prestigious organisations, including UCLA, UC Irvine, LA-Biomed, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Alberta, and the International Centre for Infectious Diseases (Winnipeg), and Université Laval's Centre de recherche en infectiologie. We expect this list to expand geographically and to strategic partners in the private sector.

More detail about CCSIP, and further details about this workshop, will be found at <http://www.ccsip.org> .

**We look forward to meet you and work out innovative projects. Please indicate your **commitment and registration** by email or by phone; contacts below. **Do not hesitate to forward to potential participants and include us in c.c. for easier follow-up, and call for details.****

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