



# CPS Today

## Welcome to Vancouver

This year's annual meeting at Vancouver's newly renovated Westin Bayshore Hotel, Resort, and Conference Centre covers children in wartime, techniques for becoming a child advocate, immunization, the history of paediatrics, the popular Paediatric Update and Journal Club – and, of course, a full suite of abstracts, symposia, business meetings, and satellite events.

Following initial scientific program sessions held Wednesday, the first major event is the **opening ceremonies** at 8:30 this morning, featuring a keynote speech by Lewis MacKenzie, retired former head of the UN Protection Force in Yugoslavia and 33-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces.



Looking northeast from the seawall at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, with Coal Harbour, Stanley Park, and the North Shore mountains are in the background.

Maj.-Gen. MacKenzie will discuss his career as a soldier and peacekeeper with NATO and the UN, highlighting the changing nature of war and its impact on children.

The **Paediatric Update** has moved to Thursday this year, taking place at 2:00 this afternoon. The **Journal Club** follows at 4:15, leading into the **Exhibitor Reception** in the Grand Ballroom at 5:30.



Maj.-Gen. (ret.) Lewis MacKenzie, today's keynote speaker.

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## Events Overview

### Thursday, June 14

**Poster Presentations & Exhibits** 07:30-08:30, 11:45-13:00  
Bayshore Ballroom

**Opening Ceremonies & Keynote Speech** 08:30-10:15  
Bayshore Salons D & E

**Oral Abstract Presentations**  
10:45-11:45 - Bayshore Salons D & E

**Poster Symposium**  
13:00-14:00 - Stanley Park Ballroom

**Paediatric Update**  
14:00-16:00 - Bayshore Salons D & E

- QT interval and sudden death
- Without cisapride, what next?
- Migraines: What works?
- Immunization update
- Prescribing behavioural drugs to preschool children

**Journal Club**  
16:15-17:15 - Bayshore Salons D & E

**Exhibitor Reception**  
17:30-19:00 - Bayshore Grand Ballroom

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# From advocate to lobbyist: how to influence legislation



Dr. Thomas Pendergrass, a paediatrician (and registered political lobbyist) in Washington state, at his Wednesday session.

For Dr. Thomas Pendergrass, as for many paediatricians, advocacy is a key part of his job. At a Wednesday afternoon session held with Dr. Noni MacDonald and Raj Rasalingam, however, he proposed that paediatricians go beyond advocacy into true political lobbying.

The three presenters detailed how to identify issues of concern, then to find potential coalition partners, note and neutralize opposition, and determine how to bring supporters together to achieve specific legislative ends. Pendergrass expected participants to leave the session intending to write a letter to their MP or MLA about one of their issues in the next week.

"Being an advocate for the well-being of children is important," he said, "but I want you to be a lobbyist – get legislators to *vote* for measures for your special interest."

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Friday begins at 8:00 a.m. with the **History of Paediatrics Breakfast**, where Dr. Graham Fraser will outline how paediatric surgery has changed over the past century.

Dr. Michael Kramer presents the **Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons** lecture on the current differing standards for evaluating clinical and public health interventions, Friday at 3:30.

One of Saturday's first sessions (at 9:00 a.m.) is Dr. Michael

Myers's discussion of **stress in paediatric practice** – and techniques to avoid burning out.

The **CPS Annual General Meeting** takes place Saturday at 10:30, followed by the Official Luncheon and presentation of the **Ross and Aventis Pasteur Research** awards at 12:30.

Consult your Final Program, as well as tomorrow's and Saturday's editions of this newsletter, for details on the many other events this week.

## Registration desk and CPS information booth open daily



Kate Smissaert is one of several staff at the CPS booth in the main foyer.

The on-site registration area and CPS booth are near the entrance to the Westin Bayshore Conference Centre.

### Registration Hours:

07:30-17:00 June 14-16

### CPS Booth Hours:

07:00-17:00 Thu June 14

07:00-16:30 Fri June 15

07:00-16:00 Sat June 16

The CPS information booth provides member services and copies of publications.

Other facilities at the Westin Bayshore that you might find helpful include the **concierge**, near the main lobby entrance, and the **automated teller machine** near the registration area.

### PLEASE NOTE

## Study Credit Correction

Page 26 of the Annual Meeting Final Program contains an error. The Maintenance of Proficiency (MAINPRO) section should list approval for **13 MAINPRO-MI** credits (not 23 as listed).



# Getting out to see Vancouver's sights

## About Vancouver

Vancouver has one of Canada's mildest climates and is also a great place to eat out – for many who live here, it's almost as inexpensive as eating at home.

The Port of Vancouver moves a large proportion of Canada's wheat, coal, potash, and sulphur. You'll also likely see a number of Alaska cruise ships depart from Canada Place during your stay.

The city and its suburbs spread south from downtown across the Burrard Peninsula and the

broad, flat delta of the Fraser River to the U.S. border, and east from the Strait of Georgia to the Fraser Valley. Except for Whistler, about two hours north, much beyond the North Shore mountains is wilderness. (Tip: face the mountains to find north.)

## What's within walking distance?

The Westin Bayshore sits on the edge of Coal Harbour on the northern edge of the West End, a densely populated residential area. Some interesting areas nearby include:

**Denman Street** runs north-south, and intersects Georgia Street just southwest of the Bayshore. It includes many casual to mid-range restaurants and shops and is very lively on warm days and evenings. At the south end of Denman is English Bay, Vancouver's best sunset spot.

**Robson Street** runs east-west, parallel to Georgia and a few blocks due south. The heart of this high-end shopping district, which also includes many good restaurants for any budget, is the intersection of Robson and Thurlow. To get

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## Greater Vancouver weather forecasts through Sunday, June 17

### Thursday, June 14

Cloudy with 40% chance of morning showers, afternoon sunny periods. High 17, maximum UV index 6.2 (moderate).

### Friday, June 15

Cloudy with sunny periods, 40% chance of showers. Low 10, high 17.

### Saturday, June 16

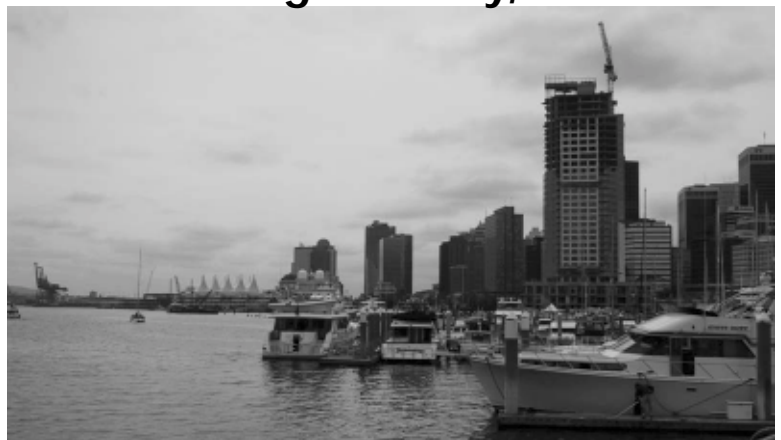
A mix of sun and cloud throughout the day. Low 10, high 18.

### Sunday, June 17

A mix of sun and cloud throughout the day. Low 10, high 18.

**Normals:** low 11, high 19.

Forecast as of 16:00 June 13. Courtesy Environment Canada: (604) 664-9010 or [www.weatheroffice.com](http://www.weatheroffice.com).



Coal Harbour looking west. The sails of Canada Place are at centre left.

# "A good time to get together" for B.C. paediatricians' AGM

The British Columbia Pediatric Society (BCPS) held its Annual General Meeting Wednesday night to coordinate with the CPS Annual Meeting at the Westin Bayshore.

"With the CPS Annual Meeting in Vancouver, this was a good time to get a number of paediatricians from around the province together," said Dr. Jon Slater of the BCPS.

The society recognized a number of accomplishments, such as the recent full accreditation of the UBC paediatrics residency program. Dr. Slater noted that the organization's focus for the coming year will be on continuing medical education, economic issues, and child advocacy.



Dr. John Slater of the B.C. Pediatric Society.

>> "WALKING DISTANCE" FROM PAGE 3 there, walk east a few blocks along Hastings or Pender streets from the Bayshore, then turn right (south) on Thurlow and walk until you reach Robson – where you'll see a Starbucks on two of the four corners.

**Canada Place** is the main cruise ship terminal, and also hosts the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre and the Pan Pacific Hotel. Walk west along the waterfront to reach the five white sails jutting into the harbour. **Gastown's** tourist district is just a few minutes further east.

**Stanley Park** (named for the same man as the Stanley Cup) is one of the world's largest urban parks, and lies directly across Coal Harbour. It in-

cludes many kilometres of trails, the **Vancouver Aquarium**, the Lions Gate Bridge, a miniature train, and many other attractions. Best of all are the trees, and the 11-kilometre **seawall** that completely circumnavigates the park. Walk west along the Bayshore seawall to get there.

## Shuttle bus schedule

A downtown shuttle bus runs **every half hour (at :15 and :45 of each hour)** from the main entrance of the Bayshore to the Hotel Vancouver, in the heart of downtown at Georgia and Burrard. From there you can reach the **downtown shopping district**, including Pacific Centre, as well as Gastown and **Yaletown**. Return trips depart the Hotel Vancouver at **:25 and :55 of each hour**.

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