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RSI Day

Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) Day will be held Tuesday February 28th. Activities organized by the OHCOW clinics should increase awareness of the tragedy of repetitive strain injuries among so many workers in Ontario.

If you haven't already done so, check out what some of the clinics are doing for RSI Day by going to their web pages: [Hamilton](#), [Sudbury](#), [Toronto](#), [London](#) and, [Windsor](#)

I will be in Sudbury participating in their events – and you can as well if you want, thanks to technology being provided by Cambrian College.

With the aid of what is called eDome at the College, anyone can access the Sudbury RSI Day event.

All that is required is a high speed internet connection, sound and Quick time player. Attendees using this method will be able to ask questions through the internet to any of the presenters.

If you wish to participate, you must register by February 24th. To do so simply go to the [Sudbury web page](#).

OHSCO MSD Prevention Committee

The Occupational Health and Safety Council of Ontario (OHSCO), which includes OHCOW, is a forum created to promote dialogue and coordinated action between the various health and safety partners in Ontario (i.e. MOL, WSIB, IWH, HSAs).

To address the significant burden of work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs) in Ontario, the OHSCO endorsed the creation of an OHSCO MSD Prevention Committee.

OHCOW's representative on that committee is **David Mijatovic**, our ergonomist at the Toronto clinic.

The agenda of the MSD Prevention Committee is to raise awareness and motivate MSD prevention activities in Ontario workplaces.

The Committee has established an intensive schedule of activities over the next 12-months to further their prevention agenda.

One such activity is the development of a prevention guideline for Ontario workplaces, along with sector specific materials.

The OHSCO MSD Prevention Committee is working closely with the project leaders of the Ministry of Labour's Ergonomics Sub-committee, to ensure that their plans for workplace prevention in Ontario remain aligned and coordinated.

Congratulations to David for having been selected to sit on the Committee.

Pandemic Prevention Program

Mark Parent from the Windsor clinic has taken on the task of establishing an Ad Hoc Committee which will make recommendations for our OHCOW workplace policy on pandemic prevention.

There is very little information available that relates to the development and implementation of workplace policies or procedures for the prevention of pandemics.

Mark has asked for a representative from each clinic to sit on his committee. Their first task will be to review what materials currently exist on the subject and then start to work on a prevention program suitable for our clinics.

Staff Retreat

The OHCOW Board of Directors has agreed to a staff retreat which will be held at the Kempenfelt Centre in Barrie the week of September 18th.

Bob Kanduth will have the responsibility of organizing the retreat. He has asked each of the Executive Directors to have a volunteer from their clinic to sit as members of a planning committee.

Once the committee is in place Bob plans to survey the staff for suggestions on how to make the retreat worthwhile for everyone.

Strategic Plan for all Occupational Health and Safety Partners

I have been asked to sit on an OHSCO planning committee that will develop a multi year strategic plan for 2008 – 2010 for all the health and safety partners in the Province.

This initiative will allow me to work closely with **Alec Farquhar** who chairs this committee.

Alec as many of you may know is the Director of Health and Safety at the Ministry of Labour.
