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Yukon Hosts National Workers' Compensation Conference

About 200 delegates and guests will meet in Whitehorse August 8th to 11th for the Congress of the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC).

"We are very proud to host Congress," said Tony Armstrong, President and CEO of the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board. "The conference gives us the opportunity to learn about and share ways to deal with the latest developments in workers' compensation; it also provides great benefits to Yukon tourism."

Congress delegates include chairs, directors, CEOs and other top decision-makers from compensation boards across Canada. "The vision of the AWCBC is to have its members working together to achieve excellence with the common goal of safe workplaces, healthy workers and a fair, affordable workers' compensation system," said Ann Marie Hann, President of the AWCBC. "Congress provides an opportunity for us to learn about important new research, share information on best practices and focus on ways of improving our service."

Topics include corporate governance and accountability, chronic pain, stress, occupational cancer, community prevention, young worker safety and disability management. Keynote speakers include Sheila Fraser, the Auditor General of Canada, Daryn Leas, a Yukon lawyer who has acted for the Council for the Yukon First Nations and Peter Hillary – adventurer, mountaineer and son of the first person to climb Mt. Everest.

The event will provide direct benefit to more than 20 Yukon businesses and indirect benefit to many more. Both the Keystone Kops and the Lions Society will be providing services to the conference as community fund-raisers. There are ten major corporate sponsors contributing about \$30,000, and an additional 20 local sponsors contributing items. Find out more on the Congress Web site: www.yukonin2004.com.

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