



**Idabc** · Learning Disabilities  
Association of British Columbia  
*South Vancouver Island Chapter*

## Winter Pro-D Conference Workshops

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# Time For A Change: Learning Disabilities and AD/HD - Assessment, Strategies & Outcomes

*with Presenters Alan Cassels and Howard Eaton*

February 19th, 2010

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Ambrosia Catering & Event Centre  
638 Fisgard St, Victoria BC CANADA



### WORKSHOP I

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*presented by Howard Eaton*

#### **The Future of Learning Disabilities and Attention Disorder Intervention: The Importance of Cognitive Processing Remediation**

Howard Eaton will look at current intervention models for learning and attention disorders. He will review the currently problems in our approaches to intervention (i.e., achievement skills focus, accommodations and use of assistive technology) and how neuroscience findings can improve our remediation models. Howard will also discuss several cognitive intervention programs designed to improve neurological processing, and how they can improve the educational and career outcomes for children with these learning challenges. Finally, he will review ways in which these programs could be implemented in schools today.

### WORKSHOP II

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*presented by Alan Cassels*

#### **Medicating Normalness? Just Say "Know" to Drugs**

Alan Cassels will look at why consumers and prescribers are so bamboozled about prescription drugs. He will look behind some of the myths around drugs to treat our brains and provide information on where to find quality prescription drug information.

### OPENING/CLOSING REMARKS

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*presenter to be announced*

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

**Howard Eaton** has been involved in the fields of Learning Disabilities and Attention Disorders for the past 20 years as a teacher, educational assessor, principal, consultant, university instructor and author. Howard manages several companies that focus on the cognitive remediation of learning disorders and in improving brain functioning including the Eaton Arrowsmith School ([www.eatonarrowsmithschool.com](http://www.eatonarrowsmithschool.com)) and Eaton Brain Improvement Centre ([www.eatonbrainimprovement.com](http://www.eatonbrainimprovement.com)). These companies focus on improving brain functioning of our clients using the Arrowsmith Program created by Barbara Young. He also started Magnussen School ([www.magnussenschool.com](http://www.magnussenschool.com)) along with Kristin Harbut, Principal. Magnussen School focuses on developing an understanding of the emotional and neurodevelopmental profiles of students and matching these profiles with appropriate educational planning and goal setting. Howard is currently completing a book about the Arrowsmith Program and the Eaton Arrowsmith School entitled, *Brain School: Children Who Changed Their Lives Through Educational Neuroplasticity*.



**Alan Cassels** is a drug policy researcher at the University of Victoria studying how clinical research and experience on pharmaceuticals is interpreted by policy-makers, prescribers and consumers. He is a frequent commentator in the media on consumer drug issues and produces stories for magazines, newspapers and the CBC Radio program IDEAS. Alan is also co-author, with Ray Moynihan of *Selling Sickness: How the World's Biggest Pharmaceutical Companies are Turning us All into Patients*, (Greystone Books, 2005) and *The ABC's of Disease Mongering: An Epidemic in 26 letters* (Emdash Book Publishing, 2007) which has been likened to "Dr. Seuss taking on an overmedicated and overdiagnosed culture."



## AGENDA:

9 am	Registration desk opens
9:30	Opening Remarks
9:45 – 11:45	Workshop I ~ Howard Eaton
11:45 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (not provided)
1 pm – 1:30	Special Presentation
1:30 – 2:30	Workshop II ~ Alan Cassels
2:30 – 2:45	Questions
2:45 – 3:00	Closing Remarks/Evaluation

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **Cost of the Conference is \$40**
- Coffee and tea are available at registration
- Lunch is not provided however the Centre is within walking distance of many restaurants.
- Absolutely no refunds.
- To be processed, faxed forms must include complete credit card information. Receipts will be issued with your conference package at the registration table. Please provide your email address or a current daytime phone number to receive immediate confirmation of your registration.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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