



*The IFDM started with a vision: to gather representatives of stakeholders in disability management and return to work from all over the world in order to assemble global perspectives on consensus-based best practices, cutting edge research and successful disability management/ return to work policies and programs.*

## PCU-WHS to host IFDM 2018 in Vancouver



The Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS) will host the International Forum on Disability Management (IFDM) during Fall 2018 in Vancouver, Canada.

The theme for IFDM 2018 will be: **Innovation in Integrated Workplace Health**

The IFDM world forums have offered global leadership, cutting edge solutions and evidence-based research findings for key government, business and labour leaders, as well as representatives from the disability management and return to work provider communities since 2002.

Commencing with IFDM 2002 held in Vancouver, BC, the biennial IFDM's have been hosted in Maastricht, Netherlands in 2004; Brisbane, Australia in 2006; Berlin, Germany in 2008; Los Angeles, USA in 2010; and London, UK in 2012. This year's IFDM is scheduled for November 17-19 in Melbourne, Australia, and IFDM 2016 will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"With the historic establishment of the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS) and its unique statutory mandate of focusing on all aspects of workplace health, it seems a natural fit for PCU-WHS to be hosting this highly successful international forum," commented Dean Winsor, Vice President Human Resources, Teck Resources and Ken Neumann, National Director, Steelworkers, who are respectively the Employer and Labour Co-Chairs of PCU-WHS Board of Governors.



“The entire field of workplace health is very much moving towards an integrated approach where we realize that dedicated programs designed to assist injured and disabled workers in a successful return to work cannot operate in isolation from effective occupational health and safety and health promotion efforts. It is our hope that IFDM 2018 will showcase cutting edge leadership from all perspectives – practical, policy, research – in this significant and rapidly evolving field, to a global audience.”

While it is expected that over the next year a broad cross section of stakeholders will be joining this effort, key partners include:

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health  
and Safety - CCOHS, Canada

German Federal Workers Compensation  
System - DGUV, Germany

International Social Security  
Association - ISSA, Switzerland

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