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Stigma and Global Health: Developing a Research Agenda. Held in Bethesda Maryland in September 2001. Sponsored by the Fogarty International Centre. <http://www.stigmaconference.nih.gov/> Results: Bethesda, Maryland — The Fogarty International Center (FIC) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) *announced a new research program to support international collaborations to study stigma and global health (in the wake of the conference)*. FIC, with 11 NIH partners, the Health Research Services Administration, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) lead by the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) with the International Development Research Centre, has issued a Request for Applications for the Stigma and Global Health Research Program. The current combined financial commitment of the Stigma and Global Health Research Program partners is approximately \$2.75 million for the first year. Total support will be approximately \$11 million over the next five years.

Mental Health in the Workplace: Delivering Evidence for Action, April 28 – 29, 2004 and, Workplace Mental Health Conference June 2 – 3 2005 Montreal

CIHR (with INMHA as lead) will spend the next 10 years studying mental health in the workplace. One of the goals of the \$3.2 million initiative is to reduce the *stigma* of mental illness, so that workers are less reluctant to seek help for their problems. Other research may focus on better understanding the differences between those who thrive under pressure and those who struggle. By creating a solid base of research evidence, the initiative will provide a foundation for action to lessen the toll of mental illness in the workplace. The initiative will also train new researchers in the area and build a coalition to identify research priorities and develop innovative policy and program intervention and identify best practices. Available at :

<http://www.inspq.qc.ca/SanteMentaleTravail/defaultEN.asp?PE=1>

Shifting attitudes and behaviour to mental health. The first international SHIFT conference on stigma and discrimination held in March 2006 in Manchester, England. By invitation only.

Special Journal Editions Focused on Stigma

Perlick, D. (2001) Special section on stigma as a barrier to recovery Psychiatric Services 52(12).

Available at:

<http://ps.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/52/12/1613>

Visions: Stigma and discrimination (Fall 2005). Vol 2 (6). A publication of the BC Canadian Mental Health Association. Available at: <http://www.cmha.bc.ca/resources/visions/stigma>

Stigma and Global Health: Developing a Research Agenda

The Lancet, Volume 367, Number 9509, 11 February 2006 Available at:

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals> (registration is free)

The Health Repercussions of Stigma (2004). The Pfizer Journal. Available at:

<http://www.thepfizerjournal.com/default.asp?a=journal&n=tpj37>

Pending: A special edition of Psychology, Health and Medicine on stigma (due in 2006).