



\$1.3 million for non-fatal drowning research

The Drowning Prevention Research Centre Canada (DPRC) – the lead agency for drowning and water-related research in Canada – is investing \$1.3 million over the next three years to develop the partnerships and processes required to collect, analyze and report on non-fatal drownings in Canada.

Since 1987, data on Canadian drowning and water-related fatalities has been collected from the offices of the chief coroners/medical examiners across the country. The Lifesaving Society publishes its Canadian Drowning Report and individual provincial drowning reports based on this data.

In 2013, the DPRC inaugurated a new web-based database – a comprehensive database of drownings in Canada. The database provides a link between the data from current year media and Internet reports and the data collected from provincial and territorial coroner's offices. The program reports on numerous factors collected on each drowning, which facilitates the identification of high-risk groups and provides the data required to create campaigns targeting risky behaviour.

The DPRC will be working toward the same level of sophistication in the development of a comprehensive database on non-fatal drowning and will be learning from and working with experts in Canada and in other countries with knowledge and experience in non-fatal drowning data collection.

New funding for Swim to Survive Plus

The Ministry of Education has confirmed funding for the Swim to Survive+ School Grant Program for the next two school years (2017-18 and 2018-19). This funding is in addition to the funding support the program receives from PPL Aquatic, Fitness and Spa Group.

Swim to Survive+ focuses on teaching Grade 7 students the three skills required to survive an unexpected fall into water – while wearing clothes – as well as basic physical fitness concepts and how to help others struggling in deep water. The program is comprised of three in-class and three in-water lessons. Materials are available for classroom teachers and swim instructors.

This new funding allows the Lifesaving Society to target those at greatest risk including schools with large populations of newcomers, indigenous and lower socioeconomic status students.

[For more information please visit our website or email \[Sindy Parsons\]\(mailto:Sindy.Parsons@lifesaving.org\).](#)



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Trainer Update Clinic

Trainers who want to teach the Society's new leadership certifications must first attend the Lifesaving Society Trainer Update Clinic. Affiliates may begin transitioning to the new leadership courses as soon as January 1, 2018 – so get yourself to a Trainer Update Clinic as soon as you can.

Only current Lifesaving Society Trainers and Trainer candidates are eligible to attend the Trainer Update Clinic. Trainer candidates are individuals who have attended an Instructor Trainer Clinic but who have not yet completed the apprenticeship requirements for Trainer certification.

Consult your local affiliate or the [Find a Course](#) section of the Lifesaving Society website for dates and locations.

NEW – Leadership Library online

A new portal on our website – Leadership Library – contains certification-specific resources to support Trainers of the Society's new leadership program. These include PowerPoint presentations, scenario cards, teaching graphics and other customizable teaching tools and activity-based materials that will help you enhance your course delivery.

Only Trainers who have completed a Trainer Update Clinic have access to the Leadership Library, and access to individual pages corresponds with your certifications. Click LOGIN on our home page to register and get your course planning started!

Consult [What's New for Trainers?](#) [What's New for Affiliates?](#) and the [Guide to the Revised Leadership Program](#) on our website for more details or contact Program Manager Amy Lowe at amyl@lifeguarding.com.



Jordan Stott & Darren Huspeka

From modest beginnings to the national team

Darren Huspeka joined the Richmond Hill Lifesaving Club in 2008 when he was seven years old. He got involved in Lifesaving Sport to improve his skills when he “honestly couldn’t pass Swimmer 5!” He loves meeting new people and talking to old friends whenever he goes to competitions. Darren is “so happy to be a part of Canada’s national lifesaving team; it’s been my dream to have the chance to travel abroad to represent my home country.”

Jordan Stott joined the Halton Hills Lifesaving Club in 2011 when she was 11 years old. She loved swimming and Lifesaving Sport gave her new challenges, variety and skills in her goal to become a lifeguard. She loves the teamwork and camaraderie within her club and with the other athletes. Jordan is “extremely excited and honoured to be representing Canada in the upcoming Europe Tour.”

Darren and Jordan have joined Team Canada on the Europe Tour in The Netherlands and Germany. [Visit our website for more information on getting involved in Lifesaving Sport.](#)

Water Smart Award

Don't forget to send in your submission for the 2017 [Water Smart Award](#)! The deadline of January 12, 2018 is fast approaching!



Some of the Ontario delegates at WCDP 2017

WCDP2017

The World Conference on Drowning Prevention (WCDP) (#wcdp2017) wrapped up in Vancouver on October 21. It was the most well attended WCDP ever with 805 participants (300 from Canada) from 60 countries.

The WCDP brings together the world's foremost experts on drowning prevention, rescue, lifesaving and water safety, and fosters a feeling of mutual commitment to ending the drowning problem through shared ideas and strategic partnerships. A range of issues were examined over four plenary sessions, 253 break-out session presentations, four workshops and 91 presentations over the three-day conference.

Speaker highlights included Tima Kurdi, who spoke eloquently about the link between refugees and drowning. (The photos of her two-year-old nephew Aylan, a Syrian refugee who washed up on a Greek beach, shocked the world and conveyed the impact of war.) Dr. Wendy Lai

from Médecins Sans Frontiers encouraged us to look at the causes of drowning, including refugees. Thirteen-year-old youth representative Schuyler Bankes reminded attendees of their responsibility to the youth of the world.

This was the first time the WCDP was hosted in Canada. Conference planning was led by Lifesaving Society BC and Yukon Branch Executive Director Dale Miller, his staff, and an enthusiastic group of volunteers. The World Health Organization (WHO), represented by Dr. David Meddings, co-sponsored the conference. Bloomberg Philanthropies along with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation supported the conference financially. Lifesaving Ontario provided scholarships to 46 individuals to attend the conference.

The following Ontario representatives were presenters at the conference: Barbara Byers, Tessa Clemens, Adrian Cossu, Kathleen Finn, Michael Shane, Christine Wagg and Tanya Wolsegger.

The next WCDP will be held in Durban, South Africa in October 2019.

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BULLETINBOARD

Certification fees are the major source of revenue for financing all Lifesaving Society activities and therefore reflect more than just the award costs. Fees are established annually and are effective for 12 months commencing January 1. Normally, Affiliate Members add this charge to the cost of lessons at registration time. The complete list of 2018 fees and literature prices are posted in [Find a Form](#) on the Society's website.

2018 Literature Prices

Effective January 1 through December 31, 2018.

Canadian Lifesaving Manual	\$42.50
Canadian Lifesaving Manual with Bronze Medallion Workbook	\$44.50
Alert: Lifeguarding in Action	\$42.50
Coaching Lifesaving	\$27.00
Canadian First Aid Manual	\$13.50
Canadian CPR-HCP Manual	\$11.10
Any single Award Guide	\$19.05
Swim Instructor Pack	\$47.30
Lifesaving Instructor Pack	\$57.00
Combined Pack – Swim and Lifesaving Instructor	\$79.80
National Lifeguard Instructor Pack	\$70.00
Guide to Ontario Public Pools Regulation	\$42.40

2018 Exam Fees

Effective January 1 through December 31, 2018.

Canadian Swim Patrol (kits for class of 10)	\$14.75
Safeguard	\$10.05
Bronze Star	\$10.05
Bronze Medallion	\$16.25
Anaphylaxis Rescuer	\$1.25
CPR-A, B and C	\$1.25
Basic First Aid	\$1.25
Airway Management	\$10.05
Automated External Defibrillation	\$10.05
Emergency First Aid (with CPR B)	\$10.05
Standard First Aid (with CPR-C) or recert	\$19.55
CPR-HCP	\$15.60
Wading Pool Attendant	\$10.05
Bronze Cross or recert	\$19.75
National Lifeguard or recert	\$32.50
Lifesaving Sport Official	\$15.00
Instructor, Instructor Trainer, Coach Leadership Recert (Each additional leadership recert at the same time \$8.50 to a maximum of \$55.00)	\$28.50
Aquatic Supervisor	\$28.50
Aquatic Management	\$28.50

Ontario AGM

The 109th Ontario Annual General Meeting of the Lifesaving Society will be held Friday April 13, 2018 at the Holiday Inn – Toronto International Airport Hotel – 970 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario in the Trillium Ballroom. Members and friends of the Society including instructors, examiners and affiliate representatives are cordially invited to attend.

Check your email inbox for the invitation in early March. To ensure you're on the mailing list, update your info on our website by clicking on [LOGIN](#) and registering.

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