



The Vocational Rehabilitation Association of Canada

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**39<sup>th</sup>** Annual  
General  
Meeting &  
Conference

To be held April 29-May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
The Fairmont Newfoundland, St. John's NL

**Call for Papers**

## Deadline for Proposals – October 3, 2008

### Conference Specifications

Conference Theme:	<b>“When Your World Rocks-Creativity and Adaptability of the Voc Rehab Specialist”</b>
	is the theme for VRA Canada's National Conference 2009. This theme is reflective of the geography of Newfoundland “The Rock” as well as the working conditions of the Voc Rehab Specialist – one of creativity and adaptability in removing barriers to employment for clients whose world has been “rocked” by change. This conference will expand the practitioner's knowledge base in the areas of ethics, professional practice, and will provide the latest information on accommodation and return to work.
Location & Date:	The Fairmont Newfoundland St. John's, NL <b>April 29- May 1 2009</b>
Estimated Attendance:	150-200 VRA Canada members across Canada
Session Length:	90 minutes
Expected conference streams:	Counseling Forensics (including report writing, discovery) Issues in transitioning from military culture to civilian life Ethics Roles & Responsibility of unions in RTW, legal ramifications of accommodations

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Completed Proposal Packages to:

VRA Canada  
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Tel: 416-494-4700/888-876-9992 ext. 202  
Fax: 416-494-9139  
E-mail: [info@vraCanada.com](mailto:info@vraCanada.com)  
**E-mail submissions are strongly encouraged**

## Instructions

### Abstract

Please submit an abstract of the presentation. The abstract should be approximately 60 words briefly explaining the presentation content, the contribution of this topic to the rehab professional and the proposed learning outcomes.

### Presentation Descriptions

Please submit a synopsis of the presentation which would include: a description of the content, background information, learning outcomes, relevance of the program to the conference theme and method of audience involvement ( ie. Q&A, sharing effective practices etc.) If presenting a research project please include the research methodology, the number of subjects, the findings and recommendations. Maximum length of the proposal should not exceed 2 pages.

### Presenter Bio

A brief description (approximately 60 words) of the presenter's educational preparation, experience and familiarity with the topic is required.

### Presentation Summary Sheet

Please complete the presentation summary sheet and return to the national office with your proposal package.

***Electronic Submissions in a word document are preferred and can be sent to [info@vraCanada.com](mailto:info@vraCanada.com)***

## Procedures

Proposals will be blind reviewed by the Program Content Committee. Potential presenters will be notified as to the acceptance status of their proposal between November 3 and December 3, 2008. All submissions will be acknowledged. Concurrent sessions will be 90 minutes in length and the time will be closely monitored.

## Expectations

- Each presenter for a concurrent session must agree to prepare and submit a handout of their presentation 2 weeks prior to the conference.
- All concurrent speakers will be expected to register for the conference. Presenters are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and are responsible for all travel and conference related costs.
- Upon notification of acceptance please submit a 5x7 picture for use in the conference booklet.

## Conference Presentation Summary Sheet

Your Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please ensure you have included:**

**Abstract:** (approximately 60 words)

**Presentation description:** (approximately 250 words)

**Presenter Bio:** (approximately 60 words)

**Please indicate:**

Lecture     Panel Discussion     Workshop

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be a question and answer period?

Yes     No

Will there be a handout for distribution?

Yes     No

**Poster Presentation:** presented primarily through the use of visual display. Posters will be displayed in the exhibit area and presenters are required to be available to answer questions during a specified poster presentation period.

**Intended Audience:**

Basic     Intermediate     Advanced

Special Interest Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**Audio Visual Requirements:**

PowerPoint Projector     Overhead Projector     Flip Chart     DVD/TV

Special Room Set-up/ Accommodations required

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you presented at a CARP National Conference previously?

Yes     No

Program Title:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_