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The Canada India Network Society (CINS) proudly supports establishment of the South Asian Health Institute (SAHI) in Fraser Health.

The formation of such-an Institute was one of the major recommendations of the Canada India Network Initiative 2010 on Cardiovascular Health. To recognise the launch of the Institute and celebrate the effort in achieving this milestone, CINS is hosting a dinner on Feb 15, 2013 at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall in Surrey.

Fraser Health serves one of the largest populations with heritage in South Asia. The Institute will act as a catalyst for cooperation, collaboration and coordination between Fraser Health programs to better understand the specific health needs of the population, support development of evidence based programs and lower the chronic disease burden of individuals, families, communities and the health system. In addition the Institute will support academic, research and learning initiatives to better understand the reasons for higher prevalence of chronic diseases amongst South Asian population. As there is global interest in this issue, the Institute, with time, will collaborate with other stakeholders across Canada and globally-to achieve improved health outcomes for the South Asian population in Fraser Health and beyond.



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“I am very happy that we at Fraser Health are able to go forward with this initiative, which will enhance better health and best in health care not only to the South Asian population but to all residents served by Fraser Health” says Dr Nigel Murray, President and CEO of Fraser Health.

The major theme of the 2010 conference suggested there is need to bring various stakeholders together and work collaboratively on lowering the burden of chronic diseases. “I am particularly pleased with the formation of the Institute as it will provide global opportunity to work on these critical issues” says Dr Arun Garg, Program Medical Director of Lab Medicine and Pathology at Fraser Health.

The launch will be attended by members of the community, and local academic, business and health organisations.

About Canada India Network Society (CINS)

The CINS , a non profit organisation, was establish to build and strengthen academic, cultural, health and business links between Canada and India in 2010. CINS organised CINI2010 on cardiovascular health which was co-hosted by Fraser Health and Simon Fraser University. (www.thecins.org)



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About Fraser Health

Fraser Health provides comprehensive integrated health care services to more than 1.6 million people living in communities from Burnaby to White Rock to Hope and Boston Bar. The services range from acute care hospitals to community based Residential, Home Health, Mental Health and Substance Use, and Public Health services. Fraser Health is one of Canada's largest and fastest growing health organisations with over 27,000 employees and over 2000 physicians, and nearly 6500 volunteers.

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