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This supplement to the *Journal of Urban Health* presents those abstracts that were awarded oral and poster presentations at the Fourth International Conference on Urban Health held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. All abstracts were peer-reviewed by numerous academic, community member, and student reviewers.

We were pleased that the conference was held, again, in Toronto as the International Society for Urban Health had its start at the First International Conference on Inner City Health in Toronto in 2001.

The theme for the Fourth International Conference, 'Achieving Social Justice in Urban Communities', reflects the urgent need to remedy long-standing global injustices including growing urban poverty and inequality, depleted and decaying social and public infrastructure in urban areas, and increasing health vulnerabilities such as the threat and spread of infectious diseases. Moreover, in recognition of the pivotal role played by community members toward achieving urban social justice, the fourth International Conference emphasized successful models of community-based participatory research (CBPR). The conference's "community stream" was designed through the hard work of the community planning subcommittee, comprised of members of the community who work with urban populations. In response to our call for exemplary models of CBPR, we received over 100 abstract submissions (out of 400 received overall) from all over the world. One third of the oral presentations was dedicated to showcasing this significant area of research (indicated by an * below). In this supplement, abstracts submitted by community authors have a (C) (for community) next to the abstract number and those abstracts that follow the more traditional academic configurations have an (A) in the number.

The oral sessions are organized in this supplement as follows

- HIV and Marginalized Populations* (abstract nos. 01-01 to 01-04)
- CBPR: Barriers and Facilitators* (02-01 to 02-04)
- Conceptualizing and Measuring Social Justice (03-01 to 03-04)
- High-Risk Youth (04-01 to 04-04)
- Invited Panel: Canadian Population Health Initiative (05-01)
- Peer-led Harm Reduction* (06-01 to 06-04)
- Advocacy for Social Justice in Urban Health* (07-01 to 07-04)
- Urban Neighbourhoods (08-01 to 08-05)
- Policies and Interventions to Promote Social Justice (09-01 to 09-05)
- Urban Crises (10-01 to 10-02)
- Community Panel: Community Health and Social Justice* (11-01)

- Global Urban Health (12-01 to 12-04)
- Homelessness and Housing (13-01 to 13-05)
- Mental Health (14-01 to 14-05)
- Gender and Urban Health (15-01 to 15-04)
- Innovative Youth Engagement* (16-01 to 16-05)
- Community-University Partnerships* (17-01 to 17-05)
- Environmental Justice (18-01 to 18-05)
- Immigrants and Urban Health (19-01 to 19-05)
- Injection Drug Use in Urban Settings (20-01 to 20-05)
- HIV Intervention and Risk Reduction Strategies (21-01 to 21-04)

The poster sessions are organized in this supplement as follows:

- Conceptualizing and Measuring Social Justice (P1-01 to P1-08)
- Models of CBPR (P2-01 to P2-23)
- Environmental Justice (P3-01 to P3-08)
- Healthcare Availability and Access (P4-01 to P4-66)
- Health Status of Disadvantaged Populations (P5-01 to P5-92)
- International Perspectives on Urban Health (P6-01 to P6-17)
- Interventions to Improve the Health of Urban Communities (P7-01 to P7-63)
- Policies Promoting Social Justice (P8-01 to P8-04)