



27th CSMC

The web site for the Canadian Seating and Mobility Show (CSMC) says, "This year's program promises to offer an

exciting and interesting variety of topics for all of us who work in the area of assistive technology. The

Conference program consists of educational workshops, paper and poster presentations as well as keynote speaker. Our theme this year is Life Is Balance; and the Conference incorporates international speakers, issues and ideas to compliment the theme."

Networking is a big part of CSMC and we look forward to seeing many of you this week. We have the pleasure of having Doug Munsey, Ki Mobility President with us this year, please say hello at booth 101.

Showcase 2012 is being held at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario M9W 1J1.

Telephone: 416-245-5000 **Fax:** 416-245-4923 and the exhibit hall is open Wednesday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Thursday at 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

CSMC Look N'Learn

This year at the show we will give away every hour a quality product from Cascade Designs, owners of the **VARILITE®** Brand. All you need to do is **Look N'Learn** with us, sign up for our **Bespoke Plus** monthly newsletter, and you could become the proud owner of a Therma Rest Mattress, **VARILITE®** Back Support, Travel Pillow, Kayak Seat, Neck Pillow, Personal Pack Towel, or other product!

Sitting Pretty Session

We have completed the first two of five segments and are

responding to the desire to have the last three sessions put into one time period for those travelling further. So, we will do a brief review of the first two segments and then the other three on **June 26th from 12:30 to 4:00 pm at our location 51 Caldari Road, Units 6-7B, Concord, Ontario L4K 4G3.**

Please call 416-661-4499, fax 416-661-8903, or email 4@49bespoke.com your attendance so we can make sure we have your lunch ready. Flyers will be at CSMC!

Research Chair

Jaimie Borisoff, through the British Columbia Institute of Technology Health, has a Canada Research Chair in Rehabilitation Engineering Design.

His research involves developing innovative technologies to improve mobility and accessibility for people with disabilities. This research will lead to new mobility, accessibility and assistive devices that improve and expand activities of daily living and community participation for people with disabilities. Rehabilitation engineering design research aims to identify needs and create new technologies that address needs for people with a disability, ultimately improving health, expanding activities of daily living and fostering community participation.

He has already developed wheelchairs that let people adjust sitting positions to suit particular activities, and is now developing an integrated staircase that will not only promote the use of stairs, but enable inclusive usage by people in wheelchairs. Borisoff is also creating other solutions for unmet needs and hopes to increase the availability of more useful products with a goal to expand daily activities and improve participation and interaction within the community.

We will support this initiative with the help of **Ki Mobility** by providing a **Catalyst 5** Wheelchair and a **Tsunami** for use at the center. For more info: Jaimie.Borisoff@bcit.ca.

RGK BBall Line Up

RGK has a new line of basketball chairs that will be showcased in London at the Paralympics with both British Teams (Men and Women) sporting the Elite units.

In addition to those 7020 fixed frame units, they have the Titanium Interceptor, the Quattro in Titanium or Chrome Moly, the Club Sport, and the Club Sport Adjustable all pictured here in this banner.



Nationals in BC

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society and Wheelchair Basketball Canada are hosting the Men's Wheelchair Basketball National Championships and CWBL Women's Finals 2012 at Richmond Olympic Oval on May 18-20.



We have supported this event annually and are pleased to be involved again this year providing services and product.

This year, as noted in previous editions of the Bespoke Plus, it is held on the same weekend that the Man in Motion 25th Anniversary Relay arrives home!

The weekend will see BCWBS not only hosting Nationals, but also this national event celebrating "**Difference Makers**" throughout the weekend.

Rick Hansen was a founding member of the BCWBS and this celebration of the original tour will be a unique gesture to show their appreciation of his support of wheelchair basketball over the years.

I worked on the tour in Alberta and it was the funding from the Man in Motion World Tour that sent me to Ottawa to act as the Basketball Director and assist in giving the community an opportunity to evolve the way they wished. The direction was to form a new organization called the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association (now Wheelchair Basketball Canada). And, the organization has never looked back growing every year thanks in large part to funding from the Man in Motion Foundation now found at: www.rickhansen.com

Bits and Bytes

- 49 CSMC May 8-10, 2012 Toronto, ON;
- 49 May 29 Sitting Pretty now on June 26, 2012;
- 49 People in Motion Show June 1-2, 2012 Toronto, ON;
- 49 June 26, 2012 Sitting Pretty Session 4 Hours;
- 49 SHHC Innovation Show Nov 12-13, 2012 TO, ON;
- 49 SHHC Innovation Show Nov 29, 2012 Calgary, AB.

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Please give us a call or contact the editor, Reg McClellan, if you have something that you think we should expound on.