

## Mark your calendar!

The 2015 National SAH Conference will be held in Winnipeg, MB at the Radisson Hotel from May 24-26, 2015. More details will be provided later on.

## Call for Papers on the Indo-Chinese Refugee Movement and the Launch of Canada's Private Sponsorship Program

The Refuge – a Canadian academic journal published by York University- is dedicating a special issue on the history of Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. This is a last call for submitting abstracts on following and other related topics:

- ✓ The contribution of religious groups, community organizations and NGOs in shaping Canada's response to the Indo-Chinese refugees.
- ✓ The character of the Canadian public's response to the Indo-Chinese refugee crisis and the introduction of a public-private sponsorship program.
- ✓ The significance of the federal government's response to the Indo-Chinese refugee crisis considering the historic exclusion of migrants from Asia and the postwar focus on refugees from Europe.
- ✓ The nature of the settlement and integration schemes created for the arriving refugees and the relationship between these programs and later incarnations.
- ✓ The long-term impact of the Indo-Chinese refugee movement on the evolution of Canada's settlement and integration policies, strategies and immigrant serving institutions.

Submission of Abstract: January 15, 2015

For more information: click [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### An Overview of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program

**Date:** Thursday, January 29

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:30PM (EST)

This webinar is intended to provide information about the PSR program to people who are new or want to refresh their knowledge of the PSR program. The webinar will provide an overview of private refugee sponsorship, including the current state of the program, refugee eligibility criteria, and sponsoring group criteria.

To register, please click on this [link](#) and fill out the information requested.

### Refugee Sponsorship Forms Clinic

**Date:** February 7, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** Catholic Crosscultural Services: 55 Town Centre Court, Suite 4, Scarborough (buzz 0402)

Register for this free workshop on the following refugee sponsorship forms: the Generic Application form, Additional Dependents form, Schedule A, Schedule 2 as well as supporting documents. Feel free to bring completed forms with you for review. To request a Forms Clinic in your area, contact us.

Go to this [link](#) to learn more about the event and registration.

### Other Upcoming Events

#### CCR Working Group Meetings

**Date:** Feb 27 - 28<sup>th</sup>

**Place:** Salvation Army Harbour Light Ministries, 160 Jarvis St., Toronto

Visit the link below for more information

<http://ccrweb.ca/en/meetings>

## Available JAS cases

### JAS 059

The PA is a single 32 year old Somali male of Abgal descent with no children. He has experience in farming and can speak basic English. He is a survivor of violence and torture. He was shot by a stray bullet in Somalia which was removed, but part of his colon was cut, and he is left with a colonoscopy bag. He is not able to work because of his medical condition.

### JAS 120

The PA is a widowed 44 year old Liberian mother of 6 children who is considered a woman at risk. Five of the children are included in this submission. The oldest daughter left home in Conakry and the PA has been unable to trace her since 2007. The PA will require follow-up medical appointments due to her heart disorder. She has limited education and lacks work experience. The PA does speak some English but not fluently. The PA's children are sometimes engaged in the sale of water on the streets in order to supplement their income. The PA fears that her children may be at risk of abduction, sexual abuse and exploitation.

### In Canada JAS 099

The PA is a single 25 year old Iraqi female with minimum education and is currently 5 months pregnant. She arrived in Canada as a GAR, but the local CIC office in London, Ontario, along with the Service Providing Organization has requested an In-Canada JAS. The PA would benefit from the added emotional support of a sponsoring group, as well as companionship and support with becoming a new mother. **Destination: Kitchener, ON**

If you have any questions or interested in any of the above profiles, please contact the Matching Centre: [Matching-Centre@cic.gc.ca](mailto:Matching-Centre@cic.gc.ca)



## INQUIRIES & RESPONSES

**YOU ASKED...** I received the IMM 0008 (generic application) this week in the package of documents of a family in Lebanon we are trying to sponsor. They used the 06-2014 version of the IMM 0008 as opposed to the most current now listed as 11-2014. It must have changed since I sent them the link in early Nov. Would it cause a problem to submit the 06-2014 IMM0008 to the CPO in Winnipeg or should I make them complete the 11-2014 version and re-mail it to me?

**OUR RESPONSE...** Actually, the version date on the forms changed from 06-2014 to 11-2014. But, you can still submit the 06-2014 version of the IMM 0008, and there is no need to make the refugees complete the newest version of the forms. The SAH council was able to convince CIC to extend the deadline to June 2015. Please note that any versions **prior to** 06-2014 may not be submitted to CPOW after this date.

**YOU ASKED...** A SAH rep has indicated that she has been advised by CPO-W staff regarding photo requirements for refugee applicants as follows "One (1) passport-sized photo for each applicants, regardless of age" Since the Instruction Guide, Appendix C Photo Specification requires a different photo-size, could you let us know if there has been any changes?

**OUR RESPONSE...** According to CPOW, there has not been any changes to the requirements. Sponsors are advised to follow the photo specifications in the Instruction Guide to the IMM 008 forms.

**YOU ASKED...** Do you know of any Canadian or UN efforts being made to assist Syrians who are forced to remain in Syria as borders are now closed to refugees trying to flee to neighboring countries such as Lebanon?

**OUR RESPONSE...** Unfortunately, we are not aware of any Canadian or UN efforts to resettle Syrians who are forced to remain in Syria. We asked CIC about this a few months ago and they indicated that because Syrians are still in their country of origin, they do not qualify for the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. If anything changes, we'll be sure to send out an email over the SAH list.