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GREETINGS TO ALL.

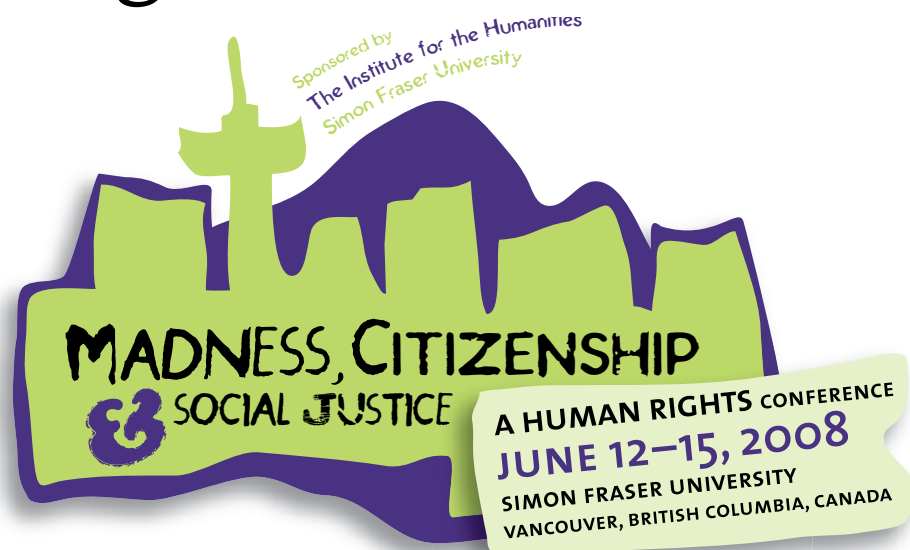
With the northern-hemispheric summer fast drawing to a close, and following a protracted period of inactivity, we are pleased to announce the resumption of preparations for **Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice: A Human Rights Conference**. My sincere regrets, once again, for last year's postponement from the originally-planned May 2007 dates. With the SFU Institute for the Humanities maintaining its generous support of the event, and with the funding still firmly in place, I promise that there will be no further scheduling interruptions.

Please take notice that the revised dates for the conference will be **Thursday, June 12th through Sunday, June 15th, 2008** (Thursday and Sunday will be partial days -- afternoon/evening, and morning, respectively - in order to permit delegate travel on those days where required). The venue remains the Harbour Centre campus of Simon Fraser University in downtown Vancouver.

The deadline for submitting new proposals for the program, and for reconfirming earlier submissions, will be **Friday, February 15th, 2008**. As before, proposals should include a title; abstract/description of about 150 words; name(s), title(s) and contact information; and equipment needs.

(I should add that the scheduling proved to be quite a challenge, given that we were working around a number of other commitments and events. I realize that, with so many participants prospectively involved, the revised dates may not conform with everyone's plans for next June. So I apologize in advance for any scheduling conflicts or other awkwardness that might result.)

Through the next four to six weeks, we will be updating the conference website <http://www.sfu.ca/madcitizenship-conference/>,



re-booking conference facilities, and re-posting event details and call for papers on a number of national and international listings. We will be continuing to use the conference listserv, along with the website, as the main channels for distributing information over the next nine months leading up to the event.

Please note, too, that the official email address for the conference (to be used henceforth for submissions, and for all other communications) has changed to: MadConference08@shaw.ca.

Finally for the time being, additional updates regarding programming, registration fees and procedures, accommodation, travel and other local arrangements will be forthcoming shortly. I will also be contacting many of you individually and collectively on specific points.

In the meantime, should you require clarification or confirmation on any item, please don't hesitate to direct a message to Robert Menzies at the above-listed MadConference08@shaw.ca address.

With thanks once again for your patience and continuing support of this event, and best wishes to all,

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