

## **McMaster to host CANHEIT in search of innovations in higher education technology**

Canada's community of information and communications technology (ICT) leaders in higher education, CUCCIO-CDPIUC, is partnering with McMaster University to deliver the 9th annual CANHEIT conference this Sunday, June 5 to Wednesday, June 8. Taking place at the Michael DeGroote Centre for Learning and Discovery, the theme of CANHEIT 2011 is "exploring the nature of technology".

CANHEIT is the only conference of its kind in Canada. As a forum for discussion of ICT and its role in higher education, attendees of the conference will help to plan and implement ICT for the benefit of students, instructors, researchers and administrators.

The Canadian University Council of Chief Information Officers (CUCCIO-CDPIUC) supports and facilitates Canada's research, innovation and learning agenda through CANHEIT

"ICT has become essential to the success of our post-secondary institutions as centres of education, research and innovation. Through events such as CANHEIT, CUCCIO-CDPIUC fosters communication and collaboration amongst Canada's higher education ICT community allowing us all to better meet this challenge. We are pleased to be partnering with McMaster University to deliver CANHEIT 2011," says Bob Gagne, President CUCCIO-CDPIUC.

"McMaster University was selected as the site for CANHEIT because of its cutting-edge facilities, technologies and problem-based education" says John Kearney, Chairperson of CANHEIT 2011 and CIO at McMaster University.

Organizers recognize the benefits of hosting CANHEIT in Hamilton, describing it as "a city of progress, a surprisingly green city of botanical gardens, waterfalls, a place of urban renewal, of natural wonders and wonderful possibilities."

Highlights of CANHEIT 2011 will include keynote speeches by a panel of experts. The speakers and their topics are listed below, in order of appearance:

1. Dave Williams (McMaster): **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship**
2. Andrea DiMaio (Gartner): **Social Software**
3. Stacey Schafer (Dell): **Empowering the Cloud in Higher Education**
4. Andy Bynes (Apple): **The Story Behind Apple's Environmental Footprint**
5. Ken Steele (Academica): **The Road Ahead for Higher Ed: Emerging Trends 2011**
6. Paul Hoffert (Technology Visionary): **People Cause Change, Not Technology**

In addition, parallel sessions will take place from Monday to Wednesday, highlighting a variety of solutions used at institutions across the country and led by the people who are responsible for their success.

For a complete itinerary, visit: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/canheit2011/program.html>.