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Canada Games Appoints Dr. Seaman Chair



Congratulations to Dr. Brian Seaman of Halifax who has been appointed Chair of Medical Services for the 2011 Canadian Winter Games which are to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, February 11-27, 2011.

This is the first time that a chiropractor has served in this leadership role. It reflects the high regard in which Dr. Seaman has held within the sports medicine community in his home city and across Canada.

Dr. Seaman has now volunteered at four Winter Olympics including Vancouver last year. In addition to his private practice he has been associated with the multidisciplinary Canadian Sports Centre Atlantic (CSCA) since 1999. He is a longstanding member of the Board of Directors of the Royal College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (Canada), and has been a Past-President of this organization.

The Canada Games, established in 1967, are held on a bi-annual basis alternating between Summer Games and Winter Games. In Halifax there will be 3,600 athletes in over 20 sports. These are age-group leaders from across the country up to age 21 together with some para-athletes in biathlon, alpine and wheelchair basketball. In addition there will be Special Olympians competing in figure skating.

Many of Canada's Olympians began as Canada Games level athletes. Most athletes will be staying in Halifax but freestyle and alpine skiers will be staying near their venue at Ski Wentworth which is some distance from the city.

Both the main Polyclinic in Halifax and the Satellite Clinic near Ski Wentworth will be multidisciplinary with chiropractors, physiotherapists, athletic therapists, massage therapists, nurses and physicians. Outside healthcare professionals, such as medical specialists, optometrists and dentists, will see the athletes on a referral basis.

“Hopefully other sports chiropractors will be afforded the same opportunity with other multi-sport events”, says Dr. Seaman, “but the most important issue of course is to ensure that the athletes and participants at the Games are provided with the best possible care by an experienced team of healthcare professionals”.

