

September 25, 2006

Media Advisory

Does it Take a Village to Raise a Child?

OTTAWA: The Institute of Marriage and Family Canada (IMFC) will host a conference on family policy topics on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006.

A series of international speakers will address family public policy issues such as how reproductive technologies are redefining parenthood and impacting children, Canada's declining birth rates, and the effect of child care institutions on child welfare.

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2006

Registration opens at 8:30 am

Location: Crowne Plaza, 101 Lyon Street, Ottawa

See reverse for conference schedule. Media attendance is free of charge. To register please go to www.imfcanada.org.

For interviews please contact Dave Quist, executive director, at (613) 565-3832.

The Institute of Marriage and Family Canada conducts, compiles and presents family research to ensure that marriage and family-friendly policies are foremost in the minds of Canada's decision makers.

Institute of Marriage and Family Canada
Family Policy Conference Agenda
Crowne Plaza, 101 Lyon Street, Ottawa

September 28, 2006

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee & Registration

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

**9:15 – 10:30 Family in the 21st Century: Does it take a village to raise a child?
Paul Henderson – Maxim Institute**

10:30 – 10:45 Break

**10:45 – 12:00 The Birth Dearth: Where have all the babies gone?
Dr. Ian Dowbiggin – UPEI**

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch and Keynote Address

**Canada and International Family Law Changes:
“The Revolution in Parenthood – The Emerging Global Clash Between Adult Rights
and Children’s Needs”
Elizabeth Marquardt – Institute for American Values**

1:30 – 3:00 Response:

Louis DeSerres – Co-Founder, Preserve Marriage – Protect Children’s Rights

Olivia Pratten – Speaker and Advocate – Rights of Artificial Insemination Children

3:00 – 3:15 Break

**3:15 – 4:45 Reflections on Child Care Institutions
Dr. Jay Belsky – University of London, Birkbeck College**

4:45 – 5:00 Closing Remarks