



2026 BC Lung Foundation Air Quality and Health Workshop

“Here Comes the Smoke: Emerging Public Health Challenges in a Changing Climate”

April 21, 2026, Vancouver BC

Time	Topic	Speaker
0830-0845	Welcome	
Morning Chair: Ryan Allen		
0845-0915	Wildfire Smoke: Setting the Scene	Sarah Henderson BCCDC
0915-0945	Wildfire Smoke vs. Pollution from Other Sources: Emerging Evidence	Chris Carlsten UBC
0945-1015	BREAK	
1015-1100	The Hazelwood Health Study	Fay Johnston University of Tasmania
1100-1130	Chronic Exposure to Wildfire Smoke and Cardiopulmonary Health	Sanjay Rajagopalan Case Western Reserve University
1130-1200	Presentation of Caton and Bates Scholarships	TBD
1200-1300	LUNCH	
After Lunch Chair: Michael Brauer		
1300-1330	Chronic Exposure to Wildfire Smoke: Effects Beyond the Heart and Lungs	Angela Yao, BCCDC
1330-1400	Protecting Indoor Air Quality During Wildfire Smoke Events	Abdel Darwich Guttman and Blaevoet
1400-1430	Outdoor Events: Advising with Imperfect Evidence	Michael Koehle UBC
1430-1500	BREAK	
Final Session Chair: Chris Carlsten		
1500-1530	Wildfire Smoke and Health Recommendations: Understanding Community Values, Preferences, and Needs	Stephanie Harvard UBC
1530-1615	The Burden of Disease from Wildfire Smoke in a Changing Climate	Marshall Burke Stanford University
1615-1620	Closing Remarks	
1620-1730	Networking, speakers available, cash bar	