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**EVIDENCE OR IDEOLOGY?  
LEGAL NETWORK TO DEMAND CANADIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT  
TO SAFE INJECTION FACILITY AND PRISON NEEDLE EXCHANGES**

**TORONTO, August 14, 2006** — The Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network will participate in a news conference at the XVI International AIDS Conference to call on Ottawa to keep Insite, Vancouver's safe injection facility, open and to implement needle exchange programs in Canadian prisons. Evidence shows these steps are urgently needed to curb the worsening HIV epidemic in Canada among people who use drugs and prisoners.

**WHO:** **Dr. Julio Montaner**, Director, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and president-elect of the International AIDS Society  
**Diane Tobin**, Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users  
**Gillian Maxwell**, Insite for Community Safety  
**Joanne Csete**, Executive Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network  
**Jim Motherall**, former prisoner and founding co-chair of the Stony Mountain Penitentiary Health Awareness Group

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, August 15, 2006**  
**12:00 p.m. EDT**

**WHERE:** **Media Centre, Room 1**  
**Metro Toronto Convention Centre**  
**Toronto**

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