



**Communauté de
pratique canadienne
en approches
écosystémiques de la
santé**

**Canadian Community
of Practice in
Ecosystem
Approaches
to Health**

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...a Canadian community of practice?

“Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do

and

learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.”

(Wenger 2002...).

...in ecosystem approaches to health...

I. Ecosystem...

- ecosystems as biophysical systems & a holistic metaphor
- a “family” of (eco)systemic approaches...

II...Approaches...

- the art & science of ‘approaching’ ...
- learning & exchange across disciplinary, sectoral, cultural boundaries....

III...to Health

- Disease? Determinants? Well-being?
Ecohealth? EcoHealth? ecohealth?

...CoPEH-Canada objectives...

1. to jointly plan and deliver a **ecohealth short course** for students and professionals;
2. to provide **a forum for Canadians to consolidate and extend the ecohealth approach** through collaboration, exchange, and scholarly attention to methodology, pedagogy and knowledge translation;
3. to conduct an **integrated program of participatory research and evaluation** to examine the networking, educational and capacity building outcomes of the community of practice;
4. to identify and develop **strategies for long-term regional and institutional capacity** to support ecosystem approaches to human health.

...converging (eco)systemic approaches to health...

	ACADEMIC	Emerging COMMUNITIES	FUNDERS
pre-1995	Individuals in Universities	Meetings	Canada Tri-Council Funding'
1995 - 2002	<i>Ecosystem Health</i> (Vol 1-7) Ecosante...	ISEH... NESH... GEIG... HEALTH EARTH...	IDRC 'Ecosystem Approaches to Human Health' Program Initiative
2003 - 2005	ECOHEALTH Ecosystem Approaches... Ecosystem Sustainability & Health	IDRC Ecohealth 'Forum' (some links with) EcoHealth 'Network' of subscribers...	IDRC Ecohealth PI and Communities of Practice in EcoHealth' (CoPEH)
2006 - current	ECOHEALTH Vol 4 - 7	Int. Association for Ecology & Health International Ecohealth Forum	Healthy Planet, Places & People... CoPEHs LAC, MENA, SEA, Africa, Canada

EcoHealth

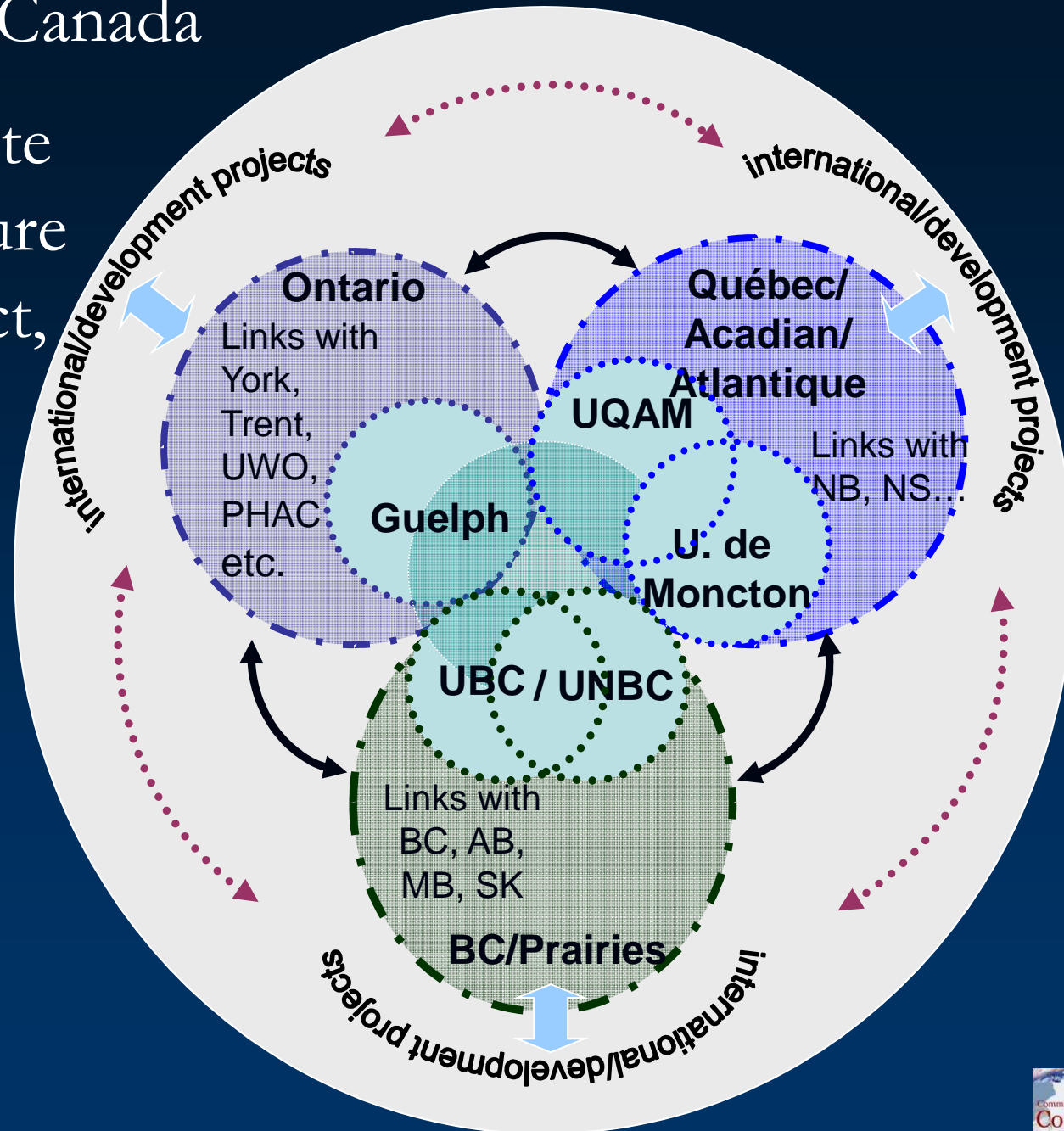
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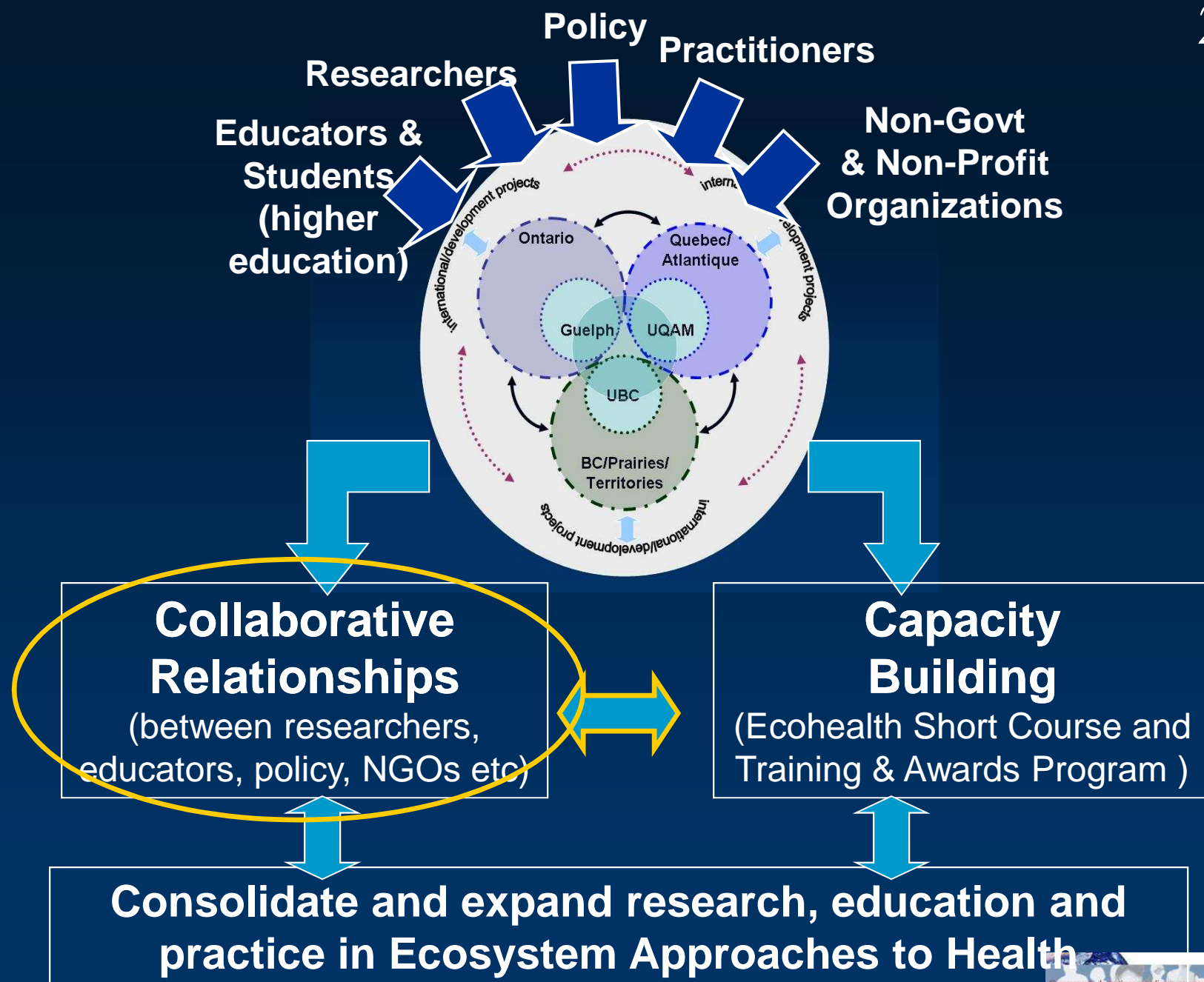
CoPEH-Canada

2009

A mandate
& structure
to interact,
share &
learn



2008



...CoPEH-canada participation...

- **Types of participant (Who?)**

- researchers, educators and students in Canadian Universities with passion for ecohealth research for development
- input from community, NGO, policy-makers.

- **Mode of participation (How ?)**

- Core Team across three nodes (research team & co-researchers)
- Students/Alumni (reference groups – capacity building)
- Working groups (reference groups – collaborative relationships)

- **Place (context) of participation (Where?)**

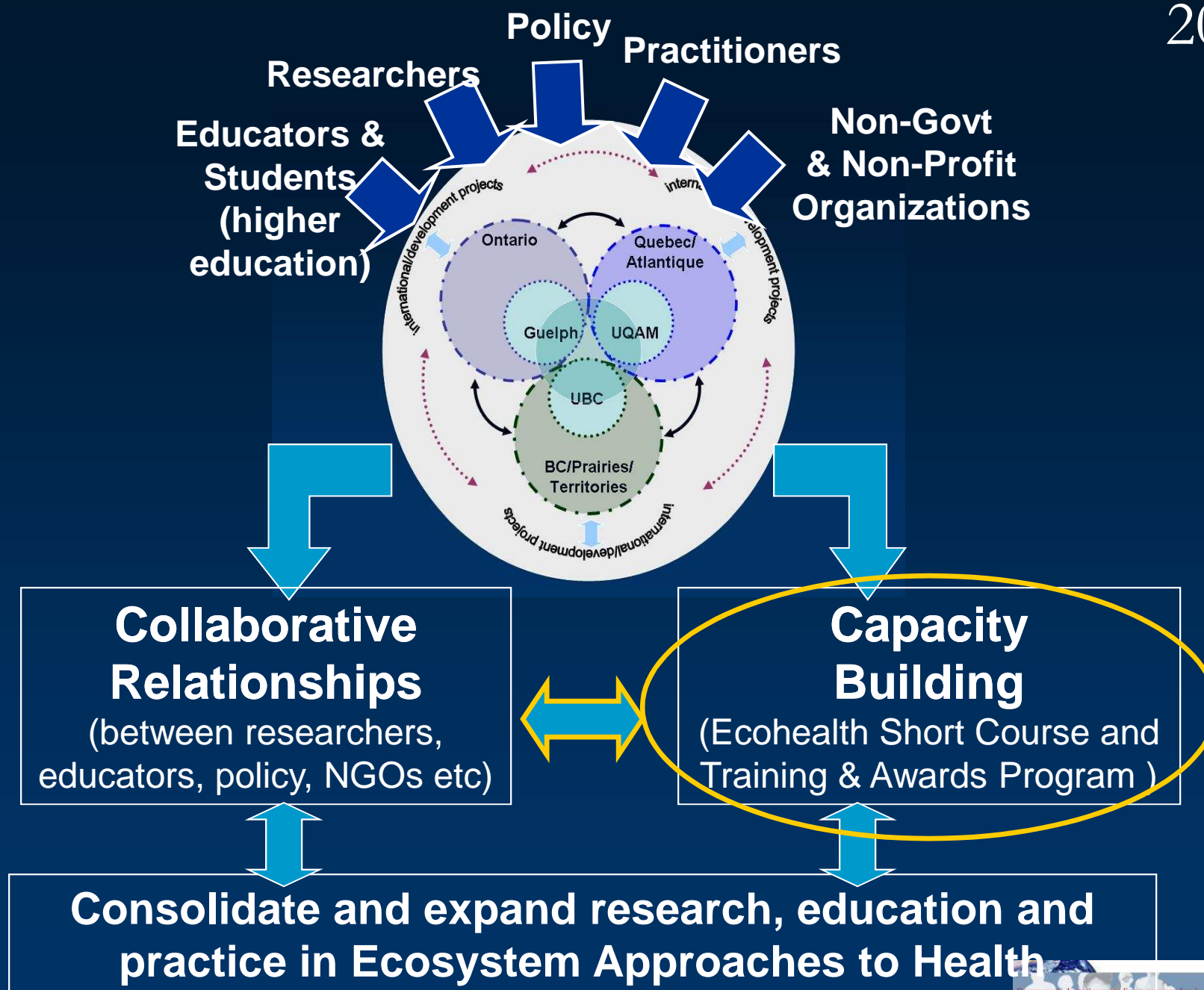
- rotating course “comes to life” within nodal/host context
- power and generosity of hosting
- feeds off and fuels nodal activities

...a work in progress...

“CoPEH-Canada is a vibrant, inclusive, growing and adaptive network of scholars and practitioners dedicated to the understanding, teaching and application of ecosystem approaches to real life challenges in service to a healthy and globally sustainable future.”

→ From doing the same things better to doing better things?

2008



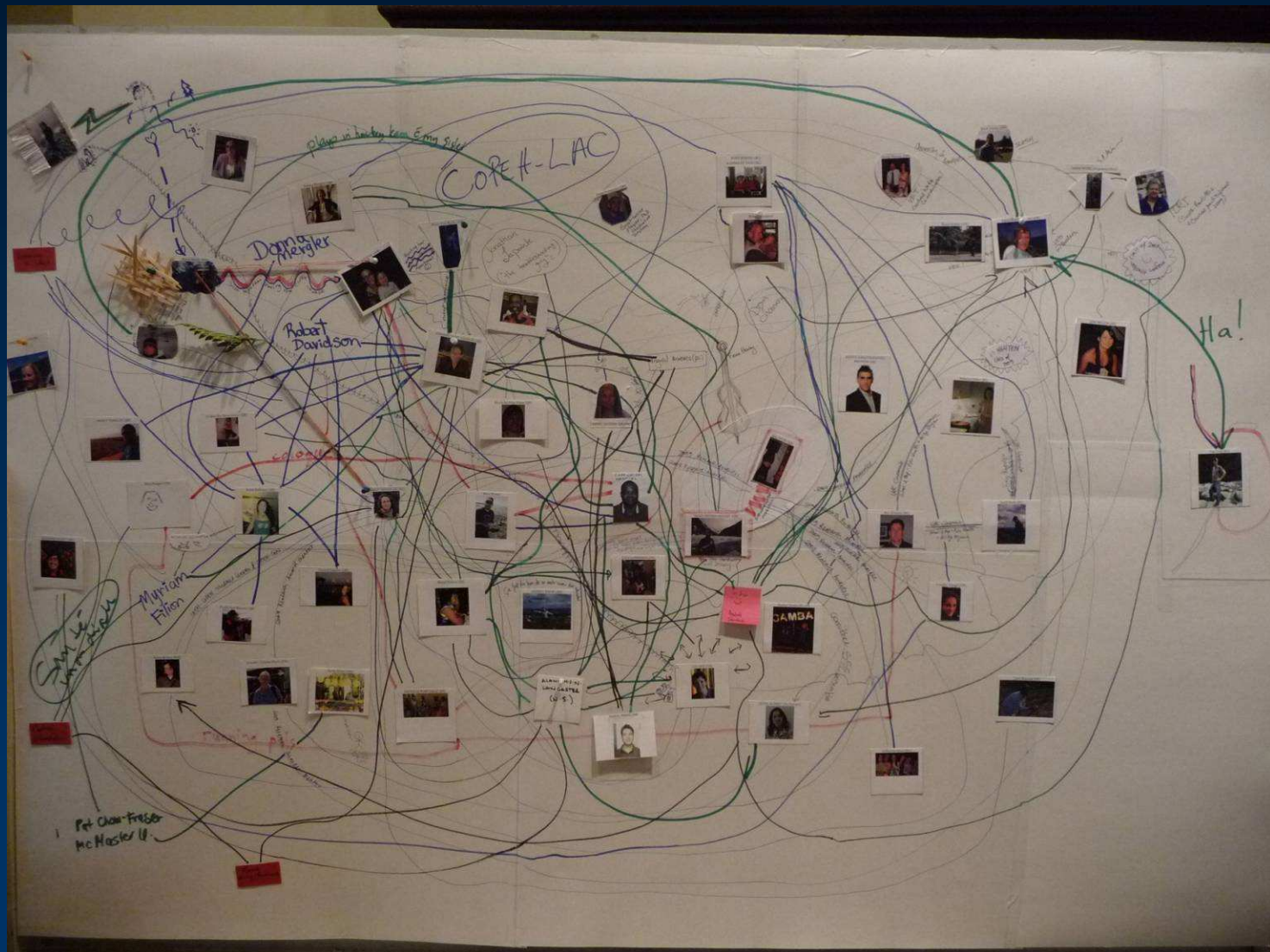
... short course 2008 (UBC)...



... short course 2009 (Guelph)...



... short course 2010 (UQAM)...

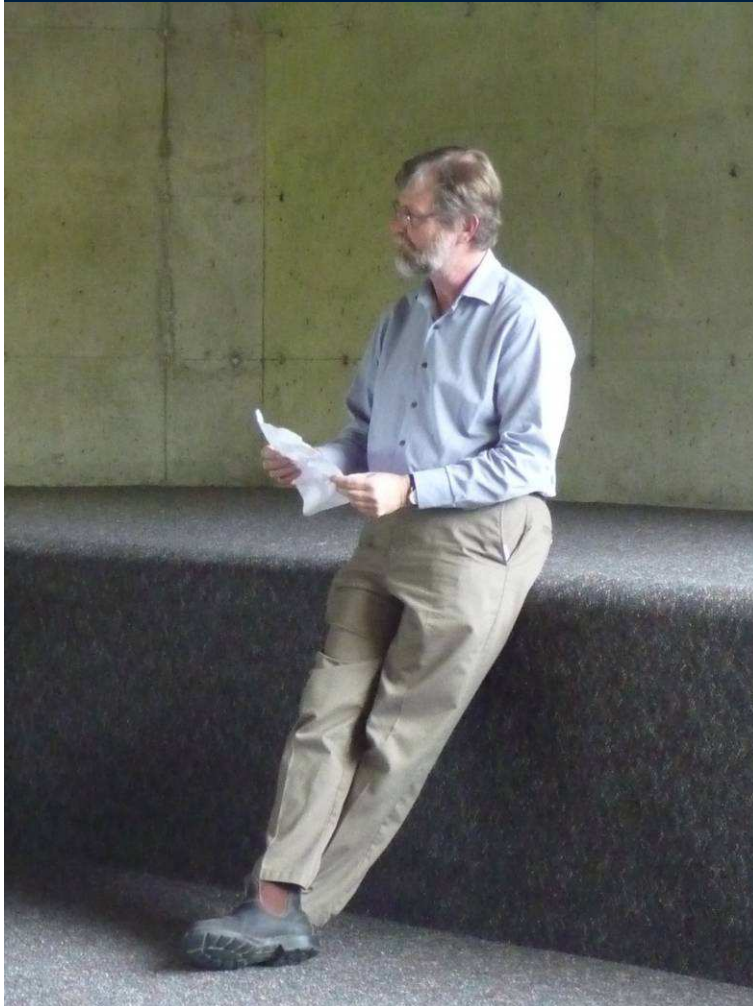


real people, place,

participation...



creative boundary
crossing...



'08 & '09 Awardees...

Climate change,
water quality &
health in
Nunatsiavut

Information et
création de sens
dans les conflits
environnementaux

Bhopal Gas Leak -
Ecohealth
approaches to
theatricality and
communication
politics

Ecosystems &
Health in
Volcán
Watershed,
Costa Rica

Impediments and
enablers of
ecohealth in
Hanam, Vietnam

Urban Food
Security in Cap
Haitian, Haiti

Livestock, Zoonoses
& Health in a Rural
Maasai community
in Kenya

Human health &
backyard poultry in
rural Madagascar



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Thank you!