

THIRD INTERNATIONAL  
**FASCIA RESEARCH CONGRESS**

*Basic Science and Implications for  
Conventional and Complementary Health Care*

HOSTED BY:  
Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia



The Third International Fascia Research Congress is scheduled for **March 28-30, 2012** in **Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**.

The selection of the MTABC by the directors of the Fascia Research Congress, a project of the [Ida P. Rolf Research Foundation](#), is in recognition of the excellence, quality and commitment of BC's Registered Massage Therapists (RMTs).

The 2012 Fascia Research Congress will center on the latest in fascia research and relating the research findings to clinical issues and practical applications.

Workshops before and after the main proceedings are also planned!!!

**Registration Opens ... March 1, 2011**

[The First International Fascia Research Congress](#) in Boston (2007) inaugurated a continuing series of international conferences dedicated to the newly emerging field of "Fascia Studies."

Fascia is the soft tissue component of the connective tissue system that permeates the human body. It forms a whole-body continuous three-dimensional matrix of structural support. Fascia interpenetrates and surrounds all organs, muscles, bones and nerve fibers, creating a unique environment for body systems functioning.

Although there is an extensive body of research on connective tissue, the study of fascia and its function as an organ of support has been largely neglected and overlooked for many years. Among the different kinds of tissues that are involved in musculoskeletal dynamics, fascia has received comparatively little scientific attention. *"It is because the importance of fascia has been under rated over the last 30 years, that the Boston 2007 conference was a necessary step in addressing that neglect"* - Serge Graceovetsky, PhD.

In great part, the International Fascia Research Congress has come about because of the manual therapy community's recognition of this neglect and interest in the role that fascia plays in musculoskeletal strain disorders (e.g. low-back instability and postural strain patterns), fibromyalgia, pelvic pain, respiratory dysfunction, chronic stress injuries, wound healing, soft-tissue trauma recovery and repair. Much of the credit goes to the Structural Integration community for their ongoing dedication to the visionary work of Ida P. Rolf and their fascination with fascia.

Manual Therapists of any denomination (RMT, PT, DC, DO and obviously, Structural Integration Practitioners) ... **Do not miss this extraordinary event!** This is a fabulous opportunity to expand your soft-tissue knowledge and skill set, improve your quality of care, network with peers and ... Vancouver is pretty amazing as well.

For more information visit: <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2012/> or [www.massagetherapy.bc.ca](http://www.massagetherapy.bc.ca)

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