



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**PRINCE HARRY ATTENDS OPENING SESSION OF THE
CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN HEALTH RESEARCH
CONFERENCE**

Beanfield Centre, Exhibition Grounds, Toronto

Monday, September 25, 2017

In conjunction with his attendance at the Invictus Games Toronto 2017, Prince Harry spoke at the opening session of the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Mental Health Research (CIMVHR) conference in Toronto on Monday, September 25.

Prince Harry heard the preliminary findings of a research study lead by Dr. Celina Shirazipour, focusing on exploring the role of competitive sport in promoting psychological and social well-being for military personnel and veterans with illnesses and injuries, and their families.

"It was the first Invictus Games that inspired my path in military sport recovery research and CIMVHR helped me along the way through funding and opportunities, like this Forum, to engage and network with other researchers in this field." Dr. Celina Shirazipour

This research will provide a platform for evidence-based program development and policy-making to support the further growth of sport programs and events delivered to military personnel and veterans with illnesses and injuries in Canada and internationally.

"Research like this is the embodiment of what CIMVHR was created to do – to serve those who serve us, by advancing health research for the unique needs of our military, Veterans and their families." Dr. Stéphanie Bélanger, Co-Founder of the Canadian Institute of Military and Veteran and Health Research

The study examines the role of adaptive sport in the rehabilitation of ill, wounded and injured military personnel and their families, through a comprehensive evaluation of the competitors participating in the upcoming Invictus Games in Toronto.

"Invictus Games Toronto 2017 was delighted to partner with CIMVHR to fund a first-ever independent research study on the impact of the Invictus Games and adaptive sport on our service members, veterans and their families," said Michael Burns, CEO, Invictus Games Toronto 2017. "This critical research will have immediate and long term positive impact on all our military families around the world."

ABOUT CIMVHR: The Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR) is an innovative organization that engages existing academic research resources and facilitates the development of new research, research capacity and effective knowledge translation. With a network of academic researchers from across Canada, it serves as the hub for 43 Canadian universities who have agreed to work together in addressing the health research requirements of the Canadian military, Veterans and their families.

Social media:

Twitter	@CIMVHR_ICRSMV @InvictusToronto	#CIMVHR17 #IAM	@kensingtonroyal #InvictusGames
Instagram	@KensingtonRoyal	@InvictusToronto	

CONTACTS

Roderick Cumming, Invictus Games 2017	media@invictusgames2017.com
Lauren Hanlon, CIMVHR	lauren.hanlon@queensu.ca