

Section of Researchers Kaléidoscope E-News Vol 4 Iss 7-8 (Jul-Aug) 2007

Dear Section of Researchers' member,

Did you know that the Common CV Network is a collaborative effort between Canadian research granting agencies and other organizations to create, offer and manage a Canadian Common CV (CCV) for researchers, students, and research organizations, under appropriate informed consent, privacy and security regulations? While it takes some initial effort to get your CV onto the system it makes letters of intent (LOI), registrations to requests for funding (RFPs) as well as full applications to the major funding agencies in Canada much more simple in the long run. Read about recent efforts to bring all the major research funding agencies into the common CV ... and more in Kaleidoscope 'research news' this month.

Research News

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), NSERC, SSHRC and Quebec's three research funding agencies (FRSQ, FQRNT & FQRSC) sign agreement for Canadian Common CV (Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec, Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies, et Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture - hereinafter referred to as "CANTOR") have signed an agreement to extend the reach of the Canadian Common CV for researchers across the spectrum of research including the natural, social and health sciences, engineering and the humanities.

The Common CV is designed to lighten the load on the research community when applying for funding through the collection of a common, standardized data-set needed from the funding agencies. This collaborative initiative will have long range benefits for the entire research community by providing the foundation for other services and applications derived from CV information.

In signing the agreement, CANTOR, CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC also committed to consulting over the next year with current subscribers, users and other stakeholders to develop a business plan for a system that supports simplicity, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in the operation, management and governance of the Common CV Network for the benefit of researchers.

The Common CV Network has 18 subscriber organizations including federal and provincial research agencies, health charities, and other organizations with research interests. Over 47,000 researchers and students are currently registered users of the system. A number of other organizations are currently finalizing their participation in the Network. The Common CV Network was established in 2002 by CANTOR and CIHR in response to the needs expressed by researchers to Canadian research funding agencies to reduce the administrative burden when applying for funding. With the increased number of funding agencies and funding programs in the last few years, there has been growing interest from the research community for a Canadian common CV standardized data-set. The participating funding organizations are working together in the realization of this vision.

What is the Common CV System?

The Common CV System is a web based tool which allows researchers to enter CV data into online forms. Researchers can make changes and update the data at any time, maintaining a current record of their CV in a single place. The data can be reused, reducing the time and effort

spent preparing CVs for future submissions.

Researchers can use the Common CV System to: enter and store CV data, validate data to meet requirements of a specific agency, generate and print a CV for submission to member agencies, apply to become a peer reviewer. For more information on the Common CV, visit:

<http://www.commoncv.net> For further information: contact: Kristina Casey- Project Manager, Canadian Common CV - A/Deputy CIO, Strategic Services Canadian Institutes of Health Research (613) 954-7216 kcasey@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

*** Practice Based Research Network (PBRN) news in the U.S.** - American primary care PBRNs are mainly young, diverse, and pursuing a variety of research foci. Most have university links and provide a dynamic town-gown relationship that could be a vital national resource for improving primary care, translating research into practice, and meeting the National Institutes of Health Roadmap goals. PBRNs merit further attention from both private and public funding agencies and researchers interested in studying the delivery of primary care. Free access to full study results from a U.S. survey of PBRNs is at <http://www.annfamned.org/cgi/reprint/5/3/242>

***PRE-NAPCRG workshop entitled: "Joining an International Collaborative Research Network to Investigate Multimorbidity in Primary Care."** This workshop will be held on Saturday, October 20th during the 35th NAPCRG Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. Although this workshop is not in the official program of the NAPCRG conference this preconference workshop is endorsed by the NAPCRG Special Interest Group on Multimorbidity/Comorbidity and is supported by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). There is no extra fee to participate in this workshop that will last for the full day (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) and for which a lunch will be provided free of charge to all participants. The summary of the workshop is described below. If you are interested in multimorbidity, please come and join us in Vancouver. To confirm your attendance please send an email to: martin.fortin@usherbrooke.ca

The IRCMo team:

- Martin Fortin MD MSc CMFC, Research Chair on Chronic Diseases in Primary Care, U of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Hassan Soubhi MD PhD, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Catherine Hudon MD MSc CMFC, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Elizabeth A Bayliss MD, Kaiser Permanente, University of Colorado
 - Marjan van den Akker PhD, Maastricht University, Netherlands
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Plan to Participate, Plan to Pledge: Help us promote Family Medicine at the 3rd Annual Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow! The date for this year's Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow is Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 7:00 am - 8:00 am at the Family Medicine Forum in Winnipeg. This walk is organized by the **CFPC's Research and Education Foundation (REF)**, and proceeds go towards supporting the CFPC Medical Student Scholarship Program. Everyone is invited to participate in the walk by Walking, Running, or just gathering pledges. For more information please visit us at <http://www.cfpc.ca>. A promotional kit is available at: http://fmig.cfpc.ca/en/walk_for_the_docs_20/

Family Medicine Interest Groups (FMIGs): The REF has also launched a Walk for the Docs of

Tomorrow contest between the FMIGs across Canada to raise awareness and funds. If you are a medical student, your medical school's FMIG has a chance to win \$250, a trophy and a banner in support of medical student scholarships. The winning FMIG will be recognized at the 2007 Family Medicine Forum in Winnipeg. Download the FMIG promotional kit at:

http://fmig.cfpc.ca/en/walk_for_the_docs_20/ . If you think your FMIG is interested in participating in this contest and gathering pledges, please contact Pam Cirino pcirino@cfpc.ca ASAP! The FMIG Promotional Kit includes the following items:

1. Promotional sticker templates
2. A Poster promoting the walk
3. The official Walk for the Docs Logos, and
4. A new Walk for the Docs online pledge tool!

New! CIHR Award to FM Researchers* 2007

CIHR Results of the New and Emerging Team Grant - Access to Quality Cancer Care Competition dated 01/11/2006 and updated 10/05/2007 indicate the following awards to FM investigators.

1) Title: "Primary Care Oncology: New Emerging Team (PCO-NET)" award to Dr. Alan Katz and his team at the University of Manitoba for their study with an Average Annual Operating Amount of \$289,817 per year for 5 years and a \$20,000 equipment grant <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34183.html>

Principal Investigators:

- **KATZ, Alan - University of Manitoba Department of Family Medicine**
- **LOBCHUK, Michelle M - University of Manitoba**
- **MARTENS, Patricia J - University of Manitoba**
- **TURNER, Donna C - University of Manitoba**

Co-applicants:

- FUERST, Melissa Z
- KONRAD, Gerald
- MCCLEMENT, Susan E
- NYHOF, Paul J
- SINGH, Harminder
- SISLER, Jeffrey J
- TAYLOR, Mark
- TOEWS, Karen A

2) Title: "Towards improving access to quality colorectal cancer services across the cancer control continuum" award to Dr. Eva Grunfeld and her team at Dalhousie University with an Average Annual Operating Amount of \$298,498 in each of 5 years with a \$6,055 equipment grant. <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34183.html>

Principal Investigators:

- **GRUNFELD, Eva- Dalhousie University Department of Family Medicine (Nova Scotia)**
- **BLANCHARD, Christopher M- Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)**
- **BURGE, Frederick I- Dalhousie University Department of Family Medicine (Nova Scotia)**

- JOHNSTON, Grace M - Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)
- KEPHART, George - Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)
- KISELY, Steve Randolph - Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)
- PARKER, Louise - Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)
- PORTER, Geoffrey A - Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)
- RAYSON, Daniel - Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)
- VELDHUYZEN VAN ZANTEN, Sander J - Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)

Co-Applicants:

- ASADA, Yukiko
- BARNARD, Dorothy
- COLWELL, Bruce D
- CWAJNA, Wladyslawa
- DEWAR, Ronald A
- GILLINGHAM, Robin L
- LETHBRIDGE, Lynn N
- LEWIS, Amy R
- MAGEE, James F
- RHEAUME, Dorianne E

3) Title: "Promoting Equity in Access to Cancer Supportive Care" with an Average Annual Operating Amount of \$266,129 per year for 5 years and 12,000 for operating costs. Congratulations to the following investigators including Universite de Laval family medicine co-investigator Dr. Michèle Aubin on their successful RFPs. <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34183.html>

Principal Investigators:

- DOLL, Richard - B.C. Cancer Research Centre (Vancouver)
- KAZANJIAN, Arminée - Co Primary Investigator - University of British Columbia

Co-Applicants:

- AUBIN, Michèle - U de Laval Dept. of Family Medicine
- BARROETAVENA, Maria C
- COOK, Sandra A
- FASSBENDER, Konrad
- FILLION, Lise
- FITCH, Margaret I
- LINDEN, Wolfgang
- STEPHEN, Joanne E
- TAYLOR- BROWN, Jill W

* if we have missed announcing other applicable CIHR awards to FM researchers please e-mail all@cfpc.ca.

[New Feature! Research publications by Canadian FM Researchers in 2007](#)

Burge FI, Bower K, Putnam W, Cox JL. [Quality indicators for cardiovascular primary care](#). Can J Cardiol 2007;23(5):383-8.

Miedema B, Hamilton R, Easley J. **From "invincibility" to "normalcy": coping strategies of young adults during the cancer journey.** Palliat Support Care. 2007 Mar;5(1):41-9.

Todd C, Howlett M, MacKay M, Lawson B. Family practice/primary health care nurses in Nova Scotia. Canadian Nurse 2007;103(6):23- 7.

* if you know of other 2007 publications by Canadian FM researchers please e-mail all@cfpc.ca.

Website Research Info to-go!

CHAIN Canada is a network that links professionals, organisations, researchers, practitioners and policy makers. It supports knowledge transfer and exchange for evidence based decision making. CHAIN Canada offers a rich source of contacts, accessible through a virtual environment which actively encourages and facilitates cross-boundary collaborative working. Using carefully targeted e-mails, CHAIN Canada ensures that members only receive messages which are relevant to their areas of interest. Careful filtering ensures that junk mail is avoided, maintaining the 'precision' of CHAIN Canada messages. To join CHAIN Canada, visit: <http://www.epoc.uottawa.ca/CHAINCanada>. If you have any queries please contact jmcgowan@uottawa.ca.

Conference Opportunities

Family Medicine Forum (FMF) – October 11-13, 2007



The Section of Researchers **RESEARCH DAY** is October 10th 2007!!

If you register on-line be sure to register for WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10th 2007

Don't forget to join us for the 4th annual Section of Researchers banquet at the **SALISBURY HOUSE** which sits on the Provencher Bridge overlooking the Red River.

* **21st Primary Care Research Methods & Statistics Conference November 30 – Dec. 2, 2007** The Menger Hotel San Antonio, Texas. Deadline for receipt of proposals is August 17, 2007
Call for Papers - Submission Deadline August 17, 2007 , Proposal Format , Sample Proposal Conference Theme: Social Epidemiology and Multilevel Effects Research"
Presentations are also invited on:
Methodology - Statistics
Qualitative Methods - Computers in Research
Communication of Results - Practice-based Research Networks
Geographic Information Systems

Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) 2007 Annual Conference jointly held with First Canadian Public Health Geomatics Conference: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Public Health - Early-bird registrations are only available until August 3rd. Save money and avoid line-ups at the conference by registering early! The CPHA 2007 Annual Conference promises to be the most comprehensive public health event of the year. Don't miss this opportunity! Consult the online Preliminary Program. Online registration available at <http://www.conference.cpha.ca> **CPHA 2007 Annual Conference 16-19 September 2007 The Westin Ottawa/Ottawa Congress Centre Ottawa, Ontario.**

Health Research Transfer Network of Alberta (RTNA) 2007 Conference - Advance Program now Available October 1 to 3, 2007 at the Marriott at The River Cree in Edmonton, Alberta. Hosted By: **The Alberta Heritage Foundation of Medical Research (AHFMR)**
For more information or to register contact: rtna@buksa.com or visit <http://www.buksa.com>
Those who are involved in Knowledge Transfer should not miss this unique meeting including:

- Health care researchers
- Health care managers
- Policy makers
- Health care practitioners
- Knowledge transfer practitioners

Connecting Communities: Rural and Urban Annual Rural Policy Conference of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Vermilion, Alberta, Canada Oct 11-13, 2007 This conference will have a bilingual exchange of knowledge and experience in English and in French. A simultaneous interpretation service will be available for the plenary sessions and for one session in each of the concurrent sessions. The registration form and program information will soon be available at <http://www.lakelandc.ab.ca/crrf> - Collaborating Partners: Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation <http://www.crrf.ca>, Canadian Rural Health Research Society <http://crrhs-scrsr.usask.ca>, National Rural Research Network. Hosting Partners: Town of Vermilion <http://www.vermilion.ca>, Lakeland College <http://www.lakelandc.ab.ca>. The closest airport is the Edmonton International Airport located south of Edmonton.

4th Guidelines International Network (GIN) Conference - Collaboration in Clinical Practice Guidelines Local, national, and international cooperation in synthesizing and applying best evidence. August 22-25th 2007 University of Toronto Conference Centre. Toronto, Ontario. **IMPORTANT DATES: Online Registration Now Open!**

Halifax 7: The Canadian Healthcare Safety Symposium is October 10 to 13, 2007 The Westin Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario. The Halifax 7 Symposium continues the tradition as Canada's unique meeting of individuals and organizations with a desire to improve healthcare safety and enhance the overall quality of our healthcare system. The Symposium helps provide a better understanding the phenomena of health system hazards, the behaviours of patients and healthcare providers, environmental and organizational factors, and the role of regulators.

Why the name Halifax? The Halifax Symposia have a reputation as the conference on healthcare

safety in Canada, one that attracts senior leaders from governments and healthcare organizations across Canada, and even some from other countries. The 2007 meeting is known as "Halifax 7", because the meeting was started in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 2000. Read more about this at <http://www.buksa.com/halifax/> This conference is sponsored by the **Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI)** / Institut canadien pour la sécurité des patients (ICSP). The Organizing Committee invites you to submit abstracts as either a regular Scientific Poster or as a "Safety Solution" Poster. Please read this **Call for Poster Abstracts** at the following website <http://www.buksa.com/halifax/> carefully before submitting the official form. Submission Deadline: July 13, 2007-Notification Date: August 3, 2007

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New for 2007- NAPCRG New Zealand Special Regional Meeting - NAPCRG is pleased to announce the first New Zealand Regional Meeting, which will be held at the School of Population Health, Tamaki Campus, at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, on October 17, 2007. We cordially invite you to take part in this special meeting prior to the main **NAPCRG Annual Meeting in Vancouver, October 20-23, 2007.**

2007 Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) The Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) to be held in Qubec City, October 20-24, 2007, is the largest gathering of cardiovascular and allied health professionals in Canada. The Congress draws cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, researchers and other cardiovascular specialists from across Canada and around the globe and connects them with other members of the cardiovascular healthcare team. The CCC 2007 provides a broad spectrum of cardiovascular health professionals with current scientific information, accredited education opportunities and an ideal forum to connect with other cardiovascular health and care colleagues.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: A Canadian Cancer Research Conference Celebrating NCIC's 60th Anniversary WHEN: November 15-17, 2007-WHERE: Intercontinental Toronto Centre, 225 Front Street West, Toronto-WHO: This conference is intended for cancer researchers and those working within the broader research community. NCIC invites you to join leading cancer researchers from Canada and around the world who will be speaking about recent advances in cancer research across the cancer spectrum.

Conference themes will include:

- Prevention
- Early detection and predisposition to cancer

- Novel therapeutic interventions
- Survivorship and supportive care
- Knowledge transfer

Register now and save money! Early bird registration ends on August 31, 2007. To register, please visit <http://www.ncic.cancer.ca>.

Research Funding Opportunities

Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) - Priority Announcements - Operating Grants: Start-up Grants for New Investigators: IHDCYH offers start-up grants for new investigators through the priority announcements for the CIHR March and September open grants competition. These one-year grants of up to \$100,000 are offered only to investigators with less than six years of experience since their first academic appointment (including experience outside Canada), and who have never held a CIHR grant as Principal Investigator (including the SKF/IHDCYH New Investigators Grants Program). More information about [eligibility criteria](#), [the relevance form](#), and how to apply is also available on the Institute's Website. The next application deadline (registration) is August 15, 2007.

The Lawson Foundation Diabetes Funding Opportunity See <http://www.lawson.ca> for details. We invite letters of intent to support innovative projects that address:

1. the prevention of diabetes in at-risk populations; and/or
2. the delivery of health care to those who are living with diabetes.

Sustainable community-centred projects promoting partnerships are encouraged. Eligibility: Lay/community leaders and health care professionals involved with the education, management and care of those with diabetes or at risk of diabetes. Requirement: CRA registered charitable number

- Maximum grant: \$150,000 payable over 24 months
- Application: [Lawson website](#) for more information or to access our online application form
- Submission deadline: August 15, 2007
- Letters of intent should be submitted in English in light of our limited staff resources.

CIHR Funding Opportunity - Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI) - Letters of Intent Deadlines: October 1, 2007 Deadlines for Invited Full Applicants: March 17, 2008 - CIHR and its partners are pleased to announce that the 4th annual **PHSI competition** will be launched mid-July. The PHSI initiative supports teams of researchers and decision makers interested in conducting applied health research useful to health system managers and/or policy makers. Successful teams conduct projects of up to three years duration in high priority thematic areas within health services, health systems and policy research (including public health).

CIHR and a variety of partners, including provincial health research organizations, provincial governments and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, support the PHSI initiative. For more information on this funding opportunity, please visit CIHR website in mid-July or contact Marilyn Desrosiers at PHSI-PASS@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Previous editions of Kaleidoscope including funding opportunities can be found at:
<http://www.cfpc.ca/English/cfpc/research/kaleidoscope/default.asp?s=1>

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