

Section of Researchers Kaléidoscope E-News Vol 4 Iss 3 (March) 2007

Dear Section of Researchers' member,

There is increased need for enhanced grant-writing skills among family medicine researchers across Canada in the face of increasing competition for Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) funding. A vital alternative for important research capacity building activity can be found in the Grant Generating Project (GGP). Project grants awarded to past GGP participants now exceed the \$100 million mark. The GGP announces a new home office and reduced fees for participants, and seeks applications for the 2007-08 session! Read more about this opportunity in the Research News section of this issue.

Research News

The **Grant Generating Project (GGP)** gives mid-career faculty a chance to learn from and be mentored by successful primary care researchers on the development of their research ideas and obtaining funding. Beginning this year, the GGP Fellowship will be based in the Department of Family Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, and will be operated as a joint project of VCU and the Department of Family and Community Medicine at University of Missouri-Columbia. This move happens as Daniel Longo, ScD, moves to VCU as of March 1 to become professor of family medicine, director of research, and co-director of the Virginia Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network (ACORN). This move, together with a decision for GGP to be operated as a joint project of VCU and the University of Missouri-Columbia, has resulted in a fee reduction for participating fellows to \$1,500, which is paid by the fellows home department. This will allow this valuable grantsmanship training to be more easily within the reach of those who need it.

Dr Longo noted that “GGP remains a cost-effective strategy for departments to train their faculty in the necessary grantsmanship skills needed to secure external funding in this period of fiscal need and increased competition.” The year long GGP “fellowship without walls” provides hands-on training through a series of workshops, along with individual consultation and mentoring, while fellows actually work on a grant for submission. Applications for the 2007-2008 program will be accepted beginning in March 2007 and will be due June 30, 2007. There are approximately 5 meetings involved, including NAPCRG (in Vancouver 2007), STFM (in Baltimore) and others in Virginia. Prospective fellows may e-mail Dr Longo at drlongo@vcu.edu and request to receive information on the 2007-2008 fellowship as it becomes available.

2007 National Physician Survey (NPS)



Have you completed your National Physician Survey (NPS) yet? Physicians: search both your

email inbox for your 'Invitation to Complete the National Physician Survey' from the 'CFPC, CMA & RCPSC' and your regular mail inbox for a white envelope with the NPS logo. Medical students and second year residents: search your email inbox for your 'Invitation to Complete the National Physician Survey' from 'your medical school'. Don't miss your chance to have your say!

<http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca>

Walter Rosser Named Wonca Global Family Doc of the Month-2002 NAPCRG Wood Award winner for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care Research has been selected as the **Wonca Global Family Doctor of the Month for January 2007**. This award is intended to encourage philanthropy among primary care clinicians and to honor doctors giving their time and expertise to their global colleagues and their patients. The award is given to physicians who are recognized by their colleagues as having contributed significantly to the community in which they work by way of their practice, community involvement, charity work, or other humanitarian acts. Congratulations to Dr. Rosser!

Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) releases electronic video documentary about the benefits of teamwork in healthcare. The foundation is pleased to announce the release of its electronic video documentary (eVD) "A short film about the benefits of teamwork in healthcare." This new and innovative documentary by award-winning journalists and filmmakers Ray Moynihan and Miranda Burne is set in Toronto and features an engaging cast of researchers, policy makers, staff, and patients. The documentary showcases the synthesis "Teamwork in Healthcare: Promoting Effective Teamwork in Healthcare in Canada," released in June 2006. The eVD makes apparent that when health professionals co-ordinate and collaborate in their work, improvements can be seen in patient safety, patient satisfaction, and reduced staff burnout, all of which change the nature of healthcare delivery in a very positive way. To watch the eVD please visit our web site at http://www.chsrf.ca/research_themes/workplace_e.php. Send your comments to summaries@chsrf.ca.

New! CIHR award to Family Medicine Researchers * 2007

Innovation to reduce cardiovascular complications of diabetes at the intersection of discovery, prevention and knowledge exchange. The Team will study exercise models in Type 1 and 2 diabetes using novel new methods of measurement and data capture to determine how best to prevent cardiovascular complications of diabetes. The Team will be leading a consortium among 3 different Canadian Teams to link the research to clinical practice. Only 3 Teams were funded and the Petrella led team is the only one to have an international Team based in London, Helsinki, and Oulu Finland. **Cardiovascular Complications of Diabetes Team Grants** - Updated February 26, 2007 (June 2006 Competition) \$633,161 average per year over 5 year term.

- **PETRELLA, Robert J. – Primary Investigator**, Parkwood Hospital (London, Ont.)
University of Western Ontario, London Health Sciences Centre for Research Inc. (Ont.)
- BADHWAR, Amit - Co-investigator
- CLARSON, Cheril L. - Co-investigator
- ELLIS, Christopher G. - Co-investigator
- FENSTER, Aaron - Co-investigator
- GROOP, Henrik - Co-investigator
- HARRIS, Stewart B. - Co-investigator

- HILL, David J. - Co-investigator
- HOLDSWORTH, David W. - Co-investigator
- HUIKURI, Heikki V. - Co-investigator
- MAKIKALLIO, Timo H. - Co-investigator
- MILLER, Linda T. - Co-investigator
- NOBLE, Earl G. - Co-investigator
- PELTONEN, Juha E. - Co-investigator
- SEPPANEN, Tari T. - Co-investigator
- SHOEMAKER, Kevin J. - Co-investigator
- STEWART, Moira - Co-investigator
- TIKKANEN, Heikki O. - Co-investigator
- TULPPO, Mikko P. - Co-investigator
- WESSMAN, Maija - Co-investigator

The objective of **Cardiovascular Complications of Diabetes Team Grants** is to strengthen Canadian and international health research by supporting teams of talented and experienced researchers conducting high-quality research and providing superior research training and mentorship. Canadian research will be enhanced by the opportunity to include international collaborators from Finland, as team members, whose research contributions will be supported through funding from their home country. The program emphasis is on the production of new knowledge, and the translation of research findings into improvements in the health of populations and health care systems.

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

Conference Opportunities

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



RESEARCH DAY Papers & Posters submission deadline is Mar 15,'07

RESEARCH DAY is October 10th 2007!!

Call for Papers for the 2007 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, October 20-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia, is now posted on the NAPCRG Web site at <http://www.napcrg.org/napcrgpresenter/submission/>. All submissions for NAPCRG 2007 must be received using our convenient and secure online system. The deadline for submissions is April 17, 2007.

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! Abstract Submission Deadline: March 29, 2007 Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 22, 2007

Research Funding Opportunities

CIHR - Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) Leadership in Science: A Forum for Trainees and New Investigators - Save the date: Tuesday, June 5th & Wednesday, June 6th, 2007 - Please continue to visit the website for future updates <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/33239.html>.

Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA) -Seed Grant: Mobility and Aging-Registration Deadline: April 1, 2007 - Registration packages must be courier stamped by this date. Application Deadline: June 1, 2007 - Full applications must be courier stamped by this date. The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to provide opportunities for the support of planning and/or development activities that normally precede complex, multi-stakeholder and/or team research program across the range of intrinsic and extrinsic challenges (from biological to environmental) associated with **Strategic Initiative Announcement** - Mobility in Aging. In partnership the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis will provide funding for applications that are relevant to the **Physical Activity, Mobility and Health research priority**. The CIHR-IMHA encourages researchers across disciplines within the Arthritis, Bone, Skin, Muscle, Oral Health and/or Rehabilitation Research communities, and across all four of CIHR research pillars to develop research in this priority.

Workshop/Symposia Support In collaboration with Knowledge Translation Branch. An important part of CIHR's mandate is to translate knowledge into improved health for Canadians. Knowledge translation (KT) is the exchange, synthesis and ethically-sound application of knowledge - within a complex system of interactions among researchers and users - to accelerate the capture of the benefits of research for Canadians through improved health, more effective services and products, and a strengthened health care system. The CIHR KT Branch will provide partial support of workshops and symposia, which either support KT research and/or contribute to building networks. For this competition, additional funds are available to encourage and support applications related to pandemic preparedness. Next round of applications must be courier stamped prior May 1 2007.

Team Grant: Pandemic Preparedness Research - Influenza Biology, Vaccines, Ethics, Legal and Social Research In collaboration with Public Health Agency of Canada CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The purpose of this Request for Applications is to strengthen Canadian research in preparation for a potential influenza pandemic by funding three-year team projects to conduct research on vaccines, the biology of the influenza virus including the animal-human interface and the social, ethical and legal issues related to preventing and responding to a pandemic. It is expected that this targeted investment will identify strategies to prevent or mitigate a pandemic outbreak as well as methods and procedures to control disease spread (both human to human and from animals to humans) and to treat affected individuals. It is anticipated that the research results will also aid in the continued development of pandemic preparedness plans. Letter of Intent must be courier

stamped by June 15, 2007.

Research Syntheses: Knowledge Translation In collaboration with Knowledge Translation Branch. The purpose of this Request for Applications is to further strengthen knowledge translation by funding research syntheses across CIHR's four themes: biomedical, clinical, health systems and services and the health of populations, societal and cultural dimensions of health and environmental influences on health, in order to support evidence-informed decision-making. It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to more research syntheses in selected, high priority, eligible thematic research areas related to health and health care. There are opportunities to learn from research work carried out during the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and other disease outbreaks. The Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) will provide funding for research synthesis projects that summarize this information and develop recommendations that will contribute to pandemic preparedness planning and control. Registration packages must be courier stamped by April 1, 2007.

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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