



Canadian MSK Rehab Research Network Newsletter

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2017 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

The Network's First Annual Meeting was held May 17-18 in Montreal, Quebec in conjunction with the 2017 Quebec Congress in Adaptation-Rehabilitation Research.

Network activities included a keynote speech by Network NPI Dr. Joy MacDermid, our Network Opening Assembly, a roundtable activity on collaboration by Network Co-PI Dr. Jean-Sebastien Roy, and presentations by numerous Network members:

- Lisa Carlesso
- Francois Desmeules
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- Guillaume Leonard
- Shawn Robbins
- Kathryn Sinden



Thank you to everyone who attended the Quebec Congress and participated in our Opening Assembly! It was a chance for Network members to re-connect or meet for the first time, offer feedback and suggestions, and discuss priorities of the Network as we move forward.

We look forward to seeing many more Network members at our 2018 Annual Meeting which is already being planned.

Network website is live!
Check it out: www.mscrehabnet.uwo.ca

Grant Success for Network Members

Congratulations to Dr. Simon French and Dr. Jill Hayden for their success in the recent round of CIHR Project Scheme funding!

Title: Imaging use for low back pain by primary care practitioners

- Principal investigators: French SD, Norman KE, Green ME
- Principal investigator (Knowledge User): Bhatia RS
- Co-Investigators: Booth C, Grimshaw J, Hartvigsen J, Hayden J, Ivers N, Peng P.
- Funding Body and Scheme: Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Project Scheme
- Duration: 2017 – 2020
- Amount awarded: \$707,626

Title: A clinical decision support tool for diagnostic imaging use for low back pain

- Team: Hayden JA, Stiell I, French S, McGrath PJ, Curran J, Wells G, Campbell S, Magee K, Slipp P, Ogilvie R, Smith A & the LBP Advisory Group
- Funding Body and Scheme: Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Project Scheme, October 2016
- Duration: 2017-2022
- Amount: \$784,124

Full abstracts are available on our website:

<http://www.mskrehabnet.uwo.ca/news/announcements.html>

Trainee Awards Competition Update

Our first annual Trainee Awards Competition recently closed on June 2nd, 2017 with overwhelming interest. Thank you to all of those who applied!

A total of 29 applications were submitted from across the country and our Selection Committee will soon undergo the difficult task of reviewing a strong pool of applicants. We anticipate that final funding selections will be made later this month – stay tuned for further updates.

Up to eight (8) awards of \$5,000 each will be awarded to graduate students to be involved in network pilot grants and/or training. The purpose of the Trainee Awards is to:

- foster the development of future leaders in musculoskeletal health rehabilitation research (health care, science and technology);
- enhance the number of trainees involved in transdisciplinary musculoskeletal health rehabilitative research;
- support the career advancement of trainees; and
- support each trainee financially

Coming Up Soon

CIHR Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Roderick McInnes – “Meet the President: An Open Dialogue”

- Interim president of the CIHR presenting Monday June 12 10-11:30AM
- University of Toronto: Medical Science Building, Room 2158
- Live stream available: <http://streaming.med.utoronto.ca/17128>

Research Priority Setting & Network-Wide Survey

The Network’s Opening Assembly provided a valuable opportunity for members who were present to provide input and recommendations on the direction of the Network and its research priorities over the next 12 months.

To ensure that all member’s voices are heard, over the coming weeks you can expect to receive a Network-wide survey to assist in determining which Technical Groups and research questions should be prioritized in the Network’s first year.

Technical Group Leads – Nominations Open

As we move through year one of Network operations, one of our top priorities is to establish our Technical Groups to form working committees and facilitate collaboration in specific areas of MSK health research.

We are seeking volunteers to lead or co-lead each of our Technical Groups (http://mskrehabnet.uwo.ca/about_us/technical_groups/index.html). If your field of expertise aligns with any of the Network’s Technical Groups and you would like to volunteer as a group lead, please let us know!

New Members

Since launching the Network in late 2016 there has been a great deal of interest in new Network membership. In conjunction with our recent website launch, the Network is officially accepting new memberships. See the link below for details and the application form:

<http://www.mskrehabnet.uwo.ca/people/>

We encourage our current Network Members to invite colleagues, partners or Pilot Grant team members who may be interested in joining the Network.

Membership is open to researchers, collaborators, partners, students/trainees, or anyone with an interest in MSK rehab research.

Inquiries or applications can be forwarded to Ryan Power (rehabnet@uwo.ca)



Save the Date!

Date Set for 2018 Annual Meeting

In conjunction with Western University's Canadian Bone and Joint Institute, the Network's second Annual Meeting has been set for **April 12-13, 2018** in London, Ontario.

The conference will bring together MSK researchers, industry partners and patient representatives in an interactive two-day event at the London Convention Centre.

All Network Members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting to assist in setting research priorities, participate in strategic planning and develop a sustainability framework for the Network.

National Blueprint for Injury Prevention in Drivers with Arthritis

People with arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases are at higher risk for car crashes. When operating a motor vehicle these drivers may experience pain, fatigue, decreased mobility, joint stiffness and decreased reaction time. Because of arthritis, they may have problems with seating for long periods, getting in and out of the car and doing a shoulder check while backing up or changing lane.

A new National Blueprint for Injury Prevention in Drivers with Arthritis has been launched by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) to address the specific unmet needs of drivers with arthritis. The Blueprint will provide direction to healthcare professionals, researchers, educators and decision makers regarding actions to promote safe driving practices and injury prevention among this at-risk group.

The Blueprint is a collaboration, partly funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and involving a panel of 15 experts and stakeholders that included representatives from the Arthritis Society, Société d'assurances automobile du Québec (SAAQ), the Active Living Coalition for Older Adults (ALCOA), the Council on Aging Ottawa, the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP), and the Canada Safety Council.

Blueprint: https://caot.in1touch.org/document/5643/Driving_Eng_FINAL.pdf

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Network Overview - Who we are...

Across Canada, a team of more than 80 researchers, collaborators and knowledge users, as well as 20 partners/consumer groups, recently received \$600,000 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute for Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA) to establish the Canadian MSK Rehab Research Network. Combined with multi-partner cash and in-kind contributions totaling over \$1.5 million, these funds will support the Network and its members for the next three years as they strive to address the large pain and disability burden caused by bones, joints, muscles, and nerves problems.

This virtual Network will strengthen MSK research in Canada by: funding pilot grants and trainee awards; creating platforms for researchers to share data nationally and for conducting studies at multiple centres; developing innovative ways to deliver MSK rehab using technology and new discoveries; and attracting larger funding and more extensive partnerships between researchers, community stakeholders and industry.

Network Members

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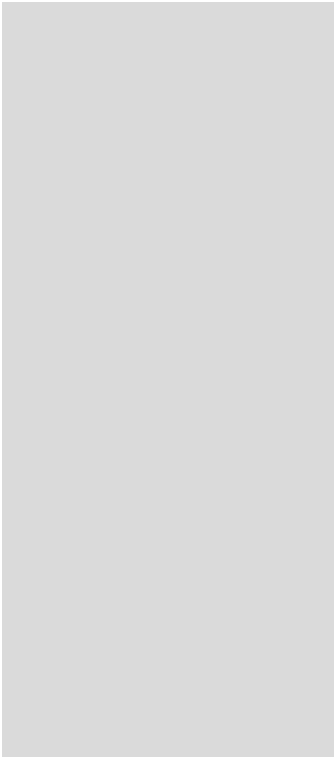
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