

Good day KT Canada members

With July's arrival another version of the KT Canada newsletter is available for your enjoyment. The intent for the newsletter is to share news on research and life events so that we can all keep in touch with each other and up-to-date on what is happening across nodes. Any item from new publications and grant awards, trainee news, upcoming vacations or anything you think might peak the networks' interest is to be shared. Just send all the juiciest tidbits to me [Vanessa Lybanon-Daigle](#).

Enjoy!

## Congratulations



[Dr. Annette O'Connor](#) received the 2009-2010 Distinguished University Professor Appointment from the University of Ottawa. This award, established in 1999, was designed to recognize

unusual scholarly achievement as well as pre-eminence in a particular field of knowledge. Only 12 such professors are to be held at one time. The award is accompanied by a \$10,000 research fund for the first five years of the appointment.



[Dr. Dawn Stacey](#) was appointed to a tenured Associate Professor position at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Stacey has also taken on the role of Director of The Patient

Decision Aids Research group at the OHRI, upon Dr. O'Connor's retirement. Dr. Stacey has lectured both nationally and internationally on various aspects of patient decision support and is involved in leading and/or participating in several interdisciplinary research projects conducted in Canada, the USA, Australia, Great Britain and Chile

## Events

KT Canada's Annual General Meeting will be held in Calgary, AB this year, from the evening of Aug 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be a stimulating and interesting meeting, starting with a Dinner and Meet & Greet for all participants including Summer Institute Trainees. It's always a good thing to hear how the work of those involved with KT Canada has been progressing throughout the year!

This year's meeting focuses on promoting more project collaboration amongst various members in the design and conduct of KT Canada team projects. It promises to have more interactive sessions including poster presentations highlighting project updates and **NEW Project Ideas**. Some of the exciting topics to be followed up on include: a more in-depth discussion of a Trails Network, KT Canada and [CANNeCTIN](#) collaborative project, and several different working groups. KT Canada's International Scientific Advisory Committee will also be meeting with presentations by Drs. Susan Michie and Russ Glasgow. Adelstein (Steini) Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Systems Strategy Division, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Chair of KT Canada Stakeholder Advisory Committee, will also be presenting.

## Newsorthy Notes

[CANNeCTIN](#) is a national network funded by CIHR/CFI to support the development, implementation, sustainability and health impact of Canadian-led clinical research studies in cardiac and vascular disease and Diabetes.

KT Canada and CANNeCTIN are developing an enthusiastic collaboration on a number of projects and we look forward to working together in the near future!

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The patient decision support implementation research led by Dr. Dawn Stacey at The Ottawa Hospital was featured in the “[Pass it On!](#)” series by CHSRF. This series focuses on patients as part of the healthcare team and promotes innovative approaches to making a difference in healthcare. The interviews were conducted with a patient involved in the project, Dr. Geoff Dervin, and Dr. Dawn Stacey.

## Funding

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research has awarded nearly \$10M to [Cochrane Centre](#), led by Dr. Jeremy Grimshaw at OHRI / uOttawa. Cochrane Canada produces Cochrane Reviews, which represent the “gold standard” in health evidence. See [press release](#) for details.

## Student Corner

### KT 10: Improving Health Care and Health Care Systems with Knowledge Translation

**KT 10** provided a unique opportunity for leading KT researchers, policy makers and other decision-makers working in health systems to engage in lively debate on the benefits and challenges of knowledge translation from a variety of perspectives. Keynote Speakers included André Picard, Public Health Reporter for The Globe and Mail; Dr. John N. Lavis, MD PhD, Canada Research Chair in Knowledge Transfer and Exchange; Professor Richard Grol, Chair, Department of Quality of Care at the Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Two KT Canada Trainees who attended were awarded *Second* and *Third* place in the Poster competition.

#### **Congratulations!**

Dr. J-D Schwalm for his poster entitled:

Letting patients decide: A vascular access patient decision aid feasibility trial

Ania Syrowatka for her poster entitled:

How do the Ottawa Ankle Rules (OAR) guide physician radiography decision-making?

### KT Canada Summer Institute - Calgary, AB. Aug 16 to 18 2010

KT Canada will be hosting another Summer Institute in Calgary, Alberta. This year's theme is “**Developing KT Interventions**”. As in past years, the SI is aimed at graduate students, post-doctoral and clinical fellows studying issues relevant to KT as well as those who wish to learn more about how to advance their research skills in KT. Announcements on successful attendees will be sent out shortly. Good luck to all who applied. More information can be found on the [KT Canada website](#).

## Selected Publications (2010)

Archambault PM, Legare F, Lavoie A, Gagnon M, Lapointe J, St-Jacques S, Poitras J, Aubin K, Croteau S, Pham-Dinh M [Healthcare professionals' intentions to use wiki-based reminders to promote best practices in trauma care: a survey protocol](#) *Implementation Science* 2010, **5**:45 (11 June 2010)  
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