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KT Canada News

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Good day KT Canada members

Fall has arrived! Here is another instalment of the KT Canada newsletter to give you a short break from all that grant application writing. Please enjoy! As always, we try to make the newsletter informative for all members, so please take a few minutes to send me some of your own news on research and life events! 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](#).

Vanessa



Events

Here at KT Canada Central (Ottawa node), we are very fortunate to have Dr. Susan Michie visiting. Dr. Michie's presentation, at our regular face-to-face meeting is entitled "Advancing the Science of Behavior Change".

Dr. Michie leads the Health Psychology Research Group at UCL studying behaviour change in relation to health: how to understand it theoretically and how to develop more effective interventions. Her work develops methods to advance the study of behaviour change e.g. for specifying the content and theoretical underpinning of interventions and for synthesising evidence. This is conducted in the domains of professional practice and implementation, and risky and preventive behaviours amongst the general population. She holds over 20 research grants and has published 150 peer-reviewed journal articles.

Website: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/health-psychology/pages/michie.htm>

From the Calgary Node

A Web-based Curriculum for Childhood Gastroenteritis

David Johnson and one of his students, Jesse Basnak, developed a web-based curriculum to educate primary health professionals on how to best care for children with gastroenteritis. Delivering the knowledge in this format, it is argued, will help overcome time restraint, a common barrier to knowledge translation. With a web-based curriculum, primary care physicians can access the learning modules at their own convenience, in the comfort of their own homes. The modules are very interactive presenting case-based scenarios with audiovisual files of dehydrated children, including links to supplemental resources. For more information, please contact David Johnson (David.Johnson@albertahealthservices.ca).



Student Corner

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

KT Canada has successfully hosted another Summer Institute. This year's theme focused on "**Developing KT Interventions**". As in past years, 30 exceptional graduate students (72%), post-doctoral and clinical fellows (28%) studying issues relevant to KT were selected from a pool of 64 applicants. On each day of the SI, participants engaged in a mixture of plenary sessions, small group work and informal sessions. This year, a new element was added- *Poster Presentations*, allowing Trainees to present their work to the faculty and their peers.



Overall evaluations from Trainees, indicated that the SI was an overwhelming success and that original objectives had been well met. Plenary sessions, poster presentations and the planning, coordination, and site location were also favourably rated. As a testimony to the high quality of the SI overall, and participating trainees, Professor Rob Sanson-Fisher, offered an opportunity for trainees to travel to the University of Newcastle, Australia to work with his group. We are currently exploring this opportunity and will keep you and all trainees posted in future correspondence.

Please join me in thanking the SI Training Committee, Faculty, Trainees, and Gail Klein (KT Canada Training Coordinator) for making the KT Canada Summer Institute another success!!!

More information on the SI will be available shortly on the [KT Canada website](#).

Other Newsworthy Notes

KT Canada's Annual General Meeting was held in Calgary, AB this year. As anticipated, the meeting led to stimulating discussions and more project collaboration amongst various members in the design and conduct of KT Canada team projects. The interactive poster sessions were well received and many new project ideas were shared. Several working groups were formed, notably one between KT Canada and CANNeCTIN for work on a collaborative project entitled KT-PURE. Several other working groups were also established including:

- An Informatics/e-health group – led by Ann McKibbin and Sharon Straus
- a KT and CME group – led by France Légaré
- a Policy group – led by Mathieu Ouimet
- two Trials working groups
 - Delirium – led by Sharon Straus
 - ACCESSS to Current Best Evidence- led by Brian Haynes

More information from the annual general meeting will be shared in upcoming newsletters. For more information on the working groups and how to get involved, contact vlybanondaigle@ohri.ca.



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