

ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA NEWSLETTER

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ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

2nd Annual Conference and Research Symposium

The Friday, October 31st Research Symposia Program, entitled “*Arthritis Unmasked: Genetics, Treatments and Partnerships*” was composed in partnership with the Gairdner Foundation and CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis.



Dr. Ravinder N. Maini

The Research Symposia Day will feature the recipients of the 2014 Canada Gairdner International Award, Drs. Ravinder N. Maini and Marc Feldmann, “For the discovery of anti-TNF therapy for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory diseases.”



Dr. Marc Feldmann

The program will also open up the floor to the North-America’s most prominent researchers in the area of rheumatology, genomics, human and medical genetics. Among the speakers of the Research

Symposia are Drs. Peter Gregersen, Dan Kastner, Sherine Gabriel, Lawrence Steinman, Laurie Glimcher, Aled Edwards, Alan Aderem, Claire Bombardier and Hani El-Gabalawy.

ALBERTA BONE AND JOINT INSTITUTE (ABJHI)



ABJHI’s Chief Medical Advisor, Cy Frank, has been appointed a member of the [Order of Canada](#). The Order of Canada is one of Canada’s highest civilian honours, it was established in 1967, Canada’s centennial year, to recognize outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Dr. Frank was recognized for his contributions to advancing orthopaedic health care services in Alberta and for his scientific contributions to bone and joint repair research. Dr. Frank was among 86 new appointments to the Order of Canada announced June 30, 2014. Read the [news coverage](#).



ARTHRITIS CONSUMER EXPERTS (ACE)

- As the knowledge user committee lead for Dr. Linda Li's ICON project, ACE collaborated with the research team to launch a national survey to assess what people living with brain disorders and joint diseases think about preventing and treating brain and joint diseases in "real life". In less than a week, close to 400 respondents have offered their views.
- In July, "Words and Pictures" entered wide release. The major motion picture tells the story of an artist, Dina Delsanto, played by Academy award-winning actress, Ms. Juliette Binoche, who suffered with advancing rheumatoid arthritis and had to change the way she painted and deal with the emotional challenges brought on by the disease. ACE Founder, Cheryl Koehn, was thrilled to be called on to assist Ms. Binoche in her preparation for the role. Cheryl also reviewed the script for the production team. Kudos go to physiotherapy advisor, Dr. Linda Li, who assisted Ms. Binoche with the physical portrayal of her character, and Mr. Otto Kamensek, an arthritis community leader and an artist himself, who shared his artistic process and sculpture.
- A reminder to apply for Canada's Best Workplaces for Employees Living with Arthritis Awards. The Award is a coast-to-coast search to find and recognize one small, medium and large company offering exceptional workplaces for their employees living with arthritis. [Click here](#) for an Application Form.



National Arthritis Awareness Program's Arthritis Broadcast Network (ABN)

Around the world, July = soccer. Thanks to everyone who participated in the #Goals4Arthritis campaign during the FIFA World Cup™. The campaign's aim was to raise arthritis awareness and knowledge by piggybacking onto the world wide interest generated by the World Cup matches and athletes through the ACE/JointHealth/NAAP social media platform. Each day of the World Cup, Arthritis Broadcast Network (ABN) provided arthritis "goal" (an activity) for participants to try out. Over one month and 31 "goal" posts, the campaign reached and engaged 5,037 people through Facebook, Twitter and the ABN site.

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CENTRE OF CANADA

The Arthritis Research Centre of Canada (ARC) is extremely proud to announce three ARC scientists, recipients of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research New Investigator Awards: Cheryl Barnabe for her application "Arthritis Care for Indigenous Populations, Nick Bansback for "Can Patient-Centred Care Improve Outcomes and Save Costs?" and Michael Hun for "Non-Invasive Treatments to Improve Disease Symptoms and Cartilage Health for Knee Osteoarthritis". Cheryl's research program will define the treatment and outcome gaps that currently exist, and propose new ways of reducing the gaps. Nick's research examines whether engaging patients in their treatment decisions can both improve health outcomes and reduce health system costs. Michael's research program will develop and test non-drug and non-surgical treatments for improving biomechanical and clinical outcomes in people with knee OA.

ARC Scientists Mary de Vera and Antonio Avina-Zubieta received a scholar award of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. Mary de Vera - for "Pharmacoepidemiologic and Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research to Improve Medication Use, Adherence, and Outcomes in Patients with Arthritis. Antonio Avina-Zubieta for "Reducing The Burden And Gaps In Care For Patients With Systemic Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases (ReGaIN SARDs)". SARDs includes systemic lupus erythematosus, systemic sclerosis, Sjögren's disease, poly/dermatomyositis and the adult systemic vasculitides. For more information on these awards, please visit <http://www.arthritisresearch.ca/>.

THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

NATIONAL

Pharmacists to receive arthritis training

Through a unique new program, Canadians living with arthritis will be able to receive professional advice and guidance at their neighbourhood pharmacy. Accredited by the Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP), The Arthritis Society has partnered with McKesson Canada to train the company's pharmacists from coast to coast in arthritis signs and symptoms, care and pain management.

The pilot program will reach up to 1,350 communities across the country through McKesson Canada's retail pharmacy banners of Guardian, I.D.A., PROXIM and Medicine Shoppe Canada. The program helps support The Society's goal of improving access to care, services and support tailored to the needs of people living with arthritis, right in the communities where they live.

BC & YUKON DIVISION

Walk Like an Olympian!

Kelsey Serwa, Kelowna's own Olympic Silver Medalist at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, came out to support the Walk to Fight Arthritis in Kelowna, and to shatter some myths along the way.

At the age of 24, Kelsey Serwa is a firsthand example that arthritis doesn't only affect the elderly. She suffers from arthritis because of some of her injuries from skiing, something common in her sport. Kelsey said it was a no-brainer for her when she was invited to lead the Walk in Kelowna. "It's a special cause to my heart and I feel that we can share awareness of the disease and that it doesn't just affect older people, it can affect children as well."



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (CAOT)

CAOT Conference Call for Papers– Winnipeg, MB May 27-30, 2015



Occupational Justice: Rising to the challenge

For hundreds of years people have gathered at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers where Winnipeg now stands to meet, trade goods, share ideas and build communities. Today, the Canadian Museum of Human Rights rises majestically above the prairie horizon as a reminder of our collective commitment to furthering human rights and occupational justice for all people. Occupational therapists have developed an understanding of the importance of addressing injustices to enable people's full participation in occupations that are meaningful and enriching. Please join us in Winnipeg to share your knowledge and strategies for rising to the challenge of enhancing occupational justice in our communities.

Click here to submit an abstract - <http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?pageid=173>.

CANADIAN ORTHOPAEDIC FOUNDATION

Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation Bones and Phones Scholarship recipient



The Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation is pleased to announce the recipient of the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation's inaugural **2014 Bones and Phones Legacy Scholarship: Marie-Eve Pelletier** (UBC Department of Orthopaedics, Vancouver) for her role in the *Uganda Sustainable Trauma Orthopedic Program (USTOP)*. Founded by Dr. Veronica Wadey and Mr. Henry Chow, this award recognizes and honors the vital role orthopaedic surgeons play in the lives of others.

The scholarship fund celebrates exceptional residents by honoring their dedication to community spirit and/or giving back for the benefit of others. It recognizes individuals that demonstrate passion for orthopaedics and embrace initiatives that go well beyond their expected duties. The next call for applications will be in the summer of 2014. Please check the Foundation's web site www.canorth.org, under 'Bones and Phones Scholarship', for more details.

McCAIG INSTITUTE FOR BONE AND JOINT HEALTH

The McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health is partnering with TELUS Spark to heighten awareness of Juvenile Inflammatory Arthritis. "Expressions of Arthritis" is a creative workshop designed to help children express what it feels like to live with JIA. The event is scheduled for September 20th and the works of art will be put on display at the TELUS Spark Science Centre in Calgary. Their scientists and specialists will participate in a second TELUS Spark event called Meet an Innovator on September 27th to interact and inspire young minds.

The McCaig Institute will be hosting the Wood Forum on Juvenile Inflammatory Arthritis in Calgary and Edmonton. This free forum aims to educate the public about the latest research in JIA. The Calgary event will take place **on Saturday, October 4** at the University of Calgary's Health Sciences Centre.

Details of the Edmonton program will be announced shortly. Updated information and registration can be found at www.mccaiginstitute.com. The McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health's website underwent a complete makeover! Useful features include research updates, patient resources for care and education, and public event information. Check them out at www.mccaiginstitute.com. The McCaig Institute is also active on social media:

Twitter: @McCaigInstitute, and
Facebook: McCaigInstituteForBoneandJointHealth

Community Updates

CANADIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE DATA (CANRAD) NETWORK

The CANRAD Network team includes a variety of decision makers, epidemiologists, clinicians and researchers interested in the use of administrative data for rheumatic disease research. For more information pertaining to the CANRAD Network please contact Autumn Neville autumn.neville@clinepi.mcgill.ca.



Calendar of Events

9th Annual Summer Obesity Boot Camp	July 19-27, 2014	Edmonton, AB
Council of the Federations (COF) - 2014 Council of the Federation Summer Meeting	August 26-30, 2014	Charlottetown, PEI
Osteoporosis Foundation of New Mexico (OFNM)	August 15-16, 2014	Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses - Dynamics of Critical Care Conference	September 21-23, 2014	Québec, QC
Cochrane Collaboration Colloquium	September 21-26, 2014	Hyderabad, India
States American Society for Bone & Mineral Research	October 12-15, 2014	Houston, TX
Quebec Rheumatology Association	October 23-25, 2014	Québec, QC
Arthritis Alliance of Canada 2nd Annual Conference and Research Symposium	Oct 30-Nov 1, 2014	Toronto, ON
American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting	14-19 November 2014	Boston, MA

Please be advised that effective July 28th, our office will be located at:
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ABOUT THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

With more than 36 member organizations, the Arthritis Alliance brings together arthritis health care professionals, researchers, funding agencies, governments, voluntary sector agencies, industry and, most importantly, representatives from arthritis consumer organizations from across Canada. While each member organization continues its own work, the Alliance provides a central focus for national arthritis-related initiatives.

For more information about the Arthritis Alliance, please contact:

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Want to help?

You can help and get involved by:

- Visiting www.ArthritisAlliance.ca
- Providing feedback. Give us your ideas
- Giving us an update to share with the group
- Telling us about upcoming events, initiatives, and announcements that are aligned with the Framework
- Telling our story and telling yours. Telling your friends and family
- Writing and calling your local MP/MPP, your Premier, Minister of Health, etc.
- Sharing on Twitter, Facebook, and other social media channels