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### ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA AAC Member/Stakeholder Survey: Planning for the Future!

Arthritis Alliance of Canada (AAC) is taking a moment to reflect on its accomplishments from the past 16 years; have a look at its future and to determine how, and in what form we should be moving forward. We need your help in planning for the future and ask you to complete the [online survey](#) by **Monday, June 4th**.

We would like to thank you and members of your organizations in advance for your responses, comments and suggestions; and assure you that each suggestion or comment will be considered and analyzed to assist AAC Board with making necessary decisions for the AAC’s future direction.

The upcoming AAC Annual Meeting in November 2018 will be devoted to celebrating our successes and planning for the future; therefore, it is very important that we gather your valuable input, feedback and ideas through this short Member/Stakeholder Survey. We need your help in better shaping our future!



### AAC 2018 Research Awards Program: “Call for Applications” in progress!

AAC has announced a “Call for Applications” for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of its successful Research Awards Program. This year, AAC will provide up to **eight** awards, valued at **\$750 CAD/award**. An Early Career Researcher (Early Career Faculty Member/Investigator) award now includes **two** sub-categories: 1) Basic science/Clinical Science; **and** 2) Health Science/Population Health). We are pleased to announce continued partnership of our sponsors for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year:

- 1) [McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health](#) for the **Master Student** award
- 2) [Arthritis Consumer Experts](#) for the **PhD Student** award
- 3) [CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis](#) for the **Post-doctoral Fellow** **and**

- 4) **Early Career Researcher (Early Career Faculty Member/Investigator) in *Basic/Clinical science***
- 5) [Arthritis Research Canada](#) for the **Early Career Researcher (Early Career Faculty Member/Investigator) in *Health Science/Population Health***
- 6) [Bone and Joint Institute of the University of Western Ontario](#) for the **Knowledge Translation** award
- 7) Sponsor TBD for the **Knowledge Translation Practice** award; and
- 8) [Arthritis Society](#) for the **Patient for Active Engagement in Arthritis Research**.

**2018 Research Awards Program application deadlines:**

Applications Submission Due: Tuesday, June 26, 2018  
 Applications Review Process: July-September 2018  
 Announcement of Award Recipients: AAC 2018 Annual Meeting, November 21<sup>st</sup> (Toronto, ON)

**ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA**

**2018 Annual Meeting: November 21-22 at the Sheraton Center Downtown Toronto Hotel**

The AAC 2018 Annual Meeting, entitled “*Arthritis Alliance of Canada: Celebrating Our Successes and Planning for the Future*”, will be hosted in partnership with Arthritis Society and CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis.

It will kick-start with a Gala Dinner on **Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm EST, followed by a full-day program on **Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** until 5:00 pm EST. The registration process will be open end of June-beginning of July; stay tuned for a registration link to follow!

*We look forward to meeting you in  
 Toronto!*



**MEMBER'S CORNER**

**ARTHRITIS CONSUMER EXPERTS**

**New On-line JointHealth Patient Education Course**

ACE has launched its new on-line patient education course: [JointHealth™ Education Advanced Therapies for Inflammatory Arthritis](#). The evidence based, three-lesson course is designed to help patients with inflammatory arthritis identify with their rheumatologist when the appropriate time is to transition from csDMARDS to an advanced therapy such as a targeted synthetic DMARD or biologic DMARD, what key questions to ask about how these medications are taken and how they work in the body. We encourage you to share this JointHealth™ Education course with patients as well as healthcare providers, as it is a great tool for promoting healthy discussion and ensuring patients have the knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed therapy decisions.



**The Future of Arthritis Research!**



Arthritis Research Canada prides itself on being Canada’s leading training hub for up and coming arthritis researchers. Supervised by world-class research scientists, Arthritis Research Canada’s Trainees will provide the answers to saving lives and making a difference for people with arthritis through research. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has recognized their tremendous achievements with fellowship funding:

- *Nicole Tsao* (supervisor: Dr. Mary de Vera): awarded a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue research at the Harvard Program on Perinatal and Pediatric Pharmacoepidemiology and Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School.
- *Natalie McCormick* (supervisor: Dr. Hyon Choi): awarded a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship from CIHR to work at Harvard Medical School. Her project is titled ‘Prospective, population-based studies of antimalarials and their impact on vision loss, quality of life, disease activity and mortality in patients with SLE.’”
- *Logan Trenaman* (supervisor: Dr. Nick Bansback): awarded a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship for his research titled “Evaluating the impact of a financial incentive for shared decision-making on lung cancer screening rates in the US Medicare population.”
- *Dylan Kobsar* (supervisor: Dr. Michael Hunt): received a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship to study at UBC. His project is titled “Predicting response to biomechanical treatment in people with knee OA.”
- *Clayton Hamilton* (supervisor: Dr. Linda Li): awarded a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship for his research titled “Developing and testing of the Patient Engagement In Research Scale.”
- *Alyssa Howren* (co-supervisors: Drs. Mary De Vera and Antonio Avina): awarded a CIHR Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship. Her project is titled “The trajectory and care of mental health - including pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment – in systemic autoimmune rheumatic diseases such as lupus, scleroderma, Sjögren’s syndrome and vasculitis.”
- *Jesse Charlton* (supervisor: Dr. Michael Hunt): received a CIHR Doctoral research award. His project is titled “Real world gait analysis and modification of people with knee osteoarthritis using a novel instrumented shoe.”
- *Elena Lopatina* (co-supervisors: Drs. Deborah Marshall and Claire Barber): awarded a CIHR Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship. Her project is titled “Evaluation of an alternative model of care for stable rheumatoid arthritis patients: collaborative nurse-led shared care model.”
- *Sharan Rai* (supervisors: Drs. Hyon Choi and Qi Sun): awarded a CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award to study the risk of complications from gout such as diabetes and heart attack and investigate the role of diet in reducing the risks.



ARTHRITIS SOCIETY: NATIONAL OFFICE

**Forum on Arthritis**

Learn. Connect. Flourish. The Arthritis Society is proud to present its 5th Arthritis Forum on November 10th – a unique event in Canada! The Arthritis Forum brings together people living with arthritis, caregivers and health professionals for a day dedicated to education about the disease. In addition to being a key informative event offering crucial disease management tools, the Forum is a great opportunity to connect with others: [www.forumarthritis.ca](http://www.forumarthritis.ca).



- 26 seminars (English and French)
- Workshops and group discussions
- An exhibitor fair
- Satellite events in different regions
- 10 webinars (English and French)

**Arthritis Forum**  
 November 10, 2018  
 9:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Palais des congrès de Montréal

## Congratulatory Message

The Arthritis Society is thrilled to advise that our very own Dr. Deborah Levy was named the 2018 Rheumatologist of the Year by the Ontario Rheumatology Association. This prestigious award recognizes Dr. Levy's outstanding contributions in the field of rheumatology. We are continually inspired by Dr. Levy's passion and commitment to help Canadians affected by arthritis, and finds a cure for this devastating disease. **Congratulations Dr. Levy!**

### CANADIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION

#### Call for Abstracts

You are invited to submit abstracts for presentation during the 2019 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting and AHPA Annual Meeting!

**Deadline for submissions is October 12, 2018**

Abstract Award details will be available at [www.rheum.ca](http://www.rheum.ca).

### CANADIAN SPONDYLITIS ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Spondylitis Association continues to advocate for reasonable, affordable and safe access to medical cannabis. The CSA joined a group of patient groups to stand up against taxing medical cannabis. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana presented to the House Standing Committee on Finance (FINA) our objection to the excise tax proposal. Further taxing medical cannabis will add to the affordability issues that currently exist for patients choosing to medicate with cannabis. #Donttaxmedicine.



## Community Updates

### CANADIAN RHEUMATOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE DATA 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. We held a CANRAD Network Meeting during the 2018 CRA Annual Scientific Meeting & AHPA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC and we will be organizing a CANRAD Network Webinar this summer! For more information pertaining to our webinars or all other information concerning the CANRAD Network, please contact at [autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca](mailto:autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca) or visit our website <http://www.canradnetwork.ca/>.

The Canadian Network for Advanced Interdisciplinary Methods for comparative effectiveness research (CAN-AIM) objective is to respond to key knowledge gaps regarding drug safety and effectiveness by answering queries which arise from Health Canada and other regulatory parties. We are currently working with several enhanced cohorts, including PiMS, CATCH, CanHepC and GENESIS-PRAXY, as well as responding to a number of queries from Health Canada. Our team has collaborated with DSECT's webinar series; we encourage you to participate in the very informative sessions. For information on our queries, on our upcoming webinars or for more information on our team, please contact at [autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca](mailto:autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca) or visit our website <http://canaim.ca/>.



### McGill University Health Centre



Interesting research projects are underway at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (RI MUHC), led by rheumatologist Dr. Evelyne Vinet.

To improve strategies for health professionals counselling for pregnant women with rheumatic disease, her team is conducting a focus group study assessing the clinical and psychosocial needs, barriers, and facilitators to pregnancy counselling in women with RA and SLE. She is

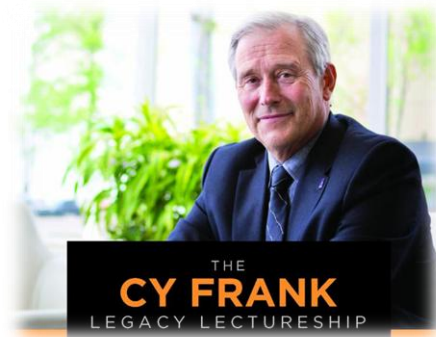
also building the Lupus prEGnAnCY (LEGACY) cohort, a large, multi-centre, international prospective cohort of SLE pregnancies, to evaluate adverse pregnancy outcomes, their predictors, and potential preventive therapies. A Canadian Initiative for Outcomes Research in Arthritis (CIORA) funded randomized controlled trial is underway assessing an educational tool for improving preeclampsia knowledge in pregnant women with SLE. Of note, team members of the Montreal General Hospital Lupus Clinic took part in the Scotia Bank Charity Challenge 5K run on April 21.

The event raised funds to support the Singer Family Fund for Lupus Research, funding that is instrumental to funding research activities at the clinic. For more information pertaining to our RI MUHC activities, fundraising efforts and our Lupus Clinic, please contact [autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca](mailto:autumn.neville@rimuhc.ca).

## McCAIG INSTITUTE FOR BONE AND JOINT HEALTH

### Cy Frank Legacy Lectureship: Now accepting nominations

The McCaig Institute is pleased to announce that the call for speaker nominations for the **2019 Cy Frank Legacy Lectureship** is now open. The Cy Frank Legacy Lectureship is an annual initiative organized by the McCaig Institute in collaboration with the Cumming School of Medicine, Alberta Innovates, and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences to commemorate the memory of Dr. Cyril Frank. The lectureship promotes the ideals of clinical research through engagement and exposure of the broad community in foundational matters relevant to Dr. Frank's career. The nominee will deliver lectures in three locations across Canada, one of which must be located in the Province of Alberta and another at the annual forum of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). Please feel free to circulate this announcement or submit a [nominee application form](#) to [mccaig@ucalgary.ca](mailto:mccaig@ucalgary.ca) by June 15th, 2018.



## Calendar of Events

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| Canadian Academy of Sport and Exercise Medicine (CASEM) Annual Symposium   | June 5-9, 2018              | Halifax, Nova Scotia   |
| EULAR 2018   | June 13-16, 2018            | Amsterdam, Netherlands   |
| 2018 Canadian Orthopedic Association Annual Meeting  | June 20-23, 2018            | Victoria, British Columbia   |
| Canadian Academy of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) Conference 2018   | June 20-23, 2018            | Vancouver, British Columbia  |
| Course on Sonoguided Interventions and Procedures in Musculoskeletal Diseases CAOT Conference 2018                             | September 12-14, 2018       | Barcelona, Spain   |
| 2018 Cochrane Colloquium   | September 16-18, 2018       | Edinburgh, UK  |
| Reaching Out with Arthritis Research (ROAR)  | September 29, 2018          | Burnaby, British Columbia  |
| CRA Canada Night in Chicago  | October 22, 2018            | Chicago, Illinois  |
| Canadian Obesity Network 7th Conference on Recent Advances in the Prevention and Treatment of Childhood and Adolescent Obesity | October 24-26, 2018         | Calgary, Alberta   |
| Arthritis Day for Primary Care Clinicians  | October 27, 2018            | Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario |
| Canadian Physiotherapy Association Congress, Palais des congrès de Montréal  | November 1-3, 2018          | Montreal, Quebec   |
| World Congress on Controversies, Debates and Consensus in Bone, Muscle and Joint Diseases (BMJD)                               | November 8-10, 2018         | Bangkok, Thailand  |
| Arthritis Forum  | November 10, 2018           | Palais des congrès de Montréal, Montréal, Quebec                         |
| <b>Arthritis Alliance of Canada (AAC) 2018 Annual Meeting</b>  | <b>November 21-22, 2018</b> | <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>  |

### ABOUT THE ARTHRITIS ALLIANCE OF CANADA

With more than 35 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:** Lina Gazizova at [lgazizova@arthritisalliance.ca](mailto:lgazizova@arthritisalliance.ca) or visit our website: [www.arthritisalliance.ca](http://www.arthritisalliance.ca).