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NSHRF NEWS

Funded Applicants Announced

Congratulations to the 62 funded applicants who received Project Grants, Capacity Grants and Student Awards in the 2007-'08 NSHRF Awards Competition. The researchers are exploring everything from breast cancer cells to autism spectrum disorder to use of anti-psychotics to ovarian cancer to maternity care to bone marrow. To meet our 2007 funded applicants, visit us at <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1180&siteid=1&lang=1>.

Quest Winner

We're pleased to present the 2007 Quest Award to Michael Bezuhly, a resident in plastic surgery and a Master's of Science student at Dalhousie University, who is exploring rejection in kidney transplants. To read more about Dr. Bezuhly's research project, drop by <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1035&siteid=1&lang=1>.

Research Advisory Committee Established

The first NSHRF Research Advisory Committee is now in place. The Committee will provide advice to the Board of Directors and staff of the Foundation on complex issues facing the health research community in Nova Scotia. More information on the Research Advisory Committee can be found at <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1260&siteid=1&lang=1>.

WELCOME ABOARD

Leading NSHRF takes dedication and passion. **Colleen Elliott** and **Jean Gray** bring both to their new roles on NSHRF's Board of Directors: Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

NSHRF also wishes to thank our former Chair Brian MacDougall for his leadership the last three years. Brian's dedication of time, skills and effort have made an invaluable contribution to the Foundation.

To meet our Board of Directors, please [click here](#).

IN PROFILE: NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH

The Heart of the Matter: Cardiovascular disease at the cellular level

Researchers have long known that obesity is an important risk factor for developing atherosclerosis, but the relationship between obesity and the disease is not fully understood. New research by a team from the Department of Pharmacology at Dalhousie University suggests that a key to unlocking the mystery might be found at the cellular level. Doctoral student Tanya McCarthy has identified and developed an in vitro cell model that will allow her to further explore the relationship between obesity and atherosclerosis. To read more go to: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1196&siteid=1&lang=1>.

BEARING RESULTS

Treating the Fear of Fear

Anxiety sensitivity (AS) refers to the fear of anxiety-related sensations. AS is a personality characteristic and a known risk factor for anxiety disorders. AS also has been linked to such serious health issues as depression, substance abuse, and chronic pain. Now, two researchers have gained important insight into how to help people who suffer from what is, essentially, fear of fear. To read more, go to: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1196&siteid=1&lang=1>.

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