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Systematic Review Author Training Workshop

The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation in partnership with the Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre present the Systematic Review Author Training Workshop on August 20 and 21, 2008.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide health researchers in Nova Scotia with an interest in systematic reviews with an introductory workshop on skills required to complete these reviews.

Application deadline is August 5, 2008.

Application form and workshop details are available on our web site:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1285&siteid=1&lang=1>

Environmental Scan: Collaborative Health Research Models

The NSHRF is exploring collaborative models for health research and contracted Pyra Management Consulting Services to conduct an environmental scan about Collaborative Health Research Models.

The report is intended to serve as a basis for discussion with stakeholders about the means of fostering collaborative health research throughout Nova Scotia.

A copy of the report is available in our Knowledge Transfer/Exchange Program Resources Section which is available on our website:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1280&siteid=1&lang=1>

Knowledge Transfer/Exchange Awards

Research User Uptake Award

This award is designed to support the development of skills in relation to accessing, appraising and applying research information for research users.

Applications are accepted from: **June 2, 2008 – December 15, 2008.**

For more detailed information regarding this award, please visit:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1182&siteid=1&lang=1>

NSHRF Program Calendar

We are pleased to announce the launch of the NSHRF Program Calendar. The calendar lists the registration and application deadlines for our program areas: Competitive Health Research and Matching Programs, Capacity Program and Knowledge Transfer/Exchange Program.

In addition, it also contains dates and information about workshops and other NSHRF sponsored initiatives. The NSHRF Program Calendar is available on our website at:
<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1329&siteid=1&lang=1>

NSHRF is pleased to announce the 7th Canadian Cochrane Symposium – Wave to the Future: Navigating the Health Connections among Systematic Reviews, Policies and Practices

The 7th Canadian Cochrane Symposium is an exciting opportunity to bring together health researchers, health policy decision makers, clinicians and consumers to learn about the latest methodology in systematic reviews and strategize how to utilize systematic reviews in decision-making processes. Hosted by the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, the Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre and the Cochrane Network Sites from across Atlantic Canada, this exciting event will include two full days of workshops, group discussions and plenary sessions.

The theme of this year's conference is, "**Wave to the Future – Navigating the Health Connections among Systematic Reviews, Policies and Practices**" which focuses on the essential role systematic reviews have in informing decision-making processes in health based on best knowledge available.

On **March 12 - 13, 2009**, join your colleagues from across Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia for an engaging, energizing discussion about navigating the health connections among systematic reviews, policies and practices.

The Wave to the Future web site will be launched on August 1, 2008.

Institute for Applied Health Research and Design: 2008

Application forms for the fourth annual Institute for Applied Health Research and Design are now available. The application deadline is **September 12, 2008**.

The purpose of the Institute is to support early career health researchers or clinicians new to health research (junior faculty members, post-doctoral fellows and senior PhD students) with an opportunity to build their grant writing skills.

The Institute Program Description Document and the Application Form are available on our website: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1106&siteid=1&lang=1>

Research Advances: Volume 10. Issue 1 Summer 2008

The latest edition of our newsletter Research Advances is now available. Research Advances is focused on the award-winning research being conducted in Nova Scotia and the impact these efforts have on the health of people in our province. The electronic version of Research Advances is available on our website:

<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1041&siteid=1&lang=1>

Photos from NSHRF Workshops

Photos from our workshops: "Mapping Health Geography in Nova Scotia: Opportunities in Health Geomatics"; "What's Gender/Sex Got To do With It?" "Health Research, Policy and Practice in Nova Scotia"; and "From Research to Policy Practice and Back Again: Promoting Knowledge Transfer and Exchange" are now available for you to see.

The slide shows are available at: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?id=1115&siteid=1&lang=1>

HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE

Representatives of the Steering Committee visited 2 western centres in Manitoba and Saskatchewan in late April to learn more of how different research centres are governed and operate. These visits proved beneficial to building the conceptual design of the centre.

The latest progress report from the Steering Committee is available on our website:
<http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?siteid=1&lang=1&id=1274>

Representatives of the Steering Committee on the steps of Manitoba's legislature.



From Left to Right: Patricia Martens, Director, Associate Professor, Senior Researcher, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. Dr. Marian Binkley, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dalhousie University. Krista Connell, CEO, Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation. Dr. Rob Strang, Chief Public Health Officer, Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection. Jim Millar, Chief Program Delivery, Nova Scotia Department of Health. Bob Moody, Project Consultant. Gillian Wood, Director of Government Relations, Dalhousie University. Will Webster, Dean of Health Professions, Dalhousie University.

IN PROFILE: NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH

Hunger & Health in Atlantic Canada

Investigators: Meaghan Sim, Graduate Student, Mount Saint Vincent University
Theresa Glanville, Professor-Department of Applied Human Nutrition,
Mount Saint Vincent University
Lynn McIntyre, Former Dean of Health Professions, Former Professor—Faculty
of Health Professions, Dalhousie University

A surprising number of Canadians live in what are called “food-insecure” households. Statistics Canada defines “food insecurity” as being worried about having enough to eat, not having enough to eat, or reporting having to eat lower quality or undesired food. Food insecurity is associated with poorer health outcomes, and low-income, single mother-led households are a group at risk for food insecurity.

Mount Saint Vincent University graduate student researcher Meaghan Sim received a grant from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation to study food insecurity in Atlantic Canadians. Ms. Sim was particularly interested in the food-management methods used by food-insecure households, an area that has received relatively little attention.

To read more, visit: <http://www.nshrf.ca/AbsPage.aspx?ID=1288&siteid=1&lang=1>

DID YOU KNOW?

Looking for a colleague, possible collaborator, or expert source of information? Find them through the Nova Scotia Directory of Health Researchers, available online at the NSHRF website!

If you are a Nova Scotian researcher working in a discipline either directly or indirectly related to health, please take a minute to add your name to the roster through your Canadian Common CV.

Visit www.nshrf.ca and click on the link on the left side of our home page for easy step-by-step instructions.

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