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Involvement is a key theme at the NSHRF. Our staff sits on a number of committees and boards provincially and nationally. We work to support the health research enterprise and our professions in as many ways as we can. I was recently appointed Chair of the Canadian Cochrane Centre Advisory Board. This is a great honour, as I have been involved with the Canadian Cochrane Centre (CCC) for five years and I am a strong advocate for the work they do.

The CCC is one of 14 Centres of the international Cochrane Collaboration. They cultivate evidence-based decision-making by promoting the use and accessibility of Cochrane Reviews. CCC also supports and offers high quality training in using and producing Cochrane Systematic Reviews. Nova Scotia has a Cochrane Resource Centre and we are very proud to support and work with them.

I began my involvement with CCC when they were working on a new Board structure. I continued to work with them, as a member of their fundraising committee and a member at large. In 2009, we – the NSHRF – hosted the 7th Annual Cochrane Canada Symposium to much success.

As incoming chair, I have big shoes to fill. Jean Gray, was the chair prior to my appointment. Jean is also the Chair of our Board at NSHRF and her commitment and passion for health research is something that we value very much. Jean has done a great job at chairing the Cochrane Advisory Board and I look forward to continuing and building on the work she has led.

The Cochrane Collaboration continually creates ways to share world class research with those who might wish to use it. Their recently developed website, Cochrane Summaries, is something that I am particularly interested in. The website – a searchable site of Cochrane Reviews – is designed for anyone to use, from a parent looking for information about their child's ear infection to a policy maker who is looking at revising senior care delivery. I am happy to spread the word about this site as it is relevant to REAL Knowledge. The information available on the site is Relevant to the decisions being made, Excellent in its quality, Accessible in a format and language that is easily understood and Legitimate by having the methodological rigor and standards to ensure it is in keeping with the body of knowledge. It is a practice that I hope to see continue to grow and one that the NSHRF looks forward to supporting.

Krista Connell, CEO



P.S. Our next E-News will be issued in August. We hope you all have a great start to the summer months.

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Research Programs

Congratulations to the 2012-13 Scotia Scholarship funded applicants

The list of funded applicants for the 2012-13 Scotia Scholarship is now available on our website. The Scotia Scholarship is intended to provide financial support to high caliber trainees engaged in health research related academic study at Nova Scotia universities. The goal of the Scotia Scholarship is to support the development of the next generation of highly qualified health researchers and leaders in the Nova Scotia health research enterprise. Scotia Scholarship funded applicants have the distinct honour to carry the designation of Scotia Scholar.

For more information on the funding opportunity please click [here](#).

In Profile: Nova Scotia Research

We would like to extend our congratulations to two of our funded applicants, Dr. Gail Tomblin-Murphy and Dr. Joan Versnel. Dr. Tomblin-Murphy and Dr. Versnel recently received awards from the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University for their contributions to teaching and research.

The following text is from the Faculty of Health Professions blog. Please visit the [blog](#) to learn more about the awards and the Faculty:

The Faculty of Health Professions Senior Research Excellence Award – Dr. Gail Tomblin-Murphy – Nursing - this award recognizes outstanding research that leads to significant progress in the understanding and/or management of a health-related problem, contributions to a health related field and overall excellence. Gail has developed an extensive program of research in the area of Health Human Resources with funding from several national and international agencies. Gail is also the Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Health Workforce Planning and Research, Associate Director – Research and International Affairs, School of Nursing.

The Faculty of Health Professions Early Career Research Excellence Award – Dr. Joan Versnel – Occupational Therapy - this award is given to a faculty member who, in the first seven years of their appointment at Dalhousie, has demonstrated outstanding research that leads to significant progress in the understanding and/or management of a health-related problem. Joan’s research focuses on adolescent/young adult self management with particular interest in the learning principles, families interest in the learning principles and how families negotiate self-management responsibilities. Joan is co-principal investigator on the PHAC project “The everyday experience of living with and managing a neurological condition: The LINC Study.”

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Other News

Notice from Canadian Common CV

A new version of the Canadian Common CV (CCV) will be implemented on June 19, 2012. The purpose of the CCV is to reduce the workload for Canada's research community by allowing researchers to maintain their CV data in a single repository and use it to apply to 22 different funding organizations across Canada.

In order to provide the research community with the best possible CV management tool, the CCV application was redeveloped to:

Put in place a dataset that is common to all granting agencies;

Provide a simpler and more portable application;

Allow researchers to maintain a generic CV and select the data they want for a particular grant application;

Use a new, reliable, and high-performance infrastructure.

The data for existing users will be migrated to the new application and Webinars and help tools will be available to assist the users. More detailed information will be provided in June, to further assist researchers with the new system.

Please visit the [Renewal section](#) of the CCV website where a FAQ is also available.

CIHR: Evidence-Informed Healthcare Renewal (EIHR) funding opportunity launch – Healthcare Renewal Policy Analysis grants

CIHR has launched an exciting new funding opportunity called Healthcare Renewal Policy Analysis. This is a joint program developed by CIHR IHSPR and the Knowledge Translation Branch as part of CIHR's Roadmap Signature Initiative in Evidence-Informed Healthcare Renewal (EIHR).

Healthcare Renewal Policy Analysis grants depend on meaningful partnerships between researchers and senior-level policy makers who work directly within the health sector in federal, provincial or territorial government departments, regional health authorities, or LHINs as well as those who work in other sectors (e.g., education, social services, industry) that develop policy with population-level health impacts.

These grants will support the generation of high-quality policy analyses that identify evidence-informed policy options for healthcare renewal in Canada in the EIHR priority areas of healthcare financing and funding, health system sustainability, and governance and accountability. Innovation in these areas will require contributions from a wide range of disciplines and would greatly benefit from contributions from economics, political science, sociology, philosophy, law, and other relevant fields. More information can be found [here](#).

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Did You Know?

Looking for a colleague, possible collaborator, or expert source of information? Take a look 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 directory through your [Canadian Common CV](#).

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