

NETworks

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Congratulations: Celebrating our Successes!

In the past several months, a number of our new CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET partners have received special recognition for their outstanding research efforts.



For example, Dr. Slocum has recently received a Research Trainee Award from Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) within the Health Services Research Division. The award will stem across a three year period beginning in 2009. As a MSFHR Research Trainee, Suzanne will be seeking to help cancer survivors manage the difficult physiological, emotional and psychological symptoms that often persist after cancer diagnosis and treatment through a yoga therapy program. In particular, her study will examine the feasibility of such a program within BC Cancer Agency's (BCCA) mainstream health services for breast cancer survivors, as well as conduct a controlled pilot study to measure effectiveness of yoga over time. If you have any questions for Suzanne, please contact her at SSlocum@bccancer.bc.ca.



In addition to Dr. Slocum, CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET PhD. candidate Harvey Bosma has also recently received recognition from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. Harvey's research project is titled: When does culture make a difference? Exploring the influence of culture in palliative and end of life care. The award is for one year with his data collection expected to begin this fall. Among other important drivers to receive this award, Harvey directly attributes his success in this competition to the opportunities he experienced as a student with the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET. Harvey can be reached at bosmah@shaw.ca for questions related to his cross cultural and palliative care research agenda.



As mentioned in last months edition of NETworks, Dr. Kirsten Bell recently received grant funding from the Knowledge Translation Branch of the Canadian Institute for Health Research. The purpose of her Knowledge Synthesis grant will be to explore cultural issues connected with delivering supportive and palliative care for cancer survivors. Among other things, Kirsten will work to synthesise existing knowledge on how to most effectively deliver supportive and palliative care to cancer survivors from culturally diverse backgrounds through a collaborative knowledge exchange partnership between decision-makers and researchers working in this area. As Dr. Bell is already becoming more and more known in her area of expertise, she is also becoming a well respected ambassador for our Knowledge Translation efforts as well. For further information regarding her grant or other aspects of her research, Dr. Bell can be reached at: kbell@bccancer.bc.ca.

Once again, congratulations to all our CIHR Cross-Cultural Palliative NET partners, each of whom are working hard to help us achieve our deliverables to the CIHR.

Upcoming Events: News you can use!

British Columbia Hospice Palliative Care Association 2008 Annual Conference: May 23 – 25, 2008 Sheraton Guildford Hotel, Surrey.
http://www.hospicebc.org/annual_conference.php

International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) 10th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology: June 9-13 2008 Madrid, Spain.
<http://www.ipos-society.org/ipos2008>

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization 2nd Annual Conference on Access to Hospice and Palliative Care: Aug 18-20th, 2008 Minneapolis, MN.
<http://www.nhpc.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=5401>

The International Union against Cancer (UICC) 2008 Congress: August 27-31 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland.
<http://www.uicc-congress08.org>

17th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill
Sept. 23-26th, 2008 Montreal, QB.
<http://www.pal2008.com/index.html>

BC Cancer Agency 2008 Annual Cancer Care Conference: November 20-22 2008 Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina, Vancouver, BC.

American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) 6th Annual Conference: February 5-8 2009 Charlotte, NC, USA.
<http://www.apos-society.org>

Did you know?



The newest funding opportunity offered by the Knowledge Synthesis and Exchange (KSE) Branch of the Canadian Institute for Health Research is the Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grant: End of Grant Knowledge Translation Supplement.

This grant provides supplemental funding for KT activities following the completion of a CIHR grant, or component of a grant, when it is appropriate to disseminate the results of the research beyond the traditional scientific community. The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$25,000 for up to one year. For more information about KT and/or related funding opportunities, please contact CIHR at: kse-sec@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

We want to hear from you

Absence does not make the heart grow fonder – the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET wants to hear from you as much as possible. We encourage you to let us know when you have or, better still, are close to publishing the results of research funded by new CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET. Please drop us a line at pweaver@bccancer.bc.ca

Find us on the web:

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/ResearchPrograms/NET/default.htm>

Next Meeting: Let's get together.

Monday May 26th, 2008
11: 00 AM – 1:00 PM PST.

To submit an article, posting, let us know about an upcoming event, or for more information, please contact:

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