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Welcome Notes

The Canadian Arthritis Trainee Association (CATA) welcomes all trainees to a new academic year! We hope that everyone had a great summer and is excited to go back to school. In this issue of the newsletter, we are introducing the 2012 The Arthritis Society/CAN training grant recipients and the winner of the Pfizer/CAN award, reviewing the past regional events from the summer, and highlighting our upcoming events and activities.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Through its partnership with The Arthritis Society, Canadian Arthritis Network (CAN) has directly funded many training awards since 1999. The Arthritis Society and CAN are creating the next generation of scientists who will free people with arthritis from their pain and disability. Funds are available for graduate students (Ph.D), research fellows and research scholars to acquire experience in basic science, clinical research, product services and development and industrial partnering. It is our great pleasure to announce this year's training award recipients.

Pfizer/CAN Graduate PhD award recipient

Laliberte, Maude (Supervisors: Dr. Bryn Williams-Jones, Dr. Debbie Feldman, Dr. Matthew Hunt, Dr. Barbara Mazer)
Institution/Program: Universite de Montreal, Programmes de bioethique, Department de medecine sociale et preventive, Faculte de medecine

The Arthritis Society/CAN Graduate PhD award recipients

Abubacker, Saleem (Supervisor: Dr. Tannin Schmidt)
Institution/program: University of Calgary, Faculty of Kinesiology

Crasto, Gazelle (Supervisor: Dr. Morris Manolson)
Institution/program: University of Toroto, Faculty of Dentistry

Moon, Paxton (Supervisor: Dr. Frank Beier)
Institution/program: University of Western Ontario, Department of Physiology & Pharmacology

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Jewitt, Lisa (Supervisor: Dr. Brett Thombs)
Psychiatry, Medicine (Rheumatology),
Jewish General Hospital

The Arthritis Society/CAN Network Scholar award recipient
De Vera, Mary (Mentors: Dr. Carlo Marra, Dr. John Esdaile)
University of British Columbia

The Arthritis Society/CAN Post Doctorial Fellow Award Recipients

Boudreau, Luc (Supervisor: Dr. Eric Boilard)
Institution/Program: CRCHUQ-CHUL, Microbiology
Infectious diseases and Immunology

Luca, Nadia (Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Stinson)
Institution/Program: The Hospital for Sick Children Childhood
Health Evaluative Sciences

Duvvuri, Bhargavi (Supervisor: Dr. Rae Yeung)
Institution/Program: University of Toronto
Department of Paediatrics

Yacoub, Daniel (Supervisor: Dr. Walid Mourad)
Institution/Program: Hopital Saint-Luc (CHUM)

Congratulations to all the recipients! We wish you all the best with your research!

CATA Trainee Placement Program

CATA is excited to launch the Trainee Placement Program supporting the development of multidisciplinary expertise of CATA members and encouraging collaborations between CATA trainees and partners in the arthritis community, government and industry. The potential applicant must be a member of Canadian Arthritis Trainee Association and currently supervised by a member of Canadian Arthritis Network.

The Trainee Placement Program will have three opportunities:

- 1) **Clinical Mentorship Program**, fosters an appreciation of the impact arthritis has in patient's lives and encourages trainees to identify clinically meaningful outcomes in their current research thesis. CATA trainees will visit a clinical center in the same city for a specified duration to observe the challenges associated with the clinical management of arthritis.
- 2) **Research Mentorship Program**, intended to support the visit of CATA trainees to collaborating labs in the same city in order to learn new techniques, obtain access to unique resources and facilitate collaborations amongst peers.
- 3) **Industry Mentorship Program**, fosters an understanding of how basic research is brought to the market place. The program facilitates the short term placement of CATA trainees in biotechnology companies in the same city to acquire workplace experience and industry contacts.

If you would like more information regarding the Trainee Placement Program, please contact Lise Rok, CATA external affair office at communications@arthritisrainee.ca.

Featured Institution

The Vancouver site of the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada now has a new home in Richmond, as of August. The move was very successful and everyone is enjoying the new space. Now that everyone is settled in, expect to see more journal clubs on a range of exciting topics in arthritis research, thanks to CATA's support. All arthritis trainees in Greater Vancouver are encouraged to attend these ongoing events, which are a great opportunity to learn about the latest research, critique research methods, and network. For information on attending or presenting at an upcoming journal club, please contact Allison Ezzat at allison ezzatt@gmail.com or Lindsay Wall at lw@arthritisresearch.ca.



Review on CATA Summer Activities

CATA members from Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax have been continuously organizing various useful events for the trainees, encouraging research, scientific collaboration, developing professional skills and networking during the summer.

CATA also had an event at the 2012 Canadian Connective Tissue Conference (CCTC) held in May in Toronto. It was a great chance to meet and interact with wonderful mentors, researchers and young professionals across the country. It allowed us to expand our networking with other researchers, and finally, to promote CATA to those who have not heard about us. We are also here to promote other meetings related to arthritis, cartilage and bone research, allowing trainees to acquire useful knowledge and insight for their own research and profession.



2012 Walk to Fight Arthritis

CATA members from each region participated in the 3rd Annual Walk to Fight Arthritis held by the Arthritis Society in June (May - Montreal). We were thrilled to be involved again this year and raise awareness for arthritis.

Vancouver, BC

CATA members in Vancouver have been keeping up with monthly journal clubs and recently held a 'Lunch and Learn- Short and Sweet presentations.' This Lunch and Learn was catered to graduate students (both CATA current and prospective trainees) who are conducting research in arthritis, bone health, falls/fracture prevention, and arthritis knowledge translation. It was intended to build skills in the delivery of short presentations by focusing on presenting skills, packaging, key messages, and audience engagement.

Toronto, ON

In addition to regular journal clubs, CATA Toronto team has been organizing a series of Lunch and Learn sessions to provide CATA trainees such as 'Pubmed-search' during the summer. This session aimed at providing trainees with opportunity to increase their knowledge on how to utilize Pubmed efficiently for basic science research and how to conduct database searches for literature review.



CATA always welcomes applications for regional CATA activities such as journal clubs and networking events for its members and the CAN investigators.

Montreal, QC

CATA Montreal chapter has organized several workshops and journal clubs in the past. The CATA Montreal team held an invited speaker lecture on the 'Tissue Engineering in Arthritis Research' in which Dr. Derek Rosenzweig, a post doctoral fellow from McGill University, discussed his research experience and innovative techniques he used during his Ph.D. This lecture was followed by a discussion session that engaged the audience.



Halifax, NS

CATA Halifax team had its first seminar on Pubmed Search. The seminar gave CATA members a thorough tutorial on the new features that are available on Pubmed from a qualified instructor on the Dalhousie University Library staff. There will be more events coming up for this semester in Halifax!

2012 Fall Training Day

September 21st-23rd 2012

The Arthritis Society/CAN Training Day will be held this year at the beautiful Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville, Ontario from September 21-23. In between the networking and enjoying the fresh air, Trainees will learn about Knowledge Translation, Graphic Design, Relationships between Supervisor and Student and Industry and Entrepreneurship. If you are interested in being apart of the planning committee for future Training Days, please contact Stefanie Cara at scara@mtsinai.on.ca.



Upcoming Event(s)/Conference(s)/Scholarship deadline(s) :

- 1) Reaching Out with Arthritis Research (ROAR): Saturday, October 13, 2012 (9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m)
Where? Vancouver Public Library (Alice MacKay Room, Library Square Conference Centre.)
Register online or by phone: www.arthritisresearch.ca/ROAR 604-871-4580 or 604 207-4005
- 2) 2013 Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) Annual Scientific Meeting abstract deadline:
October 12th 2012, Visit <http://www.speakerready.com/abstracts/CRA/> for more info.
- 3) 2013 Osteoarthritis Research Society Internation (OARSI) meeting abstract deadline:
December 3, 2012, 11:59 PM, Eastern Standard Time
Visit <http://2013.oarsi.org/general-information> for more information
- 4) CIHR Scholarship: October 15th, 2012
- 5) Vanier Canada Graduate Studentship: November 6th 2012
- 6) FRQS (only for students studying in Quebec): October 15th, 2012

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If you have any information you want published in our newsletter and have any comments or suggestions, we would be happy to hear from you.

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