



# Summer 2017 Newsletter



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## • Chair Update •

Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Canada! I hope you are all enjoying your summer so far. This newsletter is filled with lots of interesting information including the announcement of the NRIG 2017 award winners for our scholarships and research grants program!

### Update on Member Survey

In February and May 2017, NRIG sent out an online survey by email to learn more about our members and

hear what is important to you! The NRIG executive is using this information in our strategic planning for the next two years (2017-2019). In total, we received 90 responses and we thank all of you who took the time to complete the survey and provide such valuable feedback to us. We are using this information to ensure we address our members' priority needs.

Results informed us that the most important NRIG membership resource is the scholarships and grants program. Additionally, NRIG members told us they value the educational webinar sessions and newsletters but would like to see a more up to date and user friendly NRIG website as well as information on networking/collaborating, funding and, nursing research educational opportunities and articles on nursing research. The NRIG executive is striving to integrate this feedback to better serve our members. A full report of the survey results will be provided at our fall AGM (*please note that we will send AGM information to NRIG members in a separate email once the details for the AGM are confirmed*).

### New NRIG Website

Based on feedback from the NRIG member survey, an NRIG website subcommittee was formed in the spring of 2017. Led by Joyce Tsui, NRIG's website communication lead, this subcommittee has been working hard on the creation of a new NRIG website! The intention is to



launch the new website in the fall of 2017. We will keep NRIG members informed about this exciting work! If you have suggestions for what you would like to see in the new website, please let us know!

### In the News:

The below article from the Ottawa Citizen about predatory journals is worth reading:

*Fake science publisher accepts (again) a paper already exposed as 'pile of dung'.*

To access the article, please click [here](#).

Remember that submissions from NRIG members for content in our newsletters are always welcome. Please share your stories, thoughts and ideas with us!

*Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Chyzy, NRIG Chair*



## • Policy and Political Action •

It was an honour to attend the 17th Annual Queen's Park Day on February 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. My first time at the event was exciting. It was a great opportunity to represent nurses across the Province and to bring forth NRIG's Policy and Political Action agenda. There were many progressive changes during the two-day event. During our first day, Barbara Chyzy and I attended RNAO's assembly meeting and had the opportunity to network with fellow nurses, nurse leaders, community members and activists. Over the course of our days at Queen's Park, we met with key figures in Ontario's parliament as well as learned about the history of the provincial legislature and the legislative process. My colleagues and I met with MPPs including Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister Hoskins, Patrick Brown and Health Critic Jeff Yurek to discuss key issues concerning the nursing profession and practice in Ontario. Shortly after our meetings, we attended the Legislative Assembly at the Ontario Legislative Building at Queen's Park where we were introduced by our local MPPs, which was followed by stages of debate and decision-making.

RNAO and other nursing organizations have been working diligently to advocate for advancement in nursing practice including RNs prescribing medications independently and increasing NP scope of practice to include to prescribing controlled substances. We are thrilled resolutions were made on Day Two. The goals came to fruition when health minister Eric Hoskins announced amendments to the Nursing Act for this spring to give RNs the authority to independently prescribe



medications and communicate diagnoses and NPs to prescribe controlled substances. I was delighted to witness such great work by outstanding leaders in our community and the leadership and political stance that was taken by nurses to advocate for this change in nursing practice across the Province.

At the last day of the event, we attended the Annual Interest Group meeting where we discussed ways to support the needs of our current members, recruitment strategies, and the mission and vision of RNAO. Overall, the days at Queen's Park were indubitably successful. Although specific goals set forth by NRIG to raise awareness about the importance of nursing research and alternative funding sources for novice researchers were not directly addressed at this event, we are optimistic that there will be other opportunities to put forth our agenda to support our current and future members of NRIG.

*Respectfully Submitted by Sheila Boamah, NRIG Policy & Political Action Officer*



## • NRIG Awards •

We are very pleased to continue to be able to support the ongoing research and scholarship of NRIG members. This year \$8000 was awarded to nursing students and novice researchers in Ontario: one \$1000 Research Award (through the Registered Nurse Foundation of Ontario, RNFOO), two Graduate Scholarships valued at \$1500 each and two Research Grants valued at \$2000 each. We received a total 9 applications for the NRIG Graduate Scholarships program and 4 applications for the NRIG Research Grant Program.

We are proud to announce the following 2017 NRIG Award, Scholarship and Grant recipients:

**NRIG Research Award** (awarded by RNFOO), valued at \$1000:

- **Heather Hartley**, Master of Nursing student, University of Ottawa

**Grant Scholarships**, each valued at \$1,500:

- **Amy Wright**, PhD student, McMaster University
- **Robin Coatsworth-Puspokey**, PhD student, University of Alberta

**Research Grant**, each valued at \$2,000:

- **Dr. Gillian Strudwick**, Project Scientist, Information Management Group, Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)



➤ **Dr. Charlotte Lee**, Assistant Professor, Ryerson University

We look forward to hearing about their completed research projects and profiling their work in future newsletters!

**CONGRATULATIONS 2017  
NRIG AWARD, SCHOLARSHIP AND  
GRANT RECEIPTS!**

*Respectfully submitted by Sue Bookey-Bassett, Past NRIG Chairperson*



**• In the Spotlight •**



This year, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Scientific Meeting for the Canadian Pain Society in rainy Halifax, Nova Scotia. I was in attendance to present two poster presentations based on my master's thesis in nursing that was partially funded by a scholarship I was awarded in 2016 by NRIG. Thanks to this scholarship, I

was able to apply the funds to transcription services for my qualitative study to help accelerate the analysis of one of the studies.

The Canadian Pain Society planned a very exciting and innovative program for this year. The program included experts in the field discussing highly debated topics dominating the public news such as the opioid crisis, marijuana use, and kangaroo care for neonatal procedural pain management. One of the most innovative features was the accreditation of the conference to be patients included. Not only did the conference award multiple patient scholarships for patients to attend the full conference program, they were included in panel discussions and invited to speak at the trainee workshop. It was incredibly moving and inspiring to hear from patients throughout the conference as their feedback and questions are invaluable to continuing any body of research. I felt from a nursing perspective that it brought back the attitude of maintaining a holistic view in research. Patients are the reason most of us became a nurse, and we should never lose sight of that.

The presentation of both my posters at this conference was a great learning experience for myself. I was able to connect and network with many of Canada's top pain scientists in a variety of fields. Pain research extends from nursing to psychology, medicine and basic science. I was also able to discuss the unique contextual needs of nurses who work in rural Northern Ontario in regards to their experience in dealing with pediatric pain management. Presenting my findings was important to me, as there is a paucity of pediatric pain literature dedicated to the rural



context in Canada, as most of it has focused in tertiary care settings.

I would like to thank NRIG again for the award of the Nursing Research Interest Group. I am grateful that I was able to attend and disseminate my research to a topic close to my heart. The abstracts of my accepted poster presentations of both my research studies are published in the very first journal for the Canadian Pain Society, *Canadian Journal of Pain*.

Check out the Patients included information page on the Canadian Pain Society website for more information, [here](#).

Carolyn Truskoski RN, BScN  
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University of Ottawa

## • Research Webinars •

### NRIG Webinars

In March, NRIG hosted an *Interprofessional Research Teams* webinar presented by CIHR/Schlegel Industrial Research Chair for Colleges in Seniors, Dr. Veronique Boscart, president of RNAO's Nursing Research Interest Group and Professor at Humber and New Brunswick's collaborative Nursing Program, Barbara Chyzy, and Linda Sheiban the Research Coordinator for Schlegel's Research Center for Advancing Seniors Care at Conestoga College. The archived webinar can be accessed [here](#).

### Free Research Webinars

#### International Institute for Qualitative Methodology: Master Class Webinar Series

Free, one-hour webinar sessions!

- Researchers will present their latest work, discuss key issues, and exchange ideas and experiences with you.
- Intended for all disciplines interested in qualitative research, experts and novices alike.
- Each month a different qualitative voice will share and engage in discourse with attendees from all around the world.

For more information, please see [here](#).

#### CHIR Facilitated Information Sessions:

CIHR is holding a series of Question and Answer webinars on the Project Grant: Fall 2017 application. Project grants are designed to support researchers *at any career stage* to build and conduct health-related research and knowledge translation projects across CIHR's mandate. Upcoming dates for these information sessions are:

- Tuesday, August 01, 2017 from 13:00-14:00 EDT (English)
- Friday, August 18, 2017 from 11:00-12:00 EDT (French)
- Friday, August 18, 2017 from 13:00-14:00 EDT (English)
- Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 13:00-14:00 EDT (French)
- Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 13:00-14:00 EDT (English)
- Thursday, September 07, 2017 from 11:00-12:00



EDT (French)

➤ Friday, September 08, 2017 from 13:00-14:00

EDT (English)

For more information, please see [here](#).

*Respectfully submitted, Demelza Domingo, NRIG  
Communications Officer, Newsletter*



## • Scholarships and Awards •



**Sigma Theta Tau International  
Honor Society of Nursing®**

Please click [here](#) to access the following upcoming  
Grant opportunities:

September 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 Grant Application Deadline:

➤ [Oncology Nursing Society Foundation Grant](#)



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention



**Sigma Theta Tau International  
Honor Society of Nursing®**

Join the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA for the 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention

#### Theme

*Influence Through Action: Advancing Global Health,  
Nursing, and Midwifery*

#### Date & Location

October 28 - November 1, 2017!

28 October - 1 November 2017 — Indianapolis,  
Indiana, USA

For further information, please see [here](#):

#### 2017-2018 Building Brighter Futures: Bursary, Scholarships and Awards

“Successful futures are created through hard work, creativity, perseverance. Each one of us has a unique potential to achieve, and for First Nation, Inuit, and Metis students, Indspire is here to help make that happen”.

Please click [here](#) and apply by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.



The \$15K Challenge awards \$15, 000 to various organizations who can help advance the health of women and girls.

**Deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017** (Notice of Intent is due September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by 4:00pm). Please click [here](#).



**NRIG**

**Nursing Research Interest Group**

### **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council**

The Partnership Engage Grants provide short-term and timely support for partnered research activities that will inform decision-making at a single partner organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector.

**Deadline is September 15, 2017.** For more information, please click [here](#).



**The Terry Fox Research Institute**  
**L'Institut de recherche Terry Fox**

New Frontiers Program Project Grants (2018). The funding program provides support to a group of independent researchers from multiple disciplines conducting high quality investigations in a complex area of cancer research.

**Letter of Intent is due on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** For more information, please click [here](#).



### **Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute**

The Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program supports projects that encourage active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as integral members of the PCOR/clinical effectiveness research enterprise.

**Deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017** (Notice of Intent is due September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by 4:00pm). Please click [here](#).



### **CHIR Foundation Grant**

The program is designed to contribute to a sustainable foundation of new and established health research leaders, by providing long-term support for the pursuit of innovative and high-impact research programs.

*New/Early Career Investigators: Special Consideration*

New/Early Career Investigators are eligible to apply to the Foundation Grant competition as Program Leaders. To support the objective of the program a minimum annual intake of New/Early Career Investigators into the Foundation Grant portfolio will be maintained.

A minimum of 15% of funded grants will be allocated to New/Early Career Investigators.

**Deadline to apply is August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** For more information please click [here](#).



CCCN Research Grant. The purpose of this grant is to provide funds to CCCN members for research pertaining to cardiovascular or cerebrovascular nursing in Canada.

**Deadline is September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Please click [here](#) to apply.



**NRIG**

Nursing Research Interest Group

## • 2016-2017 NRIG Executive Members •

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