

CTCRI Update – March 2008

An update of CTCRI activities and projects for the tobacco control community of practice.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Mar 31: [Student Research](#)

Apr 1: [Idea Grants & Policy Research Grants](#)

May 30: [Research Planning](#)

For more information on our grant programs, including forms, the review process and profiles of funded grants, see the CTCRI website, or call 416 934 5666.

Publications

CTCRI publications are available for download from the [publications](#) page of our website or hard copies can be mailed to you free of charge by contacting info@ctcri.ca.

Future Directions

CTCRI's strategic partners are the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, Health Canada and the National Cancer Institute of Canada. Working with the core partners, our project partners, and with the larger tobacco control community, CTCRI is developing a strategic plan for 2009-2014.

Over a series of consultations in the last 6 months, and in the coming 6 months, that include strategic planning, evaluation and the results of a meeting of advisors, the CTCRI has identified a number of key themes that will inform CTCRI's future direction. These include the importance of continuing a commitment to tobacco control research, participation in global tobacco control efforts and the contribution that tobacco control research can make to chronic disease prevention.

There is a commitment from all of the partners to continue supporting tobacco control research in general. Currently, all of CTCRI's strategic partners are committed to supporting the work of CTCRI through to March 2009 after which a new memorandum of understanding must be signed.

New Staff

After five years of dedication and commitment, CTCRI is sad to say good-bye to Yulia Yerofeyeva. We thank her for her work and she will be missed.

CTCRI welcomes Cecilia Pangilinan as the new Research Grants Administrator. Cecilia brings many years of experience in grants administration and we are looking forward to her support and insights for our grant programs.

BMJ supplement - Tobacco Control – Quitlines

A special supplement of the British Medical Journal's *Tobacco Control* focusing on Quitlines was published in December 2007. This publication was a cooperative effort of the CTCRI, Health Canada, the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, the US National Institute on Drug Abuse and the US National Cancer Institute.

The supplement builds on work of the North American Quitline Consortium and its partners to provide a review of current research and practice into the effectiveness and use of quitlines in North America. The supplement includes papers of interest to both researchers and decision-makers.

A limited number of hard copies of the supplement are available from the CTCRI. The article is available online from the [BMJ Tobacco Control website](#) (subscription required for full text articles).



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4th Annual Symposium

CTCRI and partners are hosting the 4th Annual Symposium for Research to Inform Tobacco Control on February 26 & 27, 2008. The Symposium is a pre-conference to the annual SRNT meeting held this year in Portland from February 27 to March 1.

CTCRI & partners distributed nearly **100 travel grants** to support student researchers to attend and participate in the Symposium and SRNT meeting.

Grantee Reporting

Thank you to CTCRI grantees and supporters who work to disseminate their findings!

Please remember to notify the CTCRI of any publications or presentations you make as a result of our research support so we can assist in the knowledge sharing!

PATS issue: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Gender



The December 2007 issue (Vol. 4, No. 8) of the *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society* focused on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and included the proceedings of the *Workshop: "Toward a Research Agenda on Gender and COPD"*. Sixty experts gathered in November 2006 and January 2007 to discuss the rapidly increasing rates of COPD in women. COPD is an incurable disease, and approximately 90% of cases are related to smoking (Canadian Lung Association).

The symposium was sponsored by CIHR and the CTCRI (via a Workshop & Learning Opportunity Grant) and the [Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement: Bridging Excellence in Respiratory Disease and Gender Studies \(ICEBERGS\)](#). The full-text papers are available on the [PATS website](#).

Funded Research

[Congratulations to the successful grantees from recent competitions](#). Over \$250,000 was awarded for grant programs within the Strategic Initiative "Advancing the Science to Reduce Tobacco Abuse and Nicotine Addiction":

- **Three Idea Grants** were given to:
 - Dr. Sean Barrett (Dalhousie University), "Individual differences in the response to nicotine and non-nicotine components of smoking: Implications for smoking cessation treatment outcomes"
 - Dr. Tony George (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health), "Implementing transcranial magnetic stimulation for smoking cessation in Schizophrenia"
 - Dr. Robert Reid (Ottawa Health Services Network), "Smoking and cessation among pregnant women in the Baffin region of Nunavut"
- **One Policy Research Grant** was awarded to Dr. Pamela Kaufman (Ontario Tobacco Research Unit) "Second hand smoke exposure at entrances to public buildings"
- **Three Student Research Grants** were awarded to support unique or original research in tobacco control to Christina Darredeau (Dalhousie University), Benoit Forget (CAMH), and Raphael Lencucha (University of Western)

To view a [profile of each funded grant](#) and for further information about the [Strategic Initiative and CTCRI Grant Programs](#) see the CTCRI web page: www.ctcri.ca.

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