

CTCRI Update – November 2008

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

PLEASE NOTE:
Important changes to CTCRI research grant programs: Please see revised grant application deadlines on our website.

Upcoming Grant Funding deadlines

Jan 01: [Workshop & Learning Opportunity](#)

Jan 31: [Researcher Travel](#)

For more information on our grant programs, including forms, the review process and profiles of funded grants, see the CTCRI website, or contact us at 416 934 5666 or info@ctcri.ca.

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Future Directions

CTCRI has benefited from the strengths and contributions of each of our strategic partners. Two of our partners, the Canadian Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute of Canada have announced that NCIC's operations will be integrated with the Society, resulting in a single, stronger cancer control and cancer research organization (see www.ncic.cancer.ca, choose *Update* in the *What's New* side bar). The CTCRI is pleased to announce that the newly integrated CCS would like to continue to act as the administrative home for the CTCRI at its national office in Toronto.

The CTCRI Board of Directors met at the end of September in Toronto to discuss the future of the partnership, including consideration of the structure and location of the CTCRI secretariat. In the coming months, the Board of Directors will continue to work towards finalizing decisions around the operations and governance of CTCRI and will move forward in solidifying the partnership for the next several years.

CTCRI-Funded Research: Contraband Tobacco & the RCMP

A CTCRI-funded Knowledge Synthesis (KS) grant into anti-contraband tobacco measures was cited in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police 2008 *Contraband Tobacco Enforcement Strategy*.

The KS Grant funded Dr. Robert Schwartz of the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit (OTRU) and his team for the project entitled "Anti-contraband Measures: Evidence for Better Practice." The goal of the project is to "systematically collect and assess practical and scientific knowledge" of anti-contraband measures from around the world. The RCMP Strategy cited the OTRU study as an example of its strategy to collaborate with academic and non-governmental organizations in its efforts to find effective ways to prevent the illegal sale of tobacco.

Through literature review, case studies, interviews, expert focus panels and other forms of knowledge gathering, the study has gathered input from policy makers, decision makers, researchers, and enforcers. The results of the study will support policy and decision makers in the development of more effective anti-contraband policies.

CTCRI's Knowledge Synthesis Grant program operates through a Request for Applications process; the 2007 RFA focused on contraband tobacco and methods to control it. The topic was chosen based on research needs identified in consultation with the tobacco control community, including the Tobacco Control Liaison Committee and the Canadian Centre for Tobacco Control.



From November 10-12 2008, the **Ontario Tobacco Research Unit** is holding a conference: *Tobacco Control for the 21st Century*. The CTCRI is contributing up to \$40,000 to the event, some of which will support the attendance of students and trainees.

More information on the workshop is available on the OTRU website at www.otru.org/conference

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!

The KS program uses CTCRI's Better Practices model for research to promote continual improvement and feedback between the research and the decision maker community. The 2007 KS competition piloted the use of an Operational Team that regularly advises the research teams.

Stakeholder Consultation: The Future of Tobacco Control in Canada

As part of our strategic planning and evaluation for the next phase (2009-14), the CTCRI held two meetings to hear from tobacco control researchers and experts. In September 2007 and March 2008, the CTCRI convened several leaders and experts in the field of tobacco control to discuss the future opportunities in tobacco control research.

The consultations covered such tobacco control issues as public policy, knowledge transfer, high priority populations, and biological interventions. CTCRI has posted the presentations and summaries from both of these consultation meetings on the CTCRI website in order to share the information with the broader tobacco control community. The presentations can be found under the [Future of Tobacco Control Research](#) on the [Projects](#) page on the CTCRI website:

To continue this consultation process, the CTCRI is sponsoring a third workshop in January 2009 on research initiatives that focus on building capacity in tobacco control research.

Funded Research

[Congratulations to the successful grantees from recent competitions](#). Over \$170,000 was awarded for grant programs within the Strategic Initiative "Advancing the Science to Reduce Tobacco Abuse and Nicotine Addiction":

- **A Workshop and Learning Opportunity Grant** was awarded to Dr. Jennifer O'Loughlin (Université de Montréal), entitled "[Youth cessation workshop, Oct. 1-2, 2008, at the Chateau Vaudreuil \(Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec\)](#)".
- **Two Fast-Track Policy Research Grants** were awarded to:
 - Dr. Geoffrey Fong (University of Waterloo), "[Evaluation of the city of Woodstock's outdoor smoking by-law – A longitudinal study of smokers and non-smokers](#)"
 - Dr. Annette Schultz (University of Manitoba), "[Patient and practitioner experiences of managing tobacco use post-implementation of a hospital smoke-free ground policy: Exploring the shifting culture of tobacco control in hospital settings](#)"

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

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