

Trois-Rivieres Joins Canadian Research Consortium

FIRST SYMPOSIUM HELD

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The Universite du Quebec a Trois-Rivieres (UQTR), represented by Pierre Boucher, BSc, DC, DABCN, MSc, has become the eighth institutional member of the Consortium of Canadian Chiropractic Research Centers (CCCRC). Dr. Boucher will be the program organizer for the consortium's second symposium, scheduled for November 2000 at UQTR.

The roots of the consortium date back to Nov. 1995 when the Canadian Chiropractic Association advanced a plan to improve the quality and quantity of chiropractic research in Canada. The idea was to make recommendations about the design and direction of research, including funding, human resources, organization, communication and the setting of priorities.

Toward that goal, the Consortium of Canadian Chiropractic Research Centers (CCCRC) was formed in Jan. 1997. Howard Vernon, DC, FCCS, associate dean of research at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto, Ontario, is the first chairman.

The consortium is fostering greater awareness among chiropractic researchers in Canada about work of their colleagues. The goal of interchanging ideas and resources is to engender more collaborative research.

The CCCRC has committed to:

- a bi-annual research symposium and an annual research meeting;
- developing scientific position papers;
- advising researchers and facilitating access between researchers, consumers and funding agencies; and
- fostering and supporting the education of young researchers.

On November 14-15, 1998, at the University of Calgary, the consortium hosted its first Canadian Chiropractic Scientific Symposium. The Canadian Chiropractic Association sponsored the symposium. There were 150 in attendance.

The keynote speakers included Drs. Conway, Cote, McGill, Vernon and Cassidy. Also addressing the symposium were Drs. Haldeman, Grice, Gitelman and Coulter. Dr. Mark Bisby of the Medical Research Council of Canada lectured on grantsmanship.

The quality of podium and poster presentations provided significant evidence of increasing levels of

research activity by the likes of Drs. Triano, McGregor, Gudavalli, Carroll, Cramer, Vernon, Cassidy, Boucher, Mior, Kawchu and McMorland.

Dr. Walter Herzog was honored as the Canadian Chiropractic Association's "Researcher of the Year."

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