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In 2007, the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation (CCRF) established the CCRF Professorship in Rehabilitation Epidemiology with a generous pledge of $500,000 to promote advancement and scholarship in the field of occupational therapy. The following stewardship report highlights the selected incumbent, Dr. André Bussières. Dr. Bussières best met the criteria of the CCRF, and the School of Occupational Therapy.

The Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation (CCRF) had a vision; to build the profession’s intellectual capacity and body of evidence to support best practice. This vision was to create Research chairs/professorships across Canada, in widely diverse fields of research relevant to chiropractic practice; such as surgery, epidemiology, biological sciences, physiology, education, kinesiology and rehabilitation. We are in fact the third rehabilitation program to welcome a CCRF professorship and the 11th such research chair across the country. We congratulate the CCRF for being so successful in making their vision a reality. It should be acknowledged that Dr. Allan Gotlib, Director of Research at the CCRF, is the driving force behind these research chairs.

The recipient of the professorship in Rehabilitation Epidemiology funded by the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation is Dr. André Bussières. We welcome him to this professorship position, as an integral member of our faculty of the School of Physical & Occupational Therapy within the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University.

Dr. Bussières has had an interesting multidisciplinary career path. He completed an undergraduate degree in Nursing at the Université de Montréal before completing his Chiropractic Doctorate from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto. More recently, he became interested in research and completed a Master’s degree in Kinesiology (UQTR) followed by a PhD in Population Health at Ottawa University, supported by a CIHR fellowship. Therefore Dr. Bussières brings to McGill considerable knowledge and expertise in a variety of areas pertinent to rehabilitation science and practice.

The School of P&OT is committed to extending our reach to other regions of Quebec and to actively collaborating with other centres and universities. As such, Dr. Bussières will maintain his tenured professorial appointment at the Departement chiropratique, Université du Québec à Trois Rivières (UQTR), and will contribute one day per week teaching in their program. However he will focus his research efforts in musculoskeletal health at McGill University over the remaining time, with particular emphasis in the development of evidence-based practice guidelines for the profession and new scientific discoveries relevant to practice. We are very pleased to enter into this partnership with the UQTR and with the CCRF.
I am very pleased to introduce Assistant Professor Dr. André Bussières to the staff and faculty of McGill’s School of Physical and Occupational Therapy. He has joined our team this autumn in the position of Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation (CCRF) Professorship in Rehabilitation Epidemiology.

André earned a BSc in 1987 in nursing at the Université de Montréal and he followed that with a Chiropractic Doctorate from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto, in 1991. After more than 10 years in private practice in Richelieu, Brossard and Trois-Rivières, he turned his attentions to the study of kinesiology and earned his MSc in that domain at Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR). He has recently completed his PhD training in Knowledge Translation with Dr Jeremy Grimshaw (Director of Cochrane Canada) at the University of Ottawa.

His research interest focuses on evidence-based guideline developments and uptake to improve clinical practice and patient outcome, knowledge synthesis, implementation research and professional behaviour change.

André has teaching experience in the areas of health interventions, orthopedics and rheumatology, and research methods. He has a cross-appointment as Professor at UQTR.

André was the recipient of the 2009 Canadian Chiropractic Association Young Investigator Award and also has received two international prizes, from the European Chiropractic Union, and the Association of Chiropractic Colleges Educational Conference. He has published over 20 peer-reviewed publications, 3 book chapters and numerous poster presentations.

André is a highly qualified addition to the School, and I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to McGill.

(signed) Annette Majnemer, OT, PhD, FCAHS
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