

# CIMVHR Newsletter

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Colleagues,

As this newsletter reaches you, the last vacation days of summer will be behind us and you, like us, are delving into the start of a new school year, and the fall season of work. Our summer at CIMVHR was a productive time in the planning of our third annual MVHR Forum. As with the first two Forums, support and engagement has been overwhelming. In response to the Call for Abstracts, we received over 150 submissions for review, resulting in over 100 invitations to present. Sponsors have been generously supporting the Forum again this year and we invite you to check out the impressive roster on the Sponsors page of the [Forum website](#). We'll give you more details and updates on the Forum later in this newsletter.

Another exciting development this summer is that CIMVHR can proudly announce our pan-Canadian reach with committed University representation in every province across the country. The University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria became the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> institutions to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to work with the CIMVHR and the MVHR Network.

And, to add to that September feeling of "new beginnings", we are both excited and sad to announce a change in the CIMVHR family. Our Communications Manager Lauren Hanlon, who helped launch the CIMVHR, has decided to pursue a career in teaching and will be starting school in Ottawa in September. Luckily we won't be completely without the joy of Lauren's energy and enthusiasm as she will stay on with us part-time, working from Ottawa. Replacing Lauren as our new full-time Communications Manager is Marie-Claude Gagnon. "MC" brings with her a strong background in public relations, communications and marketing experience and on her first week at CIMVHR she "hit the ground running" learning the ropes and bringing her new ideas to the team. We are excited to add MC to our team and look forward to introducing her to our CIMVHR colleagues in the weeks and months to come.

Wishing you all a safe and happy September transition-time and we look forward to seeing you all at the Forum in November (if you haven't yet, be sure to register soon – we will sell-out!).

Sincerely,

Dr. Alice B. Aiken, Director and Dr. Stéphanie A.H. Bélanger, Associate Director

## CIMVHR Welcomes the First Canadian Forces Chair in Military Trauma Research, Colonel Homer Tien

On July 3rd, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Chris Alexander, presented Colonel Homer Tien with the Canadian Forces Major Sir Frederick Banting Term Chair in Military Trauma Research. Mr. Alexander stated feeling: "very proud that Colonel Tien's continuing work is being recognized, and that he is being extended this important opportunity as the first Canadian Forces Chair in Military Trauma Research."

Colonel Tien, a Canadian military trauma surgeon, is the current Medical Director of the Tory Regional Trauma Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and an associate scientist at Sunnybrook Research Institute. He has served in Bosnia with the Stabilization Force, in Kabul with the International Security Assistance Force, and has deployed multiple times to the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit (MNU) in Kandahar.



The Surgeon General, Commodore Hans Jung foresaw positive results from this appointment: "Under the leadership of Colonel Tien, we will have the ability to further combine our efforts with other institutions in order to broaden our research capacity and to ensure better care for our military members and Veterans."

## Farwell to Cdre Jung

CIMVHR would like to extend its gratitude to Commodore Hans Jung for his contributions to the formation and success of CIMVHR. Commodore Jung has been a leading contributor to the growth of the institute and has continuously provided the Institute with an outstanding wealth of knowledge and experience, with the most inspiring faith in its success. It is in many aspects because of his dedication and vision that the Institute stands today as an established and nationally recognized research conglomerate, whose services now benefit hundreds of researchers across Canada.

CIMVHR would also like to formally thank Commodore Jung for his monetary donation, that he so generously provided the institute, and congratulate him on being named one of Canada's "Top 25 Canadian Immigrants"! The Institute would also like to express its gratitude for the outstanding service of Commodore Jung and for his incredible success while occupying the position of Surgeon General for the Canadian Forces.

## Welcome to BGen Jean-Robert S.

CIMVHR would also like to extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed Surgeon General, Brigadier-General Jean-Robert S. Bernier and congratulate him on his recent success. While fulfilling the position of deputy surgeon general, Jean-Robert voiced great interest in continuing the achievements and growth of CIMVHR and providing continuous support for the development of military, veteran and family health Research. The institute is grateful to be able to preserve this privileged rapport with Brigadier-General Bernier and his staff in moving forward the national agenda for research.



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## [Register Now](#) to the MVHR Forum!

Update: MVHR Forum 2012

November 26-28, 2012, CIMVHR will host the third annual MVHR Forum in Kingston Ontario. Planning for the Forum is well underway. The planning team is working with several exciting keynote and featured speakers, you can find out more about them on our website. Interest and support for the MVHR Forum has continued to grow each year, and this year we received an overwhelming response to our Call for Abstracts. Our College of Peer Reviewers have now finished reviewing all of the submissions and with their guidance, the planning team has connected with those researchers accepted to present at MVHR Forum 2012. As it has been the case in both previous Forums, we expect the Forum 2012 to be another sold-out event. To be sure you get a spot at the Forum, and to take advantage of the Early Registration Rate, which ends September 7th, or until sold-out) please be sure to register early. Another area in which the Forum has continued to generate support is through sponsorship. This year there are many new [sponsors](#) demonstrating their support for Military and Veteran health research by helping to fund the MVHR Forum. The excitement for this year's Forum is certainly starting to build and we look forward to sending you news and updates on new plans as they are confirmed. See you in November!

*MVHR Forum 2012 Planning Team*

## Did you know...

MVHR Forum 2012 **EARLY REGISTRATION RATE** of \$415.00 ends on Friday, September 7th. [Register now!](#)

This Fall Queen's University and the Royal Military College of Canada will be collaborating to provide a joint webinar series that looks at focussing on the health related issues associated with active military personal, veterans and military families alike. This course will be offered through Queen's University as EPID 833 and through RMCC as MPA583 and will be made available as an elective to all graduate students from most universities across Canada. **ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO REGISTER!!**

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The Parkwood Hospital Operational Stress Injury Clinic is hosting a pre-Forum Symposium entitled: [Issues, evidence, and innovation in treating military-related PTSD](#). Delegates registered to attend the MVHR Forum can register to attend this event on Monday November 26th 1PM-4PM.

*CIMVHR has worked out a deal with Vanguard Magazine to produce a special supplement that features the MVHR Forum Abstracts. The Vanguard supplement will be distributed to delegates at the Forum in November and then be widely distributed with the regular installment of Vanguard Magazine in December.*

# MVHR FORUM

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