

**SEPTEMBER 2007- SEPTEMBER 2008* FULL COUNCIL REPORT FOR RESEARCH IN
CONTINUING CARE (the RICC Group) and THE CREATIVE ARTS / INTEGRATIVE
THERAPIES RESEARCH GROUP (the CAIT Group)**

PART 1: Research in Continuing/Chronic Care (RICC) RESEARCH GROUP

The Research in Continuing/Chronic Care (RICC) group began operation in 1997.

On October 1, 2008 an announcement will be made about a major grant received to further excellence in gerontological nursing care.

Dr. Le Navenec and her colleagues from the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association (CGNA) have been busy working on the plans for **15th National Conference on Gerontological Nursing** ("Making Moments Matter"), Banff Conference Centre, Banff, Alberta, May 27-30, 2009. See website for the **Canadian Gerontological Nurses Association**: www.cgna.net

Dr. Le Navenec and her colleague, Dr. Sandra Hirst from the Canadian Association on Gerontology have been busy reviewing abstracts for the **International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) 2009 World Congress**, July 5-9, 2009, Paris, France: www.gerontologyparis2009.com

Since the September 2007 report, there have been the following publications/abstracts:

- (1) Hirst, S.P., & Le Navenec, C. (2007, October). Older residents' personhood *10*(3), Supplement 1, 5-7.
- (2) Le Navenec, C., Hirst, S., & McEachern, O. (2008). Kitwood's theory: A useful framework for dementia care. *The Canadian Gerontological Nurse*, *24*, (4), 6-7.
- (3) LeNavenec, C-L. (2007. Nov 1-3). Gerontological Content to Graduate Nursing Degree Programs. Part 3 of a Symposium by the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association entitled "Gerontology: Moving it to the forefront of Nursing Academia" at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, Calgary, Alberta. Nov 1-3, 2007. Oral Presentation; Published in Book of Abstracts, p. 136.
- (4) Le Navenec, C. (2007, Nov 1 – 3). Symposium entitled "Gerontology: Moving it to the Forefront of Nursing Academia. Paper presented by Le Navenec entitled "Adding Gerontological Content to Graduate Nursing Degree Programs". Canadian Association on Gerontology Conference, Calgary Alberta

The following abstracts have been submitted:

- (1) Le Navenec, C.L. & Hirst, S.P. (2008, October 23- 26). Do I really want to make a personal care directive? 37th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, London, Ontario. Oral Presentation.
- (2) Hirst, S.P. & Le Navenec, C.I. (2008, October 23 – 26). Living as an older immigrant in a long-term care facility. 37th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, London, Ontario. Oral Presentation

- (3) Le Navenec, C. & Hirst, S. (2008, Oct 3 -6). Symposium entitled "A Descriptive Exploratory Study of a Teaching Nursing Home Model to Promote Quality of Nursing Care and Quality of Life of the Residents." 14th Qualitative Health Research Conference 2008, Banff, Alberta.

The following publication has been submitted for review:

- (1) LeNavenec, C., Hirst, S.P., & Bondoc, L. (2008, Fall). The role of uncertainty in end-of-life case decision.

Carole-Lynne LeNavenec continues as editor for the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association newsletter (<http://www.cgna.net>) and the Alberta Association on Gerontology newsletter. (<http://www.aagweb.ca>)

PART 2: The CAIT GROUP: The Creative Arts / Integrative Therapies in Health Care Research group, which began in 1998, is a sub-component of the Research in Continuing/Chronic Care Group. It is made up of art, music, dance, drama, recreation and occupational therapists; registered nurses, artists and musicians, as well as faculty from Fine Arts, Kinesiology, Social Work, and Nursing. In addition, there are practitioners who do therapeutic touch, massage, etc.

The following conference presentations on CAIT research activities have been done/are planned:

- (1) Symposium organized by Le Navenec, C. (2007, Oct 12-13) Stars in my eyes: A group art therapy research project involving adults affected by a traumatic brain injury. Panel Presentation involving, Le Navenec, C., Wiebe, M., Gerritt, G., Briks, A., et. al. Oral presentation done at the 28th Annual Canadian Art Therapy Association Conference, Calgary, AB.
- (2) Le Navenec, C.L. & Hirst, S.P. (2008, October 3 – 6). Symposium entitled "We've become more creative": Perspectives about the effects of group art therapy with adults affected by a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). 14th Qualitative Health Research Conference 2008, Banff, Alberta.

OTHER NEWS

- (1) A publication is in progress for the completed SHRCC-funded study entitled '**The Effectiveness of Group Art Therapy for Patients with a Traumatic Brain Injury**'. Principal Investigator: Dr. C. Le Navenec. Co-Investigators: Dr. G. Groeneweg, Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology, UofC and Director, Brain Injury Rehabilitation Coalition; and Dr. Brad Hagen, Assoc. Prof. of Nursing, University of Lethbridge. The two art therapists involved with the project were Alan Briks and Monica Wiebe.
- (2) Sales for our recent book continue to be very good. Please help us disseminate news about this publication by sending out the following information to your colleagues. Le Navenec, C., & Bridges, L. (Eds.). (2005). ***Creating Connections between nursing care and the creative arts therapies: Expanding the concept of holistic care.*** Chicago: Charles C Thomas.
- For further information on this unique multidisciplinary book, see the CAIT website www.cait.fr.nf

- (2) Credit Courses Offered during Spring Session 2008. 22 students were enrolled in the entirely web-based course entitled Nursing 511: An introduction to music and sound for health professionals during May – June 2008. Next year we hope to offer this course as well as N.503.14 An introduction to clinical art therapy. However, it will be held on the UofC campus. For information about both these courses, see <http://www.cait.fr.nf>.

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