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## **1<sup>st</sup> OBEL GENDER, WORK & HEALTH SUMMER SCHOOL**

The Occupational Biomechanics and Ergonomics Lab (OBEL) invites postdoctoral fellows and research trainees, currently conducting research in any area relevant to musculoskeletal disorders, to apply for admission to the **OBEL Gender, Work and Health (GWH) Summer School**. The OBEL-GWH Summer School will be a four-day event, **May 12-15, 2014** and will take place in beautiful **Montréal QC, Canada**.

The objective of the OBEL-GWH Summer School is to bring together a multidisciplinary group of research experts and trainees interested in developing a better understanding of sex and gender issues in the area of musculoskeletal disorders (MSD), with a long-term view of improving capacity to develop more effective MSD rehabilitation and prevention interventions. Students will have the opportunity to attend lectures from world-renowned experts, discuss their research ideas with the group, visit a site of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal (CRIR), exchange with clinicians and practitioners specialized in MSD rehabilitation and prevention, and receive feedback from ad-hoc follow-up committee members.

### **Organizing Committee and/or speakers:**

- Julie Côté, GWH Chair (McGill University/CRIR-JRH, Canada)
- Karen Messing (Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Canada)
- Marie Laberge (Université de Montréal, Canada)
- André Plamondon (Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST), Canada)

### **Preliminary list of confirmed speakers:**

- Richard Wells (University of Waterloo, Canada)
- Susan Stock (Université de Montréal, Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ), Canada)
- Valérie Lederer (Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO), Canada)
- Daniel Côté (Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST), Canada)
- Pascal Madeleine (Aalborg University, Denmark)
- Afshin Samani (Aalborg University, Denmark)
- Karen Sogaard (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)

**Tuition:** none.

- **Participants are expected to organize and pay for travel expenses.**
- **3 Travel Awards to help defray travel costs will be available for application.**

**Site:**

The Conferences on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> will take place at the **Institut Robert-Sauvé de recherche en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST)**, the Quebec Occupational Health and Safety Research Institute, which is partner to the Chair and Summer School ([www.irsst.qc.ca](http://www.irsst.qc.ca)). On the 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a site visit at the CRIR's Research Centre of the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital ([www.hjr-jrh.qc.ca](http://www.hjr-jrh.qc.ca)), in order to visit research infrastructures and exchange with clinicians about sex/gender issues in clinical practice.

**Language:**

Lectures will most likely be given in English, although some discussions could also take place in French, depending on participants' preference.

**In partnership with:**

- Institut de recherche Robert-Sauvé en santé et en sécurité du travail (IRSST)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Quebec Rehabilitation Research Network (REPAR)
- Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal (CRIR)

**Application:**

If you would like to participate, please send an e-mail with a single-file PDF document to **Julie Côté** ([julie.cote2@mcgill.ca](mailto:julie.cote2@mcgill.ca)):

- 1- a statement of personal goals, addressing why you are interested in the topic of this Summer School;
- 2- a curriculum vitae with your academic background, your past and current supervisor's name(s);
- 3- a list of publications and presentations;
- 4- also indicate whether you are applying for a Travel Award.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Admission decisions will be made by March 20, and those accepted will be notified quickly by e-mail.

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