

KT08 Forum: Program Update



KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION: FORUM FOR THE FUTURE

Banff, Alberta, Canada

June 9th-11th, 2008

Purpose of the Forum

To provide an opportunity for those individuals engaged in advancing the science of knowledge translation within the health system to share, discuss and lay a foundation for advancing the field in research and practice.

Opening Plenary Speaker

Michael Gibbons, MBE. Extensive international experience in science policy, research and administration. Author of:

- Rethinking Science: research and the public in an age of uncertainty (2000), and
- The New Production of Knowledge: the dynamics of science and research in contemporary societies (1994).

Participants to Date

Participation is by invitation. As of April 7th, there were 173 people registered including 80 researchers, 50 trainees, 16 policy makers, 10 leaders from the service delivery system and 12 funders from 13 countries (Canada, United States, England, Sweden, Iran, Australia, Norway, Singapore, Netherlands, New Zealand, France, Northern Ireland and Scotland). Some individuals registered (in addition to the planning committee) include:

- Jean Bartunek (USA; Boston College, Management)
- Clémence Dallaire (Canada; University of Laval, Nursing)
- Huw Davies (Scotland; University of St. Andrews, Health Care Policy and Management)
- James Dearing* (USA; Kaiser Permanente)

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- Harley Dickinson* (Canada; University of Saskatchewan, Sociology)
- Martin Eccles (UK; University of Newcastle, Medicine)
- Robbie Foy (UK; University of Newcastle, Health Services Research)
- Ian Graham (Canada; Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Vice President, Knowledge Translation)
- Simon Innvaer (Norway; Oslo University College, Social Sciences)
- Jacques Magnan (Canada; Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Interim CEO);
- Reza Majdzadeh (Iran; Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Public Health)
- Edwin Low (Singapore; National Medical Research Council)
- Lynn Macdonald (Canada; University of Toronto, Social Work, Director NICE)
- Jacques Magnan (Canada; Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research)
- Brian Mittman (USA; Veteran's Affairs, Social Science)
- Craig Mitton* (Canada; University of British Columbia, Economics)
- Sandra Nutley (Scotland; University of Edinburgh, Management)
- Annette O'Connor (Canada; University of Ottawa, Health Sciences)
- John Ovreteit* (Sweden; Karolinska Institute, Medicine)
- Robert Rich* (USA; University of Illinois, Health Law and Policy)
- Jo Rycroft-Malone (Wales; University of Bangor, Nursing)
- Sara Rynes-Weller* (USA; University of Iowa, Management)
- Leif Solberg* (USA; Health Partners Research Foundation, Medicine)
- Marita Titler (USA; University of Iowa, Nursing)
- Robin Wensley (UK; Warwick Business School, Advanced Institute of Management)

* Speakers confirmed to date

Characteristics of the Forum

The forum is designed to provide a rare opportunity for those present to engage in learned discussion and emerge intellectually refreshed.

- Individuals doing research to advance understanding of how research results can make a difference to health outcomes.

- One session will provide an opportunity for participants to interact with a small number of well established research groups with respect to their body of work.
- Plenary sessions set up to enable constructive debate between and among disciplines.
- Speakers are being invited so that a consciously constructed opportunity to have a focused conversation over the two days can be created to enable participants to offer timely observations about the field that will inform future research directions.
- A small team including research and policy perspectives will be tasked with developing a summary statement from the forum that captures key themes and debates arising. This summary statement will be presented in highlight form during the closing session and will, in written form, provide part of a proceedings.
- A team of three distinguished decision makers will be present throughout and will be tasked with reflecting and commenting constructively on the role of KT (as discussed at the forum) in advancing service delivery and policy agendas. The summary statement will include reflections from decision makers.

Conceptual Framework for Knowledge Translation

With the support of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, a working document describing the field of knowledge translation from an interdisciplinary perspective is being prepared as a starting point for discussion in Banff. This document is being written by Alison Kitson (Oxford University, United Kingdom) and Mark Bisby (Canada, Former Vice President of CIHR).

Informal Interaction with Established Research Groups

- **Netherlands** Centre for Quality of Care Research (Radboud University, Nijmegen) Michel Wensing and colleagues.
- **USA** Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) (Veterans' Administration) Brian Mittman and colleagues.
- **Canada** Search for the theoretical underpinnings of change (University of Ottawa) Ian Graham, Jacqueline Tetro and colleagues.
- **International** Collaboration on Standards for Decision Aids. Annette O'Connor (Canada) and colleagues.

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Outcomes Anticipated

The forum is designed to achieve the following ends:

- Participants leave feeling they have contributed to the deliberations and have been challenged in their thinking.
- A 'Forum Statement' summarizing key themes and insights from the forum as well as key research directions emerging from the discussion and implications of the discussions for influencing policy and practice.
- Publication of a statement from the Forum in an appropriate outlet.

Trainee Participation

With financial support from CIHR (President's Fund) a competition was held for trainees through which they sought travel support. Forty trainees were selected by an international adjudication panel from 131 abstracts submitted. These trainees are from Canada (16); USA (8); England (4); Sweden (4); Iran (4); Scotland (2); and one each from Australia and the Netherlands.

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Forum at a Glance

	Monday, June 9 th	Tuesday, June 10 th	Wednesday, June 11 th
8:30 AM	Pre-forum Networking and Adventure Activities	Keynote Address: Michael Gibbons, MBE	Module 4: Doing Research in Ways that Maximize Impact
12:00 PM		Lunch	Lunch
1:30 PM		Module 3: Bringing Theories to Bear	Module 5: Bringing it All Together - Towards a Research Agenda for KT
3:30 PM-5:30 PM		Poster Session	
6:00 PM-9:00 PM	Registration Welcome Reception Module 1: Research "Share Fair"	Forum Dinner (7:00 PM) Live Entertainment - Music by "Top Ten"	Meeting of Funding Organizations (by invitation, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM)