Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 3rd MTAS Research Symposium which will be held in Regina, SK at the Travelodge Hotel on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

The theme is “Logos, pathos, and ethos: the facts, emotions, and credibility in influencing decision-makers with research.”

The goal is to empower RMTs to use research to:

- Help individuals and organizations seeking functional recovery outcomes such as return to work, school or activities, or dealing with disability
- Think about, talk about, and plan for expanding MT into hospital care

MTAS Research Symposium 2016 will provide:

- Information about the link between research and the decisions that policy makers make that impact our profession
- Information on the evidence that supports or challenges your work in providing care to clients / patients
- An opportunity to network, connect and help tackle important issues in healthcare and MT

Having attended, participants will be better prepared to:

- Communicate about research to decision-makers (insurers, government agencies, administrators)
- Use research evidence in practice and in educating others
- Use research evidence in making good policy or writing marketing material

Distinguished speakers from across Canada will share their knowledge and expertise with MTAS members and our Canadian CMTA-RMT colleagues. Oral presentations with lots of time for Q&A along with active learning exercises will empower participants now and for the future.

Watch the MTAS Coming Events calendar on our website homepage at www.saskmassagetherapy.com or contact us. This activity is approved for 4 primary MTAS CEUs.

Questions may be directed to Jayne L. Little, B.A.(Hons), MTAS Member Services Manager at (306) 384-7077 or by e-mail at mtas@sasktel.net.
OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Andrea Furlan, MD, PhD

Dr. Andrea Furlan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and a Staff Physician and Senior Scientist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. She is also a Scientist at the Institute for Work & Health in Toronto. She obtained her PhD in Clinical Epidemiology from the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. Andrea will present on and answer questions about her influential Cochrane review on massage and low back pain published September 2015.

Ania Kania-Richmond, PhD, RMT

Dr. Ania Kania-Richmond completed a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at the University of Ottawa in 1999 and massage therapy training in Ontario in 2001. She has applied her clinical expertise in scar massage in Cambodia, where she worked with acid burn survivors at an NGO hospital. Ania completed her PhD (specialization: Health Services Research) in December 2013. Her PhD work focused on the provision of hospital-based massage therapy in Canadian urban hospitals and the roles of massage therapists in patient care in hospital settings.

Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation

A representative from SHRF, the provincial agency responsible for funding and helping develop health research in Saskatchewan, will talk about the research priorities in Saskatchewan and dialogue with us about how massage therapy research could fit in this agenda.