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**Here we feature six of our speakers; more will appear in future press releases.**

**Lesley Bainbridge**  
*Contributor to Workshop: Cross Cultural E-Learning In Entry-Level Physical Therapy Education- Maximizing Expertise And Resources Globally*

Professor Lesley Bainbridge PT MEd PhD(candidate) is the Director Interprofessional Education in the Faculty of Medicine and Associate Principal College of Health Disciplines at the University of British Columbia. Her areas of special interest are interprofessional health education (IPE), collaborative practice, leadership, evaluation of IPE, curriculum development related to IPE, interprofessional practice education and other areas related to IPE such as rural health and underserved populations. She has acted as Head of the Physical Therapy program and interim Director of the School of Rehabilitation Sciences prior to her current positions and was responsible for leading the change to a masters entry level degree in physical therapy and occupational therapy at UBC. She was the recipient of a prestigious UBC Killam Teaching Prize and the Canadian Physiotherapy Association’s Enid Graham Memorial Lecture award for leadership. She has been co-investigator on several Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund grants, Health Canada’s “Interprofessional Education for Collaborative Patient Centred Practice” project in BC, and several other research grants related to IPE. She has published in peer-reviewed journals on IPE and informed shared decision making and had presented on IPE related topics at several national and international conferences.

**Lawrence Cahalin**  
*Organiser of Workshop: Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Education: Is it Commensurate with the Health Care Needs of the World?*

Larry Cahalin is an American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Board Certified Cardiopulmonary Clinical Specialist who was part of the initial 5-member panel of physical therapists who developed the APTA Preferred Practice Patterns in Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy. He has been actively involved in clinical research and clinical practice in cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy for over 20 years and is employed at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.
Anita Gross  
**Organiser of Workshop: Conservative Management Of Neck Disorders: The Current Evidence, Biological Foundations And Implications For Future Research**

Anita Gross received degrees from the University of Toronto in the field of Physiotherapy, Curtain University in the field of Manipulation Therapy, and McMaster University in Design, Measurement and Evaluation. Anita is a clinician, researcher, and educator. She is a clinician at ProActive Physiotherapy. She is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Schools of Rehabilitation Science and teaches advance orthopaedic manipulation for the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. Her research and clinical work focuses on neck disorders. She has chaired the development of clinical practice guidelines for the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario on manipulation and mobilization for mechanical neck disorders. She coordinates the cervical overview group, a group that conducts and maintains systematic reviews for the Cochrane Collaboration on mechanical neck disorders. She is the representative for Canada to the International Federation of Manipulation Therapists. Anita’s authored of over 70 peer-reviewed journal articles, reviews, book chapters and conference proceedings; She has been an invited speaker at international conferences and has refereed for numerous journals.

Ann Taylor  
**Contributor to Workshop: Exercise Based Cardiac Rehabilitation for Heart Failure**

Ann Taylor is the Head of the Department of Physiotherapy at the University of Limerick, Ireland. Her main research interest focuses on patients with Chronic Heart Failure and she has been involved with various UK national bodies in the preparation of clinical guidelines for the management of people with heart disease. She was an editor of Coronary Health Care journal and has presented work at a variety of medical conferences.

Carolee Winstein  
**Contributor to Focused Symposium: Promoting Effective Interventions for Upper Extremity Recovery in Neurological Conditions**

Carolee J. Winstein, Ph.D., PT, FAPTA, is professor, Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA. She is known for research concerned with the functional neural and behavioral basis of motor control and learning and its relationship to neureorhabilitation. Winstein is principal investigator (PI) for the first clinical research network, PTClinResNet; Co-PI with Wolf of the EXCITE Trial; PI of an NIH companion grant to EXCITE, Brain and Behavioral Correlates of Arm Rehabilitation after Stroke;and Co-PI of an NIH exploratory study, Interdisciplinary Study of Neuroplasticity and Stroke Rehabilitation. She has published on scientifically derived approaches to enhance recovery and repair after hemiparetic stroke.

Steven Wolf  
**Contributor to Focused Symposium: Promoting Effective Interventions for Upper Extremity Recovery in Neurological Conditions**

Steven L. Wolf, Ph.D., PT, FAPTA, is a professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, USA. Along with his collaborators, Wolf defined the selection criteria for the application of EMG biofeedback to restore upper extremity function among chronic patients with stroke. These findings became the inclusion criteria for most constraint induced movement therapy stroke studies. He recently headed the NIH nationally funded EXCITE Trial. His interests in feedback led to the comparison of center of pressure biofeedback with Tai Chi for falls reduction in older adults. He has over 200 publications and 600 national and international presentations on these topics.

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