



# BMRC IRMU

## **NEWS AND UPDATES**

MIGRATION AND RESILIENCE IN URBAN CANADA

June 24, 2017

I want to welcome Ms. Lara Daoud who is working as an Office Assistant under York University's Work Study program. Lara met many of you during the Steering Committee Planning meeting in June and she has been in touch through email. We hope she will be working with us throughout the 2016-17 academic year.

You can reach Lara through the partnership email, [bmrc-irmu@yorku.ca](mailto:bmrc-irmu@yorku.ca) Please note that there is a hyphen between the two acronyms.

### **KM Committee News**

I am also very pleased to announce that hiring for the Knowledge Mobilization Officer is coming to a successful conclusion. We have made the offer. As soon as the letter is signed and returned, I will share information about the new staff member.

We owe tremendous thanks to Jane Wedlock from UWTYR and Brian Ray from University of Ottawa who served on the hiring committee along with Krista Jensen from the York University KMb Unit and the HR Staff in the Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation.

This is also the moment to thank Raymond Hyma who has been acting as our knowledge broker on a part-time basis. In addition to helping us design a logo, an acronym, and the website, Raymond has also prepared a draft KM plan that will help his successor get going immediately. He also worked with the designer and academic partners to prepare the template for the *Research Digests*, the first three research summaries, and a template for bios that will be published on the website. He has been terrific.

And yes, once again, I am going to say that the website is almost ready. Much of the initial material is translated so we hope you will receive an email soon announcing its location.

### **Steering Committee News**

The Steering Committee met on June 8 and 9 for a Strategy Planning Meeting at York University (Keele Campus), Toronto. The meeting was very well attended with about 35 people on Thursday participating in the discussion of research priorities and a smaller group of about 16 working on an implementation plan on Friday. I want to thank all of the participants for their contributions. I know everyone is very busy so it was great to see all of you working so hard and so effectively.

I am still working through the lengthy notes of the meeting. Since there just hasn't been time to summarize them, the summary will be sent later in July. I can say that the Strategy Planning Meeting was very productive:

- Six major research projects were outlined. They are at different stages of development but it looks as if at least three will begin this summer.
- A process and schedule for commenting on proposed research and finalizing financial allocations was determined,
- Interest in a longitudinal analysis of migrant resilience was expressed, and
- Several issues around governance and finances were resolved.

### **Executive Committee News**

On behalf of everyone on the Executive Committee and in the partnership, I want to thank Clarence Lochhead for his contributions to the committee and the partnership. He has offered much wise counsel and guidance. Clarence is leaving Hire Immigrants Ottawa and I know everyone joins me in wishing him all the best in his future endeavours. We welcome Henry Akanko from Hire Immigrants Ottawa who has agreed to replace Clarence on the Executive Committee.

Stephan Reichold from TCRI has also agreed to serve on the Executive Committee. With Stephan's addition, the Executive Committee now includes an academic and a non-

academic partner from Ontario and an academic and a non-academic partner from Quebec, as we originally proposed.

### **City Network News**

All City Networks were represented at the Strategy Planning Meeting of the BMRC–IRMU Steering Committee that was held on June 8–9, 2017 at York University, Toronto. In most cases, academic and community and government partners were able to participate. Any questions about the city networks should be directed to Adnan Türegün, Partnership Liaison, [turegun@yorku.ca](mailto:turegun@yorku.ca).

#### *Montreal*

The *Bureau de la Résilience Urbaine de la Ville de Montréal* has confirmed its participation in the partnership with Irène Cloutier being identified as collaborator. The process for establishing formal partnership is underway.

To commemorate World Refugee Day, the UNHCR in partnership with the TCRI and Palbric Art Foundation launched the exhibition DO NOT PASS BY. Florence Bourdeau from TCRI co-hosted the event that was held at the Complexe Guy-Favreau on June 20, 2017. The event was attended by many officials including, among others, Kathleen Weil, Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness, and Denise Otis of the Montreal HCR. See the poster and photograph at the end of the newsletter.

#### *Ottawa–Gatineau*

The network is convening a community meeting in July with the objective to follow up on the June Strategy Planning Meeting of the Steering Committee and discuss the research projects that the network wishes to initiate.

#### *York Region*

The network met on June 13 to review the feedback from the community consultations that were conducted on the United Way Concept Paper and the projects that are evolving at the other networks. It was decided that the network needed to reflect on the community agencies' input and would develop a one-page summary of the feedback to reconnect with the community agencies over the summer.

#### *Toronto*

The network is continuing its project development work.

*Kitchener-Waterloo*

We are pleased to announce that Tara Bedard of the Waterloo Region Immigration Partnership has been confirmed as non-academic co-chair of the network.

*Windsor*

Having secured research ethics approval from the University of Windsor, the network is about to start data collection for a study of the experiences of international students.

# DO NOT PASS BY

We stand together  
Nous sommes  
solidaires

#WithRefugees  
#Aveclesréfugiés





To commemorate World Refugee Day  
**the United Nations High Commissioner  
for Refugees** in partnership with  
**the Table de concertation des organismes  
au service des personnes réfugiées  
et immigrantes (TCRI)**  
and **Palbric Art Foundation**

Pour célébrer la Journée Mondiale des Réfugiés,  
**le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies  
pour les réfugiés** en partenariat avec  
**la Table de concertation des organismes  
au service des personnes réfugiées  
et immigrantes (TCRI)**  
et **Palbric Art Foundation**

cordially invite you to the exhibition launch of

ont le plaisir de vous convier à l'exposition

# DO NOT PASS BY

presenting film posters  
by the Czechoslovak  
emigrant  
Miloš Reindl

présentant des affiches  
de film du réfugié  
tchèque  
Milos Reindl

**Tuesday**  
**June 20, 2017**  
**12:00–2:00 pm**

**Mardi**  
**20 juin, 2017**  
**12h à 14h**

Complexe Guy Favreau,  
Underground Lobby  
(au Lobby niveau métro),  
200 René-Lévesque Blvd W, Montreal, QC H2Z 1X4

[Please RSVP by June 15.](#)

[RSVP avant le 15 juin.](#)



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