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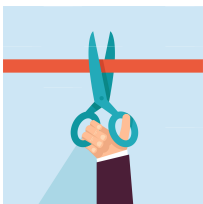
Migration and resilience in urban Canada-Immigration et résilience en milieu urbain



As I write, summer is drawing inexorably to a close, reminding all of us that the pace of work will soon intensify. Much has been accomplished this summer as the new format of the newsletter indicates. Naolo Charles, the Knowledge Mobilization Officer for the partnership, is already improving our strategies for disseminating information to diverse audiences. Please read all the exciting news from the KM Committee. Naolo is eager to hear your comments. His contact information and hours are available on the website and at the end of this newsletter. I also want to draw your attention to the information about ethics procedures.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Raymond Hyma who worked closely with the KM Committee as a consultant. We relied on Raymond's expertise, enthusiasm, and intimate knowledge of York University to design the website, Research Digest, and logo. Raymond has left us with a draft KM plan that will be revised and circulated soon for discussion. He even helped us write the job description for Naolo's position and has been tremendously generous with his time during the transition. In addition to tolerating my tendency to disappear from email, Raymond helped every member of the KM Committee articulate his or her ideas and concerns with tremendous skill and good humor. And he did all of this in the middle of the night from Cambodia so the rest of us didn't have to work at 5am! I know everyone joins me in wishing him well in all his future endeavors.

We are already planning the next meeting of the partnership in Ottawa on October 26 and 27. The Ottawa-Gatineau co-chairs are already organizing events and logistics so watch for more information in the weeks ahead.



Website Launch!-Lancement du site web!

I am pleased to announce the launch of the new website for the partnership. The website is available [here](#).

Please pay attention to two important key components of the website:

1) The calendar of events

The calendar of events will allow us to keep track of all the events and activities across the partnership. If you want to have one of your activities published in the calendar, kindly [send an email to the BMRC email](#) with the details of the event. [Click here to see the calendar](#)

2) The Social Media Views

You will notice that we added views to our social media accounts on the website homepage. The social media accounts will be used strategically to support your work through our knowledge mobilization initiatives.

We invite each partnership member to connect with our social media accounts and to invite all supporting staff to join our Social Media team. Volunteers for the Social Media team can [signal their interest to the BMRC mailbox](#). The links for all our social media accounts are available at the end of this newsletter.

Research Digests

For your information, the KM committee is introducing a new process for the production of Research Digests. Kindly consult this new process [here](#).

If you are planning on completing a research digest, [please inform the KM Officer of your intentions](#).

To promote the research digests, we will create a list of influencers and stakeholders. Key influencers are people who have a significant level of interest and influence on the theme of the research either because of their roles, their networks or their notoriety. The KM Officer will soon be in touch with you to collect your suggestions about key influencers.

Steering Committee News-Nouvelles du comité de pilotage



Although the Steering Committee has not met formally since June, its members have been very busy. Partners submitted descriptions for more than ten projects that were reviewed by the Executive Committee. Discussions around various transversal projects have also begun.

Working with Adnan, the co-chairs in Ottawa and Gatineau have developed a schedule for the October meeting, the keynote speaker has accepted our invitation, and logistics are well in hand. More details will follow in the next newsletter.



The Executive Committee met via teleconference on July 14 to review the research and networking activities proposals that were submitted in June. The committee's recommendations can be found [here](#).

City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes



Montreal

Mireille Paquet and Chedly Belkhdja co-hosted the CIPE Summer School: The Policy and Politics of Refugee Resettlement in Canada. This 3-credit summer school, held between 24 July 2017 and 4 August 2017 was a collaboration between the Department of Political Science and the School of Community and Public Affairs at Concordia

University.

Twenty graduate students from various parts of the world participated in this class. Students from Belgium, Germany, Lebanon, Namibia, Yemen, UK, USA, Russia, and Australia, as well as from other Canadian universities came to share their insights and learn about immigration in Canada along with other Canadian and Quebecois students. Some of these students work with BMRC-IRMU researchers and received financial assistance from the Partnership.

Within the activities of the school, collaborators from the BMRC-IRMU Montreal Network were solicited to share their expertise; the students were welcomed by Stephan Reichhold who presented the activities and structure of the TCRI. Stefan also briefly talked about private sponsorship, and Gabrielle Désilets presented the "Vivons nos quartiers" initiative on behalf of Florence Bourdeau.

The students were also welcomed at the City Hall by the International relations office (Veronique Lamontagne and Esteban Benavides) and the BINAM (Mourad Benzidane). Mourad Benzidane, Conseiller en affaires interculturelles au BINAM, presented the origins of the BINAM as a refugee and newcomers welcome structure, and the role of the City of Montreal in the management of settlement services in the wake of the arrival of Syrian refugees in 2015-2016. He also presented a portrait of the financial assistance the city offered to service providers and sponsors who were involved in the resettlement of Syrian refugees.

Esteban Benavides, Conseiller aux affaires internationales au Bureau des relations internationales & Coordonnateur de l'Observatoire international des maires sur le Vivre ensemble, presented some of their activities.

Ottawa–Gatineau

The Ottawa-Gatineau city network will lead a transversal project in collaboration with the

image city networks of Montreal, Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo entitled: "Analysis of governance structures and policy discourses shaping migration and resilience: an examination of Canada's federal, provincial and municipal governments.

All Ottawa-Gatineau partners met on July 25 with the goal to report back from the Strategy Meeting (8-9 June, York University) and to discuss the development of local projects. Employment and neighbourhood studies were identified as priority areas, and two working groups were set up to discuss and plan the next steps for each area respectively.



York Region

The York Region Network has formed a research planning subcommittee and the first meeting was held on July 7. The subcommittee has been tasked with developing an actionable research plan working off notes from the network and feedback received during the YRN first round community consultations. At this point the committee has developed a one-pager summarizing the research plan and moving forward towards sending the research plan out for second round community feedback



Toronto

In a recent feature by Radio Canada International on Canadian immigration, John shields was interviewed on the issue of the economic impact of immigration.

You can find the link below:

<http://www.rcinet.ca/immigration-en/2017/03/07/the-economic-impact-of-immigration/>



Kitchener-Waterloo

There have been discussions on the proposed research plans to clarify the sequence of activities and the roles of community partners.



Windsor

Francine Schlosser, who is both a member of this partnership and the Executive Director of the Epic Center, shared with us some news about the recent EPIC Annual Report available [here](#).

A couple of weeks ago, we have shared with you a call for papers of the Special Issue of the International Journal of Contemporary. Please contact us if you plan on submitting a paper. You can learn more about this call for papers [here](#).

Network Event-Evénement du réseau



Dr. Michèle Vatz Laaroussi will be a guest speaker at the conference "Immigration, the Dynamics of Identity, and Policies for Managing Diversity" that will be held at Saint Mary's University in Halifax from June 14 to June 16, 2018. For more information on this, kindly consult the event newsletter available [here](#).

Other Important Information-Autre Information Importante



Office of Research Ethics Guidelines

To help everyone better understand the ethics processes, Valerie has prepared a document available [here](#) in drop box. Kindly consult it and let us know if you have any questions.

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